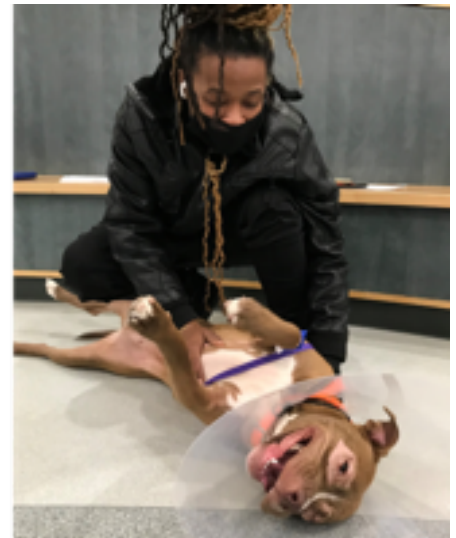




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The Eyes Have It!

KodiakCare Spares Sowah from Blindness, Eye Loss, and Euthanasia

Ever had something stuck in your eye that won't come out? If so, you can appreciate the plight of Sowah, a friendly pit bull that developed a painful eye condition that only surgery could resolve. Fortunately, KodiakCare stepped in to ensure the 18-month-old tail-wagger could see her family clearly again.

Distichia causes eyelashes to grow inward and scrape across the eyeball's surface. If left untreated, permanent blindness and loss of the eye can result. In Sowah's case, the condition developed over time, starting with "one little hair" causing mild discomfort, according to owner Charina Lovings. By the fall, Sowah's eyelids had rolled inward. She was scratching constantly. Abrasions had developed, and her distress was obvious.

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Lovings took the afflicted pooch for emergency care at MSPCa- Angell Animal Medical Center in Boston, where doctors prepared Sowah for surgery by inserting a protective contact lens and prescribing antibiotics. Angell also determined that both eyes needed surgery.

Lovings was juggling multiple part-time jobs, and felt “the pressure was on,” she said, to raise thousands of dollars for the delicate procedure. “I didn’t want to fall into that hole of debt by opening up another credit card,” Lovings said. “They let me know about the Kodiak program. We got a call saying, ‘Can you bring her?’ I literally cried the whole time trying to get her there. It was kind of like a miracle.”

Dr. Laura Venner of Angell recalled the moment she told Lovings that funds had come through for Sowah’s surgery. “I remember talking to her on the phone and she was so at a loss for words,” Venner said. “To be able to tell her we could support her and these medical costs, it was such a bright light for my day as well.”

Dr. Venner said she appreciates how KodiakCare spares her from some of the “hardest conversations” between vets and owners. “It means I can practice medicine and these owners don’t need to be forced into decisions they don’t have to. I see more happy endings. It makes my job brighter and more wonderful.”

The surgery worked wonders for Sowah. “She’s floating around, tail wagging. Her recovery was really, really good,” said Lovings. “I was so grateful. I’m so happy she gets the life she deserves.”



Mutt Madness Begins March 10th, 2022!



Is your dog ready for Mutt Madness 2022? In one week, starting March 10th, you can create your free profile and invite friends, family and all of your fur baby’s fans to cast their ballots for your pup! All proceeds from Mutt Madness go towards helping dogs of families with financial need. Every vote for your dog brings your pup closer to the Championship and is a dollar raised for life-saving veterinary care.

Mutt Madness 2022 is starting big! The first fifty dogs to sign up get an additional 10 free votes! And if you sign up with a friend, both you and your pal will each receive 10 votes!

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So start looking through your photo library today for that perfect pic of your pup. This year there are more prizes and more chances to win. Your All-Star pup could bring home a one-month subscription to BarkBox, a thirty-ounce KodiakCare Yeti Tumbler and a custom Yeti dog bowl or the Championship prize of a \$500 Amazon gift card and KodiakCare Bundle: Tote Bag, Hat, and Rocket Book! There are seven rounds and over \$4,000 total in prizes. To check out the full list of prizes and challenges, click [Here](#).

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