



Dear friends and fellow animal lovers,

I just spent an amazing couple of days at the Women Presidents Organization Entrepreneurial Excellence Conference in Las Vegas. In the United States, our members' businesses generate \$24 billion in sales and employ 19,000 people. I have been reflecting on the positive connections, sisterhood, and inspiration that happened this past week. Seeing 800 female business owners in one place, lifting each other up. WOW!!! Sometimes being a woman business owner and CEO can feel like a lonely place, and I often forget how many other women feel the same way and experience similar challenges.



Every industry has its problems, though they are not unique. In our industry, veterinary hospitals are being bought up left and right by big corporations who completely change how we treat our patients. And our clients. And our staffs. Their focus tends to be on the bottom line first and foremost, and patient care gets left by the wayside. At the same time, what we hear over and over again from veterinarians is that they are unhappy working in corporate-owned environments because patient care was the reason we all got into this business in the first place!"

Thank you for supporting this local, independent business. It means the world to me and my staff. Spending time with all these fabulous female entrepreneurs makes me want to focus even more on mentoring other women leaders, and support women in business, in whatever capacity I can. Lets all try to focus on helping each other more and spreading love and joy. When women come together, great things happen!



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*Leslie Gallagher*

# COURAGEOUS CANINES



Trond recently celebrated his 13th birthday! He has been a patient with us for the past year, and like many seniors, has experienced some ups and downs. Yet Trond keeps pushing through those obstacles. He nails all of his exercises and crushes the water treadmill. And of course, being a lab, he swims his laps like a champion.

Trond is a great example of perseverance with a solid team of supporters. His mom and dad are at every session cheering him on. And Trond's big smile is always a great mood elevator. Keep up the awesome work!



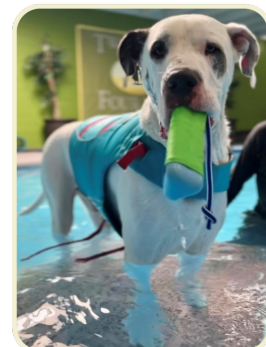
Sasha found herself in a tough predicament after falling from a balcony, causing serious injuries. Unable to be cared for, Sasha was surrendered to a rescue group. The outlook was grim when Sasha was brought to the clinic. But, as you know, we love to help our patients defy the odds!

It has been several weeks and Sasha has improved tremendously. We love to watch her progress. At times she will walk across her room on her own. Fitted for a wheelchair, she can take (fast) walks outside. She's got the will of a Husky. And where there's a will, there's a way!

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## QUICK HITS

- Dr. Yoshimoto has started doing acupuncture sessions for us. She's fantastic. We're excited to have her on the team!
- Have you met our new foundation pup, Mochi? Prepare to have your heart stolen.
- Navajo is up and *running* with his prosthetic front limb
- Susan E put on her traveling shoes and headed east to The Grand Canyon State. We're glad she's back.
- Tito the Magnificent Great Dane is back. Clear the pool!
- Welcome new Fun Swimmers Zeus, Goose and Kai
- Dolph walked out here with a new stifle brace, while Bert and Bella rolled out in properly fitted carts!



## DIVE IN! SWIM COACH CELEBRATES NEW WATERDOGS' SUCCESS



*"It was a huge month for swim lessons and pool acclimatization. So many new waterdogs! Earning their water stripes were Zeus, Luna, Douglas, Miso, Monroe, Theo, and the amazing Parsnip! If your dog can fetch, we can probably get it to swim. And once that happens, fitness, confidence, joy, and FUN skyrocket. Swim on, my brothers and sisters!"*

## PRODUCT OF THE MONTH



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## FOUNDATION DOGS

Sweet senior pup, Jack, joined the foundation just before St. Patrick's Day. His luck had finally turned when **The Animal Rescue Mission** pulled him from Victory Valley Shelter. Weighing under 50 pounds and barely having the strength to stand, Jack was grateful for a warm bed and a full belly. But we didn't stop there. Jack receives therapy, conditioning, and a whole lot of love. His leathery skin is healing, his patchy fur starting to thicken, and he is gaining weight. We are very proud to be a part of Jack's journey to recovery and a new chapter in life.





Monsieur Mochi, at only a handful of months old, found himself at a shelter. Normally a puppy would get scooped up quickly, especially a French bulldog. Unfortunately for this puppy, Mochi has paralysis in the hindlegs. Again, The Animal Rescue Mission stepped up to task. They immediately brought Mochi to the clinic. We are, of course, already smitten with this wee one (can you blame us? Look at that mug).

Mochi is settling in and starting to show us his personality. He loves his therapy time and meeting new friends. Stay tuned for his progress.

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***We proudly remain INDEPENDENT***



*Thank you very much for reading,  
Leslie and The Two Hands Four Paws Team*