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Hope for a little girl named “Legend”

Her name is “Legend” and her story starts as a puppy kept in a damp, cold garage. She had one companion....another dog called Miso. Miso did not like Legend. Legend’s human had 11 children and had no time to care for....to talk to...or to love Legend & Miso.

Legend became very depressed and very hungry. Her human fed them when she remembered.... and Legend began to loose weight. Miso, being the larger of the two dogs would push Legend away from her bowl and eat her food. Legend would lick her empty bowl...still hungry and continuing to loose weight.

Legend became desperate for food. She had not eaten for days. Her ribs and hip bones were now very pronounced....she was starving... and no one noticed. All she thought about was food, until one day...in her weakened state...she challenged Miso for what would keep her alive....her food..... she lost.

Miso lunged at her head and bit her severely causing several puncture wounds in her head & face and ripped at her throat tearing away a 3 inch piece of fur and tissue. As she lay bleeding and whimpering in pain... no one heard her...no one helped...no one cared.

The wounds became infected and abscessed. Her human saw what had happened to Legend...but with 11 children...how could she afford veterinarian care?so instead... she chose to do nothing. As Legend lay on the cold garage floor...she became weaker and weaker...she was no longer hungry... she no longer thought all day about food.... for now she was frightened....very frightened. She continued to loose weight until she was barely able to raise her head up...she resigned herself to dying. How could someone not care?

And this is where the story changes...this is where one feels that there still might be a glimmer of hope for the human race.

A neighbor of this uncaring human saw what was happening to Legend. After talking to...arguing with...cajoling...and pleading with this person, Legend was finally given up...but not without saying...with tears in her eyes that she *loved* Legend and would *miss* her.

Legend was brought to our shelter that day as a very sick, emaciated little girl. She could hardly stand...much less walk. She was so sweet and had been through so much that we knew we had to try to save her. She was taken to the vet who was appalled her condition. Legend stayed at the vet for 3 days being watched closely...for her wounds were very serious and she was *so* thin. She should have weighed at least 50 pounds...she weighed only 20! When she was picked up from the vet she still could barely walk...but her appetite was good. The director of the shelter took her home and fostered her. As time went by...Legend became stronger and healthier. And her wounds began to heal. Her coat began to shine and she liked to fetch ball. She actually thought she was a lap dog. Legend is now a “happy & healthy” dog.... and isn’t it just amazing what a little care and love can do? And by the way....We changed her name to “Hope”...for that is what she now has.

P.S. The human is being prosecuted for animal neglect!

Only with your donations and continued support are we able to help animals like Hope. Only with your help will we be able to carry on our humane work. Please donate to the Humane Society of Northwest Indiana.

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