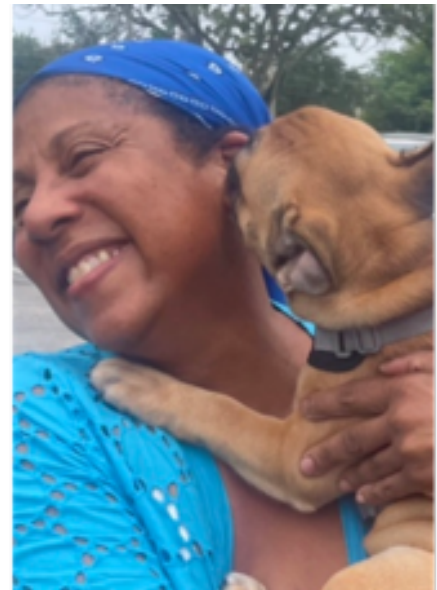




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KodiakCare Rescues Simba from Near-Fatal Disease

Ellie McKenna was out of work from her airport job and surviving on unemployment insurance when she received the heartbreaking news that her French bulldog puppy had a serious disease and required treatment costing \$1,000 a day.

“They gave me the option to put him down and I said, ‘No I can't,’” McKenna tearfully recalled. “When I was told he could die any minute, I was like, ‘Where am I going to get the money?’ It was a horrible experience.”

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McKenna started a Go-Fund-Me page and asked her family and friends for help, but still came up short. Fortunately, KodiakCare stepped in with a four-figure contribution that made a life-and-death difference for Simba, who narrowly survived a bad case of Leptospirosis.

This bacterial infection attacks major organs and can be challenging to treat. “A lot of dogs don’t make it,” said Dr. Brandi Lauer, who helped to supervise Simba’s care at MSPCA-Angell Animal Medical Center in Boston. “With Lepto, it’s up in the air how the dog will respond. The senior doctors have had some very sad cases.” A series of vaccinations is needed to provide full protection, and younger dogs like four-month-old Simba are especially vulnerable.

Once Simba’s funding was secure, he received antibiotics, a urinary catheter and round-the-clock intensive care for five days. His condition improved from “super-lethargic” to “barking way too much,” as 12-pound puppies are apt to do when feeling better, Lauer said.

Simba is now back home and “eating like crazy, doing so wonderfully,” McKenna reports. “I can't describe how happy I am. I didn't want to put my dog to sleep. He is like a son to me.”

McKenna is spreading the word about KodiakCare on social media, including among French Bulldog affinity groups. “I told them these are the best people. When I can, I want to start donating. If it weren't for you, I would have lost my dog.”



PET ROCK FESTIVAL
THEY CAN'T TALK SO WE WILL

Pet Rock Festival Is This Sunday!

Join us this Sunday, September 12, at New England’s largest animal welfare festival! KodiakCare, along with our partner MSPCA- Advocacy, are proud to be a part of the 23rd annual Pet Rock Festival in North Grafton, MA.

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The event includes a dog show and shelter pet parade, hundreds of pet-related vendors, animal rescue and welfare organizations, carnival rides, vegetarian food, and a doggie water park and agility course! The Voice star Billy Gilman will headline the musical lineup.

The Pet Rock Festival will be held from noon to 5 p.m. on the grounds of the Wyman-Gordon plant, 244 Worcester Street, North Grafton, MA. Updates on the Pet Rock Festival can be found on their website [here](#). Click [here for a \\$2 off coupon for general adult admission](#). We hope to see you there!



Bidding For Barks Starts September 20th! Preview Auction Site Today!

KodiakCare's [Bidding for Barks auction site](#) is now ready to preview! Check out the items that will be available for bidding when the auction opens on Monday, September 20, at 8 a.m EDT.

Want to get ahead of the pack and ensure an item is in your paws? Many of this year's items are available with the Buy Now feature so you can send the prize straight to your dog house.

Check out [Bidding for Barks](#) today! There is something for everyone! Auction items include autographed Patriots and Cubs gear; box seat tickets to an Andrea Bocelli concert; vacations; restaurant and retailer gift cards; a skyline cruise tour of Chicago; a pub tour of Boston, and much, much more! There's even a raffle for an iPhone 12 Pro. Only 100 raffle tickets will be available! The winner will be drawn at the close of the auction on Sunday, September 26.

All proceeds from the event go to fund critical veterinary care for dogs of families with financial need.



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