

Dixie, the Miracle Dog

On January 28, 2010, Mae Pagan of Graphite, NY was looking for her dog, Dixie, a black sixty pound lab mix. As a saved dog, Dixie was normally too frightened to be out on her own, even in daylight. But that day, she'd been playing with Mae's son's dog and they ventured away from Mae's yard.

As Mae was searching, she first heard a piercing cry of an animal in pain. Too loud to be a real animal, she recognized it for what it was. A signal to help her find Dixie. She'd heard a signal only once like that before and it had saved her life.

That day it saved Dixie's.

Turning in the direction of the sound, she found herself approaching the back yard of a neighbor.

"You looking for a black lab?" He came to the porch.

"Yes, have you seen her?" Mae asked.

"Well, I've never seen a black lab up here, but there's one laying on the back of my property and I think maybe the coyotes got her," was his answer.

Rushing to the back of the property, as fast as she could in knee deep snow, Mae found Dixie lying on the ground. The tip of her tail wagged in recognition.

"If I'd known then how badly injured she was, I would have been shocked she could even move her tail. But I simply didn't know. There was only a little blood on her collar, and she couldn't move. All I could think was that she'd broken her leg." Mae recalled.

Calling for help from her daughter, sister and a different neighbor, they picked up Dixie and rushed her to the nearest animal hospital in Ticonderoga. Dixie had hypothermia and internal bleeding. X-rays indicated a bullet lodged next to the spine. Dixie had been shot through the throat. The next twenty-four hours were critical in elevating Dixie's core body temperature.

Mae called the sheriff, to alert the community about a possibly dangerous situation.

The sheriff paid a visit to the neighbor on whose property Dixie was found. He admitted to shooting Dixie with a .22 caliber scoped rifle, thinking she was a coyote, and was charged with overdriving, torturing, and injuring animals in violation of Article 26, section 353 of the New York State Agriculture & Markets Law, a misdemeanor.

In the meantime, the animal hospital said they couldn't do anything more for Dixie, once her hypothermia was under control. With between a 30-50% chance of living, Dixie needed a surgeon and better x-rays to determine her chances of living.

Mae first drove Dixie about an hour and a half to Burlington Emergency and Veterinary Specialists in Williston, VT, meeting with a surgeon who recommended a neurosurgeon. With only three available on the east coast, she then went to the Upstate Veterinary Specialties in Latham, NY, driving about five hours, trying to see if one would be willing to do the risky surgery. Veterinarians warned her it would be extensive, invasive, and expensive. More tests were needed.

Mae drove to Cornell University Hospital for Animals, another three hours away, for the tests to determine the condition of the spinal cord. The bullet missed the spinal cord and major organs but had smashed C-6 and C-7, the vertebrae in the back of her neck.

After nine hours of surgery to fuse her spine, but leaving the bullet, Dixie was still surviving. The doctors said they weren't sure if she would ever walk on her own.

"I think that for the first three days, I lived in my clothes, and slept in every waiting room chair there was," Mae said.

"The Doctors told me that 90% of the pet owners would have had Dixie put down by this time. They think, 'oh it's just a dog. I can't spend that kind of money on a dog!'"

The costs for the surgery were high, and so were the costs for recovery.

Bringing Dixie home after the surgery was challenging because Dixie was so compromised. She couldn't be moved. She stopped eating and drinking. She wouldn't go to the bathroom.

That's when Mae contacted Shaker Veterinary Hospital in Latham, NY to see if they could help. They said they'd keep her for two weeks until other opportunities for rehabilitation were available. They gave her acupuncture, pressure point chiropractic work and tons of love.

Two months after being shot, Dixie was able to come home for a weekend. In a harness that Mae held with both hands, Dixie was able to stand, but not on her own. Dixie had lost muscle mass in her legs, and the messages going to her legs had changed. She was unable to walk, but was able to have subtle movements with her body. She was unable to urinate or move her bowels without someone massaging her bladder. The prognosis looked challenging.

