

BamBam
NGRR dog 31046

LATEST UPDATES ON TOP!!!!

BamBam is a 2.5 year old male who came to us with a broken leg that the family claimed could not afford vet care to treat it. Instead, they merely wrapped the leg with rags and sticks in an incredibly heartless act. We chose not to show you the graphic pictures of the untreated severe leg wound. NGRR rescued the dog and immediately took it to one of our vets for treatment.

March 6, 2010 Update:

I know it's been a while since you last heard from me...and I'm sorry for that. My rehab has kept me busy and it's been tough but I haven't whined or complained, just kept wagging and kissing my way through it. Everything was progressing until one morning I couldn't put weight on that leg. My Foster Dad immediately took me to the Vet. I road "shot-gun" all the way...it was great! My Vet put this fashionable forest green wrap on for support but I have to see the Orthopedics for another surgery this Monday, March 8. I have a bone infection in my new joint which has caused one of the plugs (screws) to loosen in my leg. I feel and hear everyone's disappointment over this big set back. This infection could cause major weakness in the bone and they're unsure, at this point, the outcome of all my surgeries. Hearing that really bums me out because I have plans for Spring time walks, starting my rehab swimming classes and even going camping. I promise to continue keeping my Golden spirit strong through what's to come but I ask that you please keep me in your thoughts. Everyone has been so supportive to me and all your Well Wishes so far have kept me going. I just hope you can continue to help me through this setback. Oh, please let this surgery work...



Update February 20, 2010

I now have my brace and bandage off...Yeah...and much to my surprise, my leg has a functioning foot on the end of it! My rehab has started with leg and foot massages followed by a cookie, then slow walking with another cookie, then a nap before lunch, a repeat of all that before dinner, then more massaging and walking before settling in for

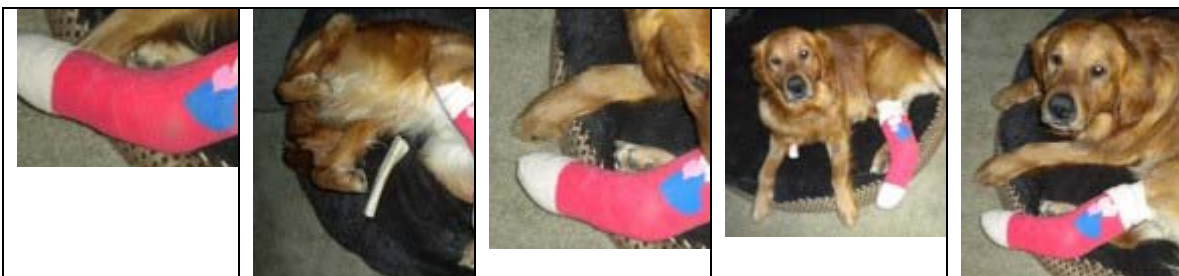
bedtime. There are sooo many wonderful people in my life now, it's hard to remember my difficult beginning prior to coming to rescue.

I'm now with a new equally loving foster Mom and Dad because my prior foster home took in 5 new rambunctious rescue "cousins" that I'm not allowed to run and play with due to my rehab. I can't wait for the day I can do that! My new foster home is nice and quiet, plus I'm getting 100% of their attention. Life is real good! Oh...and I also have two big soft beds to cuddle into and they nestle my body when I sleep on my back...Did I say life is real good!?! My new foster home didn't even falter when I woke them up a 3 AM for love and comfort. I can't wait to romp and play!



Update February 12, 2010

Look at what my personal vet tech April gave me for Valentine's Day...a majorly cool custom bandage! Thank you April! Along with that, I was also told this one gets to stay on for a week now. My Dr, Elaine said I am ahead of schedule in my healing process from surgery and my brace and bandages come off for good on Feb 25th. As anyone knows who's gone through leg surgery, this day is greatly anticipated. Then it's on to therapy appointments to build up my strength. I've also taken to playfully chasing one of my four kitties in my foster home....after all, that builds muscle too! I'm just an industrious little guy, looking for good solid entertainment during this down time. I have been using my leg more by touching down very lightly with my toe. In spite of all I've gone through, my sweet Golden personality carries me through all of it with a wagging tail and kisses. I know everyone is trying real hard to help me and I'm giving it all I've got to make you all very proud of me. Happy Valentine's Day to All!



