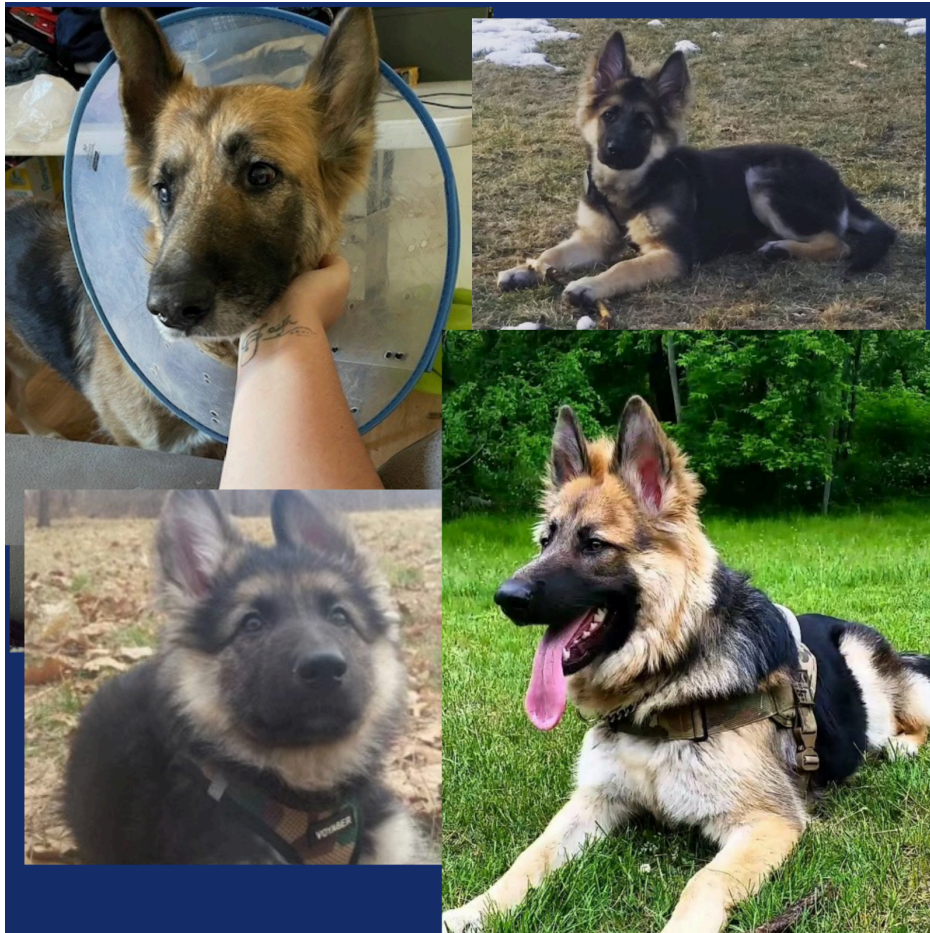




# THE KODIAK TAILS

saving lives, one dog at a time



## KodiakCare helps a U.S. Army veteran who returned home to a sick dog.

When Nicholas Tully returned to his Connecticut home from military service in Georgia, he was overjoyed to see his beloved German Shepherd, Molly, but he was worried about her, too.

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During Tully's absence, his father and sister noticed the dog's periods had gotten longer and, shortly after his return, Tully realized that Molly's bleeding was abnormal, and she needed help.

Tully had health concerns of his own, having just been medically retired from the service with leg problems, he said. That didn't stop the U.S. Army veteran from rising to the occasion to get care for the nine-year-old dog he had raised since puppyhood.

He worried that the stress of his year-long absence to serve the country had caused Molly's unpleasant symptoms, but the reality proved to be more urgent. Molly was diagnosed with pyometra, a potentially life-threatening infection of the uterus, requiring surgery that Tully couldn't afford.

That's when Connecticut Humane Society and KodiakCare stepped in, helping Tully pay for Molly's treatment at Stafford Veterinary Clinic, a family-run operation that charged much less than competing veterinarians. "I really didn't have a lot of money coming out [of Army service]," Tully explained. "It really did help me a lot with the bills."

KodiakCare's support helped to ensure that Molly received the care she needed, said Dr. Andrew Mordasky of the Stafford clinic. "Those initial treatments were imperative, both to correct some of the things Molly was experiencing and to rule out other disease processes."

The clinic "went after this with whatever diagnostics and treatments that we thought necessary," Mordasky said. "The fact [KodiakCare] can help is such a relief for us. To have donors is so important and goes such a long way. To be able to care for patients, that's what we're in this for."

The surgery went smoothly, and Molly appeared to have a new lease on life. Tully said he relished the time to renew the bond with his beloved pup. "She was amazing," Tully recalled. "She was playful, very good with kids. She was literally my child."

Editor's Note: KodiakCare learned that Molly later passed from a separate health issue, and we extend our condolences to Nicholas. We are glad he had extra time with her.

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