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into a nuisance after he was dropped and his hind legs were crippled. Healed but with a severe limp, Peter helps care for other small and orphaned animals and he worked with us to save Prince. Our efforts won out and Prince is now a happy five month old little boy. Still rejected by his mother and two siblings, he's made friends and has a whole new family. Ernie, a feluk kitty, is his best friend. They can be seen running and playing together. They love chase and rough and tumble. Ernie calls it quits when Prince thinks it's time for a swim. He still can't understand why his best friend won't swim or roll in the mud with him. You can read more about Prince on page 13.

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the care he needed so badly, for a few weeks before he died. Within days the love had his ears perking up and his tail beginning to wag. Within weeks the medical care had him feeling better and trying to walk. Within months the nutrition, massages and encouragement had him walking around the farm. Today, a year later, still elderly, and now healed, he walks slower than most of the mascots, but he loves roaming the farm and greeting visitors. Every day he is with us is a gift to us and a gift to him. Dogs like Lucky are given this second chance only thru your donations that allow us to have the means to care for them. When the bank account is empty, we have to turn needy animals away. Please help us, help them.

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alumnus living with them! Polly had been thru horrible abuse and needed many, many months to heal and in the end, and on the end where her tail had been brutally hacked off, she was as good as new! Cindy Wright took Polly home to join her other Rikki Alumni, Spokes Dog Walker, who'd healed from a gunshot wound, and Gato Noir, who'd healed from a mauling while fending for himself after being abandoned in a vacant house. Often one animal has many saviors. Polly did. As a homeless stray she was being fed. When injured, Barbara came to her rescue. After surgery she came to heal at Rikki's. And now she'll live happily ever after with Cindy! You can read an interview with Polly on page 6.



Gibson - Healed and Doing the Happy Dance

We were determined Gibson could be saved. He'd sustained grievous injuries when he was a wild man living on the streets. Numerous surgeries, months of healing and physical therapy. Endless patience, both from him and his caregivers. And after a year and a half of confinement, treatment, and love, Gibson is dancing with joy. Watch him dance at www.RikkisRefuge.org, About Us, Their Stories

Cricket - Healed and ReHomed

His owner dead, no one wanted this elderly Pomeranian mix with a bad heart. Who wants a 16 year old "used" doggy? Rikki's Refuge does! He arrived lonely, depressed, with a parasitic blood disease, heart problems, dry eye and severe arthritis, hardly able to walk after being crated for months. Medicine, acupressure, massage therapy and lots of love, have taken years off his age and returned joy to his life. Now he's in a loving, wonderful, forever home where he'll be cherished for the rest of his life.



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called me. Pepper now lives happily in the 9th Life Center where she fits right in and has lots of friends to play with. Here, nobody cares how well your legs work, or how many you have, if you're blind or bobble headed. All we care about is that they are happy and enjoying life. And isn't that the way it should be? For so many of these kids, "keeping them alive" simply means providing them with food and the same standard of care you would any animal. Some need a little extra, but as long as they are happy, we're here to give them whatever care they need ... for ever and ever. Read more about Pepper and her friends at www.RikkisRefuge. org, About Us, Their Stories. Dr. Lisa Marsico participated in our first local Speuter Clinic, read the story and see the pictures on page 13.