

Paying it Forward for Pets

Life threw Marti's previous owner a curve ball. Since her husband passed away this summer, her own health has rapidly declined and she is no longer able to care for her beloved dog. It was a sad day when she brought him back to us, but she is hopeful that we will find him a new family where he will be loved and looked after forever. **And with your help, that is just what we're going to do!**

Marti's ideal home will be with a family who has "big dog" experience. He walks beautifully on a leash, but is not comfortable if other dogs get too close - he should be the only dog in the home. Since he is such a strong and energetic guy, he might not be a good fit for families with small children, but older kids could be great. Just how energetic is he? He's prone to puppy zoomies around the yard and the occasional goofy leap onto picnic tables. He's surprisingly spry for an 8 year old who could stand to lose several pounds!

Other than his portly stature, Marti is in very good health. His owners prioritized routine check-ups with their vet and have stayed current with his vaccines. Will you help us spread the word about this big, lovable sweetheart? [Please read his profile and share with friends!](#)

Looking for other ways to pay it forward for pets? Help us keep them with their people! We know the best place for an animal is in a home with people who love them but when hard times fall,



families sometimes need to make tough decisions when it comes to caring for their pets. Together we can make sure those who need it most have meals for their pets and access to veterinary care in a crisis.

Your donation to our **Pet Food Pantry** can make all the difference for someone without the means to feed their pet. We gratefully accept your opened or unopened bags of cat and dog food, as well as unopened cans of food. Any brand or quantity is appreciated. Donations can be brought to SHS daily from 12-6. Pet food can also be purchased and shipped to us via our [Amazon Wish List](#). Your kindness helps keep pets nourished and with the people who love them.

Our [Raider's Fund](#) was established by a generous donor in 2008 to help clients of SHS's Public Veterinary Hospital who are at risk of having to surrender their pet due to inability to pay full veterinary costs. As long as they are able to pay at least a portion and their pet has a good prognosis for quality of life after treatment, they can seek support from Raider's Fund. [Would you consider paying it forward for the next loving pet owner who needs support?](#)

Life can change suddenly for any one of us animal lovers. But there's peace of mind knowing that as a community we can be here to help each other through the rough patches. ***Imagine the hearts that will be eased and the pets' lives that will be healed if we each chip in a little bit!***