

Taffy's Travels

On June 10, 2013 a small brown dog was found wandering the main street of our City. She had a large gash along her neck and was clearly in need of help. She was stitched up and spent a week of waiting for someone to claim her from the Police Department Animal Control. When no one came for her, a Madison Animal Rescue Foundation Volunteer came to her rescue and took her to our Veterinarian for shots and checkup. Her injured neck wound would need to be opened and cleaned after spending time in jail.



We named her Taffy which seemed a fitting name for a Cairn terrier. She oozed and dripped from her drains. Her skin was tight and thick like an elephant. She would roll over for a belly rub and couldn't get back over due to her poor condition. Her hypothyroid condition had made her overweight, hairless, bloated and weak. Through all of this, Taffy would give kisses and want to play ball, even though she wasn't able to run far. After a few days her drain tubes were removed and the medications and baths were beginning to have an effect. We went for walks and Taffy could only make it half way down the block. But she chased her ball farther each day. Good food, thyroid medicine and love helped this sweet eight year old girl back to a full life. Taffy's fur began to grow back and she surprised us all with her beauty.

On July 28, 2013 Taffy found a new home. She has another dog for a friend and her new owner promises to keep her on her thyroid medicine for the rest of her days. Saying goodbye was difficult but I cried happy tears that I was able to take part in Taffy's travels

Vicki Walker



The next day I picked up this old pitiful dog from the vet's office. "She has a thyroid problem and will need medicine for the rest of her life. She needs special baths three times a week for her skin and she has several drain tubes in her neck wound."