Coincidentally when Dixie was allowed to come home for her first weekend, Mae held a class in her home called Integrated Energy Therapy (IET) for Pets. This therapy connects with angels and helps animals to release abuse and trauma plus any stress taken on from nearby humans.

On Friday, March 26, during the IET class, Mae was directed in the placement of her hands on the nine cellular memory areas. Three other practitioners assisted in directing the angelic energy to Dixie. Unlike other animals that have a lot of trauma to release, Dixie stayed very still. Almost in a deep sleep. And she stayed that way through Saturday.

The practitioners intuitively received the message that Dixie had a “soul contract” to help raise the collective consciousness. As the embodiment of unconditional love, she taught others how to give and receive. She also was brave enough to raise awareness of animal abuse through her experience. She needed Mae to live her part of the contract, as the two-legged to help her.

Sunday, Mae took her back to Shaker as had been pre-arranged, for more rehabilitation.

Tuesday March 30, Dr. Brunke, Dixie’s vet, sent Mae a surprising and miraculous video showing Dixie walking! With difficulty, but up on all legs, supporting herself and moving forward! There was much rejoicing. See <http://www.youtube.com/iettherapy> to see Dixie walking. There is still much rehabilitation needed, but she is mobile and her body functions have restored themselves. This sudden and miraculous recovery has amazed the veterinarians. She is exhibiting behavior that is at least one month ahead of what was hoped for with the recovery.

During the time of Dixie’s rehabilitation, many people came forward in support of animal rights and Dixie. The community pulled together in their outrage over the shooting. Animal right activists from all over New York picketed the hearings. A Facebook page was created asking for animal abuse to be considered a felony as opposed to a misdemeanor. (See <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=400231686981&ref=share>) A letter was available for copy/paste to District Attorney Hogan asking for the case to be taken more seriously due to the threat to the community. She drafted a response detailing all action taken up to that date. There were alleged incidents by the neighbor and his family toward Mae and the community that indicated violence was escalating. Fear and anger pervaded the community. But the community pulled together, united in their insistence that healing be the pervasive force.

Mae had sent requests for prayers from everyone she knew from the moment she found Dixie. She and her sister had performed Reiki on Dixie. Who knew how many other distant healing sessions had been sent to her?

“Throughout this whole thing, there was no way I was sending anything but love to Dixie. I was not going to send her my anger over the situation. That wouldn’t help her heal. Only love heals. And that’s all I wanted her to feel,” Mae said.

Mae has held a state of love and gratitude for all the blessings she received from this experience. Deeply in debt, challenged on an almost daily basis by the neighbor and his family, it would be easy to understand having feelings of anger, frustration, fear. Not Mae.

“The greatest blessing that could come from this is the raising of the collective consciousness about the understanding of animals and why they’re here. They are all about unconditional love. I believe that this story shows the validity of energy healing combined with western medicine. Dixie would not be where she is now if it weren’t for the surgery, healing and nondenominational prayers sent to her. Love heals. And that’s the big thing.”

Mae says.

It’s not quite everything however.

“Indeed, that unconditional love needs to be sent to my neighbor and his family next. If everyone sends him and his family unconditional love, we can all work together no matter what our beliefs are!”

In all, Mae is over \$20,000 in debt due to the expenses of surgery and rehabilitation. Although restitution is being asked, it is questionable if it will be granted or received. If you would like to be a part of this miracle story, sharing your loving energy through your donations, Mae has set up a fund. Donations may be made for Dixie’s expenses by sending checks to:

The Dixie Fund
Glens Falls National Bank
123 Montcalm Street
Ticonderoga, New York 12883

Other ways you can contribute to this miracle story include sending prayers, love and healing for everyone’s highest good and healing.

Envision the perfect outcome of a world where there is no abuse.

Envision a loving world that supports all life.

Envision the coming together of all people united in a common cause, using love as their device for changing the consciousness.

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