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KodiakCare Expands into Chicago

Solves the Mystery of Rhino's Corncob

After a fast start saving dogs earlier this year in the Boston area, KodiakCare is now bringing relief to dogs and their owners 1,000 miles away in the Windy City.

KodiakCare arrived just in time to help save Rhino from a near-fatal intestinal blockage caused by that familiar Chicago commodity: a corn cob.

Rhino's successful surgery marked a promising new collaboration between KodiakCare and several like-minded organizations in Chicago, including [One Tail at a Time](#), which supports a bustling pet adoption program, and the related Chicagoland Rescue Intervention and Support Program, known as [CRISP](#). KodiakCare also is affiliating with the [University of Illinois Chicago veterinary clinic](#) to assist loving dog owners in need. Dog owners such as CRISP client Juan Jimenez, who said he was stunned to receive financial aid for Rhino's care.

"I never expected you guys to help me out and pull my dog through," said Jimenez, who lives near the city's Midway Airport. "You guys saved his life!"

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Jimenez, an experienced dog owner, obtained Rhino as a puppy from friends of his family. “Rhino is my kid,” he explained. “Since Day One, I fell in love.”

Rhino grew into a friendly, healthy pet, and Jimenez had no idea why this robust two-year-old suddenly started to vomit and refuse food or water. The dog had received all his vaccines and when Jimenez took him for X-rays at a local vet, nothing turned up. Medication was ineffective, and the next day Jimenez took the dehydrated, exhausted pit bull for an ultrasound, which also was inconclusive.

Exploratory surgery was needed – at a cost of more than \$2,000.

Like many Americans, Jimenez has seen his work hours cut back during the Covid-19 pandemic and was able to contribute \$200, only 10 percent of the expected fee to diagnose Rhino’s ailment. “I didn’t even know what was wrong,” said Jimenez. “I would have scrounged for every resource. Putting him down was my last choice.”

Fortunately, KodiakCare, One Tail at a Time and CRISP stepped in with a \$1,844 contribution. The surgery turned up a corn cob that would have killed Rhino if left untreated. Jimenez and his family speculate that a passerby may have tossed the object into Rhino’s backyard dog run, which now has been secured to prevent any repeat.

Rhino is feeling frisky again and, like several other dog owners who have received aid from KodiakCare, Jimenez pledges to give back when his financial situation allows. “I’m really grateful,” he said. “I will try to donate and try to help out down the line as soon as I can.”



KodiakCare’s First Online Silent Auction: Bidding for Barks - 9/21-9/27

KodiakCare is excited to announce its first event, Bidding for Barks, an online silent auction! Bidding for Barks will open for bids on Monday, September 21 at 8:00am EDT and close on Sunday, September 27 at 8:00pm EDT.

A preview of the items starts today! Click [HERE](#) for site. There are many exciting items available, including dog-themed items, dining gift cards, virtual experiences, a chance to have your dog featured in the KodiakCare calendar, and much, much more! There will also be a prize drawing for an 11” iPad Pro. Only 100 tickets will be available, so don’t wait to get a ticket and a chance to win! The winning ticket will be chosen at random on Sunday, September 27.

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All proceeds raised from Bidding for Barks go to the dogs. Now more than ever, KodiakCare funds are needed for critical veterinary care for the dogs and their families who are struggling to afford these necessary medical bills. Animal hospital emergency room visits are at unprecedented levels according to KodiakCare's partner hospitals. KodiakCare is a lifeline for families, four legged family members included.



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