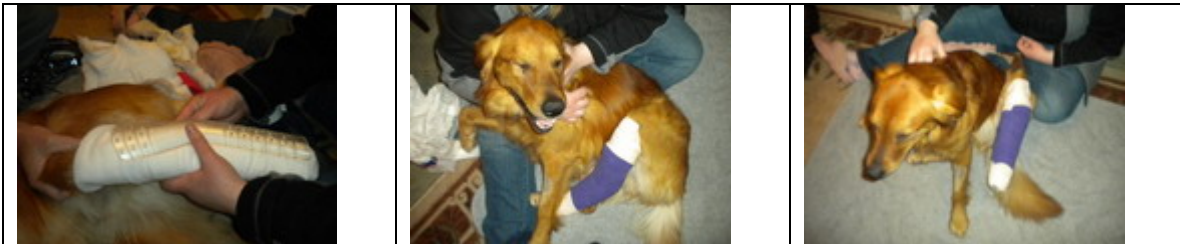
Update February 5, 2010

I requested my bandage changed to look like a CalTrans worker...anything to bring humor to all my wonderful caregivers :-). I know I'm a handsome boy but isn't my belly beautiful also! My vet says my leg looks great and all wounds have healed. Yippie! My sutures got removed and that's another milestone met. I do have atrophy in my leg though from not using it but in two more weeks, my brace and wrapping will come off and I'll then be able to start using my leg. Not that I'm counting ;-)...but I CAN'T WAIT for that...I'll be a running machine, with my tail wagging non-stop!



Update February 1, 2010

As you can see, my surgery is looking real good. They had to do some major reconstruction though so trying to use it is difficult right now. I'm hoping in time to be able to put some weight on it. I have my own personal vet tech that comes to my foster home to change my bandages. She treats me with such tender care that I give her lots of gentle kisses and paws to thank her afterwards. She even told me that if she only had room for me, I would be her boy. I love everyone I meet everyone has been so wonderful to me. I hope I can find my person to love me forever real soon. I'm really looking forward to that day. I so want to settle in forever.



Update January 29, 2010

I had surgery on my leg but I'm recovering nicely so far. They had to build new tendons and ligaments so that wasn't much fun. Those who haven't seen me in a while said they

were amazed at all I have gone through. I go in tomorrow for another bandage change and check-up. The last time I saw the doctors they said I was healing surprisingly well considering the damage I suffered. I'm trying to be a good patient because I really want to start enjoying all those wonderful Golden activities I see my buddies playing.

Update January 22, 2010:

My vet check went very well today perhaps because I got a bath before going there! The doc and technician both thought I smelled real good! I enjoyed standing still for my foster Mom while she bathed me...she said I was such an angel. I then got to lay outside with my plastic bandage protector on to prevent my bandage from getting wet and dirty. All my foster brothers and sister were out playing but I just watched. One day I'll be doing all of that romping around too...I'm very excited about that. It then started to rain, so all of us were rushed into the mud room for a photo shoot...I love that picture! I had such a great day today...boy my life has changed. With all this tender loving care and all my new buddies to hang with, it's all good from here on out.



Update January 21, 2010: BamBam speaks for himself:

So far my wounds are looking healthy and not infected...thanks to everyone's extra special care! With each dressing change, my caregivers put on a different colored bandage...that breaks up the routine! My foster Mom is requesting a red bandage for Valentine's Day! My goal is to be in my forever loving home by then. This Monday is my big day...My foster Mom Jill, Dr. Elaine Dorton, DVM and I are meeting with the Orthopedic surgeon, with plans to get a new rod and plate surgically placed into my broken leg. After I heal from that surgery, then it's back to my Vet for neutering and entropia surgery. Wow, I'm exhausted already just thinking about what's ahead! I know I'm going to feel sooo much better once this is behind me. Just for the record: I'm great with other doggies, I'm handsome as all get out, good with kitties, housebroken, leash trained, I sit, stay, shake paw, and travel well. I'm 70 lbs of pure love. I'm really scared of fast moving cars though, so some understanding and comfort to help me overcome this will go a long way.



Update on January 20, 2010:

The leg wound has been treated, heavily bandaged and is home with an NGRR foster. The dressing needs to be changed frequently to prevent infection. We are grateful to the vet techs at the clinic for volunteering to come to our foster's house to change the bandages and check the wound, instead of our foster trying to haul this almost 70 # dog who cannot walk from her house to the vet every day.

If the leg wound heals (which we are all hopeful will happen), the vet will set and cast it. Then BamBam can find his forever safe home, which he deserves after such cruel treatment.

Bam Bam is grateful for all the care, and we are all hoping for a full recovery. This is the best use of donations to NGRR: to heal dogs who have been mistreated, and then find them new homes.

Here are some recent pix of BamBam in recovery with his heavily bandaged leg.

