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Senior Dogs at KodiakCare Fetch Grant

BOSTON, Mass., August 26, 2021 - Old dogs have something to wag about this summer, as The Grey Muzzle Organization announces the recipients of its annual grants, and dogs at the nonprofit KodiakCare are among the winners.

Jenga, pictured, is among dozens of wonderful dogs saved by KodiakCare, a nonprofit that helps pet owners pay for life-saving veterinary care. The 10-year-old beagle cross survived a near-fatal blockage in her intestines when KodiakCare provided funding for her surgery at MSPCA-Angell Animal Medical Center in Boston. Jenga's owner told the organization she is beyond grateful for the financial help she received to get her "baby" safely back home: "KodiakCare helps us 'fur parents' so much in times of crisis."

KodiakCare, affiliated with animal hospitals and rescue groups in Boston, is one of 77 animal welfare groups chosen from 266 applicants to receive a grant from The Grey Muzzle Organization to help local senior dogs. The winning groups received more than \$616,000 in grants to help save or improve the lives of at-risk old dogs in their communities.

"This grant will help us give senior dogs like Jenga the veterinary services needed to return home," said Maggie Shapiro, executive director at KodiakCare. "We help loving dog owners in



financial need pay for life-saving canine care, and we're looking forward to giving more senior dogs the second chance they deserve.”

Over the past 13 years, the national nonprofit Grey Muzzle Organization has provided more than \$3.1 million in grants to support its vision of “a world where no old dog dies alone and afraid.”

“Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we're delighted to help deserving organizations like KodiakCare make a difference in the lives of dogs and people in their communities,” said Grey Muzzle's Executive Director Lisa Lunghofer. “Many senior dogs in Boston are enjoying their golden years in loving homes thanks to the wonderful work of KodiakCare.”

KodiakCare is a nonprofit organization founded by Glenn and Nancy Shapiro in honor of their dog, Kodiak — a sweet Bernese mountain dog with giant paws and a bigger heart. Kodiak experienced multiple medical challenges over the years, but the Shapiro family was fortunate enough to have the necessary funds to prolong his life for many years. Understanding that not everyone is financially able to similarly provide care for their dogs, they founded KodiakCare to come to the rescue. KodiakCare saves the lives of dogs by providing funding for critical veterinary care to families who lack financial means. Please visit www.KodiakCare.org

The national nonprofit The Grey Muzzle Organization improves the lives of at-risk senior dogs by providing funding and resources to animal shelters, rescue organizations, sanctuaries, and other nonprofit groups nationwide. For details, please visit www.greymuzzle.org



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