

## Feature Story/Jazz! August 2016 eAnimail

Jazz came to us from an overcrowded shelter which lacked the resources to address his medical needs. Upon his arrival to SHS, our veterinarian noted that he was desperately in need of dental care and that he has a tic motion in his lower jaw. She speculates that this could be due to dental disease, or it could be the result of a past infection that has since healed.



During Jazz's dental cleaning, our team was able to get x-rays and a better assessment of his oral health and anatomy. His jaw and teeth are severely malformed and he has two holes in the roof of his mouth connecting to his nasal cavity. At 7 years old, he has learned to eat in spite of this, but his quality of life could be improved considerably if this condition could be corrected.

Since this might require specialized surgery, our veterinarian is currently consulting with an oral surgeon/veterinary dentist. We estimate that such a procedure would cost around \$2,500. We expect that he will make a full recovery and have a normal life expectancy. Ideally, we'd like to find a special adopter for Jazz who could partner with us in providing his medical care to make this happen for him.

Jazz is going to make fantastic, loving companion! We've noticed that he quickly attaches to "his person", is eager to learn new things and walks well on a leash. He'd probably do well in a home with older kids, another mature dog and possibly a cat.



Would you like to help Jazz get on his path to a better life and his forever home? Please join us in sharing his story with compassionate friends looking to adopt, or [make a donation to our Angel's Fund](#) to help cover the cost of his surgery. Together we can give sweet Jazzy the ease, comfort and loving home he deserves.