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KodiakCare Helps Puppy Bitten While Out for a Stroll

Talk about minding your own business: Two-month-old Bullet was out for a summer walk with his owner in Boston's Hyde Park, toddling along on his leash, when he came face-to-face with a much-bigger dog, also on a leash.

The two dogs sniffed each other and, as owner Harvey Exilhomme recalls, "Next thing you know, we see him in the other dog's mouth."

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Without warning, the older dog had chomped down on tiny Bullet, and in seconds inflicted multiple puncture wounds as Exilhomme struggled to extricate his puppy. Bullet had part of his stomach protruding from an open wound and shock setting in.

Exilhomme swung into action, covering the wound with a shirt, and calling for a car to rush the dog to Angell Animal Medical Center, where veterinarians examined the pup's injuries right away – and then gave his owner good news and bad news.

The good: With surgery, Bullet had an excellent chance to make a full recovery. The bad: The extensive abdominal repairs, hospitalization and meds would cost thousands of dollars, payable up-front. And there was no time to lose.

A 20-year-old who sets up scaffolding at construction sites, Exilhomme didn't have the necessary funds. "I was very shocked," he said. "We didn't have that money to give. We were just hoping they wouldn't say they can't do this."

Fortunately, KodiakCare and Angell have worked together for more than two years on cases like this one, when a dog with a loving owner needs life-saving treatment and only funding stands in the way. KodiakCare was there for Bullet and provided the financial aid needed to make surgery possible.

"This is my first KodiakCare experience," said Dr. Kimberley Law, a veterinarian who joined Angell just a few weeks before Bullet arrived. "People come to us without many options. They just want to get their dogs fixed, and they know the costs can be high."

In Bullet's case, she said, "KodiakCare was so helpful, and the family was so appreciative. The worst part would be turning them away, knowing it's a fixable problem."

Bullet needed a lot of fixing, including the removal of half his spleen. But recovery came swiftly. "He was such a sweet, little pup," Law recalled. "He was eating the entire time in the hospital."

After he returned home, Bullet's appetite never wavered. After gaining weight in the hospital, despite his ordeal, the pit-bull pup has kept right on eating throughout his recovery, owner Exilhomme reports.

How's he doing? "Very playful. Very curious. He eats a lot!"



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