

Community

Sunny the beagle finds a home

Sometimes Good Samaritans come in twos, threes, fours and even fives. If you doubt this, just ask Sunny.

Although only 18-months-old, the little dog has learned that people doing good deeds are still very much with us.

Nine short months, Sunny was struggling to keep alive. Today, after being rescued from certain death, Sunny has finally found a place called home. The story, fit for a dog, begins on Jan. 2. Toronto

resident Sonya Koczekan spotted a small injured puppy in a field near Sunderland.

Koczekan took the broken and hungry animal to a veterinarian in Uxbridge. Although a stranger, Koczekan paid \$300 to have the dog's broken leg set.

While she couldn't keep Sunny, Koczekan asked a friend to oversee his care. Ricki Abrams of Ballantrae agreed. A while later, Abrams introduced Sunny to Dr. Margaret Hacking. The Bal-

lantrae veterinarian was smitten and agreed to invest an additional \$300.

Sunny was in sad shape - loaded with worms, in need of vaccination and neutering. Sunny was homeless to boot.

Dr. Gary Gall also got into the act by performing hip surgery. The vets struck a plan: Sunny would convalesce at the clinic, while efforts to find a home would be made. A few weeks ago, Sharon Griffin of Stouffville dropped into



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the Ballantrae Veterinarian clinic to buy a collar for her dog Cassy.

While there, Griffin spotted a picture of Sunny, part of the Save the Dog campaign. The woman was told that the dog was in the backroom. Yes, Sunny was receiving visitors.

Griffin met Sunny, rushed home and suggested to husband Bob that he, at least, take a quick look. Bob Griffin agreed. Soon after Bob met Sunny.

And, again, it was love at first sight. Sunny is now part of the Griffin family. "Sunny's ruling the roost," said Sharon.

"We're all very happy." Griffin is especially grateful to the veterinarians. "They did a wonderful job," she said.

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