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KodiakCare Provides Warm Hands to Revive Newborn Puppies

After hours of difficult labor, Sour's life was on the line. Emergency surgery was her only chance to survive a problematic pregnancy. KodiakCare stepped in to make the procedure financially possible, and, within minutes, the puppies were out.

MSPCA-Angell Animal Medical Center in Boston had mobilized a half-dozen staff members, each standing by to receive a new life, providing the warm hands needed to get the French bulldog puppies breathing on their own.

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When tiny cries began to fill the air, the veterinarians knew the operation had worked. Sour and her puppies had been rescued from euthanasia, the only humane alternative to the costly surgery and nursing care that saved the day -- with help from KodiakCare.

Owner Melissa Rentas had feared the worst when she called ahead to MSPCA-Angell and received an iffy prognosis for Sour. “No promises were given regarding the puppies,” she recalled. “It was going to be super-expensive. It just blew my mind. I could not afford it. The vet said, ‘Just bring her in, and we’ll see what we can do.’ It was a race to Angell.”

Once Sour arrived, the veterinarians realized she was a candidate for financial aid, clearing the way for the needed operation.

Dr. Jake Stokes was grateful to avoid the heart-breaking step of euthanizing an otherwise healthy dog and her viable pups. “KodiakCare is a great resource to have, and helps us practice better medicine,” he said. “Just to be able to offer this is super rewarding. Thank you, guys, for everything you do.”

In the end, five of Sour’s puppies survived and Sour herself is now spayed, a step that will protect her from future pregnancies and potential related medical crises.

Rentas says her apartment has become “a house full of happy” with so many little paws afoot. She’s looking into renting a bigger place to accommodate the brood and keep the litter within the family, she said. “What you guys do, it’s amazing. You’re providing hope and a much happier outcome for people. You saved us from a lot of heartache.”



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