

# YOU AND YOUR PET



## Tyler's health changed through donations

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Tyler came to the UCHS as a stray, and had certainly used up a few of his nine lives as the little notch in one of his ears proves. He was indeed a sorry sight on his arrival. Was that a white coat hiding under all that dirt and mats? Life must have been rough on the streets protecting himself from angry predators and finding food and shelter. Tyler has been with us for many months but he still remembers the indignity of that bath and the shaving of the mats in his coat, which although it made him feel more

comfortable was very stressful. Tyler is a mature cat and during his early residence spent a lot of time alone up a shelf and appeared crotchety and a loner.

We knew that his teeth were not optimum but their condition eventually caused his gums to become infected and swollen and painful. That certainly explained his disposition and the need to be quiet and alone. Additionally, he could not enjoy his food, and started to lose weight. He could not groom himself so his beautiful long hair started to become matted again.

Through donations to the Trooper Fund for animals with special needs, we were able to give Tyler the dentistry he so obviously needed. Now his teeth have been fixed, infections healed, coat growing back and what a change—a metamorphosis has occurred!

Instead of sitting on his shelf, Tyler is one of the first cats to come to the door to greet visitors. He

has developed into a friendly, happy boy, loves to be patted and eats his food with gusto!

He is gaining weight and his coat is growing back beautifully. We feel Tyler is our little miracle boy and now just needs to find a home where he can live the rest of his life in peace, love and plenty. Tyler gets along with other cats, if he is given time to get to know them at his own pace.

A quieter adult home would be ideal and we feel Tyler would make a great companion for a senior who would love a calm companion. We have a special place in our hearts for Tyler who is looking forward to meeting you and hopes you will call 519-833-2287 to visit him.

Not able to adopt? Donations are needed on an ongoing basis for the Trooper's Fund. Any amount is welcome, and you too can help an extra needy animal like Tyler.

Pets of the Month



## Kayly and Jenny—a deeply bonded pair!

Life was indeed a "bowl of cherries" for Kayly and Jenny before that day came when their human parents split up, and they were surrendered, bewildered yet ever eager to please, to the Upper Credit Humane Society.

These lovely canines are Labs— Kayly (right) is the seven-year-old dressed in her chocolate coat, and Jenny is a five-year-old dressed all in black. Both girls are in excellent health, with joyous spirits in spite of their circumstances. They tend to present on first meeting as somewhat "boisterous" but Shelter existence is not a "normal home" and it must be remembered they are shut up in their pod for hours at a time and when they see a chance to exercise it is a cause of

great excitement. Labs are, after all, bred to hunt, run, swim and are "physical" dogs so swimming and ball playing is like "nectar to the Gods"!

Both dogs are "Halti" trained, have good manners, know commands such as "sit", "back off" and in retrospect are doing amazingly well at the Shelter adjusting to this heartrending change of circumstances.

These dogs will thrive when they are adopted and can see they are loved and have continuity in their lives again. Car rides are another distraction that the girls like and they look forward to going out often when they have their new family.

The tennis courts at the Shelter allow the girls to let off pent up energy, where they finally can exercise their muscles and both dogs enjoy "cooling off" in the little pool especially Kayly.

She has the sweetest brown eyes— just like chocolate— that seem to mirror a very gentle soul.

Jenny is the firecracker of the pair, and

overshadows Kayly in her persistent but none the less adorable pursuit for attention.

An ideal adoptive family would be sensitive to their individual natures and not allow pushy Jenny to overshadow Kayly's need for love and petting. Kayly is so laid back but is actually totally dependent on Jenny and these girls will not and should not be separated. Who really would want to? They would bring double the joy just as they are— a ready made canine family— all set to go to your home!

Knowing that Labs are one of most popular breeds, we are hoping the ideal family will come soon, preferably an adult only home or one with children that are 10+ due to the energetic nature of the duo.

Kayly and Jenny are excitedly waiting for your call to meet them, and are convinced that once you do you will want to take them home forever. Call 519-833-2287 for your appointment to view.

—Judith-Anne Kolu, UCHS volunteer

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