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## **Plucky Puppy Cheats Death Three Times**

Not yet one year old, Brinx has been saved, saved again and then saved a third time, thanks to life-giving assistance from KodiakCare.

The terrier's first rescue came when he made it from a Tennessee kill shelter to a loving family in Boston, arriving on Halloween of 2020. In January, Angell Animal Medical Center diagnosed him with Addison's Disease, a potentially fatal hormone imbalance, and used hospital financial aid to pay for treatment that was beyond his family's means.

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In May, the disease flared anew and Brinx had exhausted his eligibility for Angell funding. An emergency request came to KodiakCare. Brinx's condition was dire, his kidneys were in failure and his potassium levels were critically high which could affect his heart. Brinx needed immediate emergency care. KodiakCare stepped up and agreed to pay the bills, ultimately providing \$1,900 in funds. After another round of treatment, Brinx's family and his veterinarians are hopeful this third rescue will be the last he ever needs.

Without treatment, Brinx almost certainly would have died, said Dr. Audrey Koid, Emergency and Critical Care Resident at Angell. But like many dogs suffering from Addison's, once a stable medication plan is in place, the future is bright.

"It's really quite rewarding because once we figure [it] out, they bounce right back. He is a completely different dog -- a brighter, happier dog," said Koid. "Ultimately, our goal is not just saving lives but making sure the lives we save have good quality of life. I'm personally very grateful, and not just for Brinx. There have been many other pets that KodiakCare has helped."

Brinx's owner is grateful as well. Lateisha Adams has been out of work on medical leave and was desperate to cover the bills for Brinx, who was in bad shape when he made his return visit to Angell in May. "It was life or death," Adams recalled. "The doctor understood my need. I will give what I can. I will wash dishes. I will volunteer 100 hours."

Now, Adams is providing injections in addition to other medication and Brinx is stable and gaining weight again, with his caring family by his side. "It's a lot, but I'm building a routine," Adams said. "Brinx is still a happy dog. I want him to have a healthy life."



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Thank you for your support of dogs and families in need! Together we are saving lives, one dog at a **time**.

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The year 2020 was certainly one we won't soon forget. During a time full of uncertainty, owners relied on their pets more than ever for love and reassurance. KodiakCare was there to provide funds and prevent tragedies for families by saving dogs.

After saving our first dog in May 2020, when a birdseed snack turned into a near-fatal obstruction for Kelley the American bulldog, KodiakCare's reach and impact quickly grew in a year when help was needed the most.

Read about KodiakCare's inaugural year and the dogs and families saved in our digital [Annual Report 2020](#).

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