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TWO HANDS  
FOUR PAWS



Dear friends and fellow animal lovers,

Calvin is a young, enormous goofball who lost his front leg after being hit by a car. I watched him come bounding into the building on his three remaining legs, racing as fast as he could to get into the pool. And all I could think of is, "dogs are so much better than we are." They are certainly much more courageous than most of us (Navy Seals excluded).



The animals we see on a daily basis have so many physical problems (and some have severe emotional problems, too!) but they always come in with a wagging tail and a big smile. We often say we "don't deserve them" and it's true! They love unconditionally, even the people who have done them wrong. I am just not that big of a person! Some of the harder cases that we see regularly are the paralyzed dogs and the amputees. And yet, no matter how much difficulty they have just getting up and walking (if they even can), they never seem to feel sorry for themselves. They give unconditional love, which is why they are so awesome.



We recently took in a wonky baby Golden who was dumped at the shelter because he was "paralyzed". He really wasn't paralyzed, he was blind. Surgery mostly fixed his vision problems but he still couldn't really be described as normal. He startles easily and he doesn't have much self-confidence. But we proudly call him our Life Coach. He delights in the simplest of pleasures: watching the clothes spin around in the washing machine, a butterfly flitting by, a nice clod of dirt he can bring into the house and chomp on, the cold, wet floor of the shower to lie down on when its hot out. We watch him and laugh, even as we know we should be more like him. Live in the moment! Delight in the simple pleasures and don't let your worries get you down. Life is short. 😊

♥ Leslie Gallagher



## COURAGEOUS CANINES



### Mulligan

This fluffy senior came to Two Hands Four Paws with very little motor abilities. With a dedicated team and a very supportive mama, Mulligan participates in rehab at the clinic weekly, and with his extra practice at home, he is thriving. Mulligan's mom reports he is more motivated to move and engage with her physically. "Mully" is a beautiful reminder that small achievements are still worth big celebrations.



### Odie

Handsome Odie came to rehab after sustaining a back injury that left him unable to walk or wag his little tail. His mom knew it would be a tough battle for Odie who used to be so active. Well, Odie has continued to impress staff. Each week we celebrate every step forward, no matter how small that may seem. Odie is gaining strength and making huge strides at home. Keep it up, Odie!



***We have updated our website with new material, new staff biographies and a snazzy new style.***

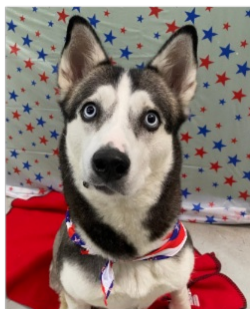
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## QUICK HITS

- Foundation dog, Spruce, is loving his new foster family and fellow shepherd brother. If all goes well, this could turn into a forever home. Paws crossed!
- Staff enjoyed celebrating the 4th of July with patients.
- New Fun Swimmers joined the crew, the sister duo, Mabel & Betty. Koda's sister, Maya, will also be accompanying her brother to Fun Swim!
- We bid thanks and farewell to our most recent volunteer, Leani, and welcome our newest extern, Joanna from Platt College.
- Custom knee braces were created for Kobe, Clara, Rosie, and Sadie. Walk on, guys!
- Paralyzed chihuahua/dachshund mix, Scooter, is our latest foundation addition.



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## PRODUCT OF THE MONTH



ElleVet Sciences Calm & Comfort CBD + CBDA are a new product at 2H4P. These tasty chews are designed for dogs who need fast relief in short-term stress situations such as loud noises from fireworks or weather, veterinary visits, grooming or other similar stress-causing events.

What to know more? Check in with staff to learn if ElleVet is a good option for your pooch!

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# FOUNDATION DOGS



For more information on how to foster or adopt one of these patriotic pups, please contact [katieo@twohandsfourpaws.com](mailto:katieo@twohandsfourpaws.com)



Thank you very much for reading,  
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