

On January 28, 2010, Mae Pagan found her dog, Dixie, a black lab mix, shot through the throat. Her neighbor, was charged with overdriving, torturing and injuring animals in violation of Article 26, section 353 of the NY State Agriculture & Markets Law, a misdemeanor.

Dixie required nine hours of surgery to fuse her spine, and was unable to walk for two months. Through extensive rehabilitation requiring acupuncture, chiropractic, alternative energy healing and lots of love, Dixie finally was able to walk on her own and regain full function of her internal organs.

Much community support has been received from animal rights activists, concerned citizens wanting to change animal abuse from misdemeanors to felonies. A community letter on Facebook requested D.A. Hogan take this case seriously as a threat to the community. Her response is also posted on Facebook.

Other support has come from holistic healers, prayer groups, and Dixie's veterinarians and staff members, uniting the community in raising awareness of the abuse of animals and the ability of unconditional love as healing.

Through this ordeal, Mae Pagan has held this belief:

“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.”

A fund has been established to help pay for Dixie's surgery and rehabilitation. Checks may be sent to:

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

And love and prayers are always accepted.

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