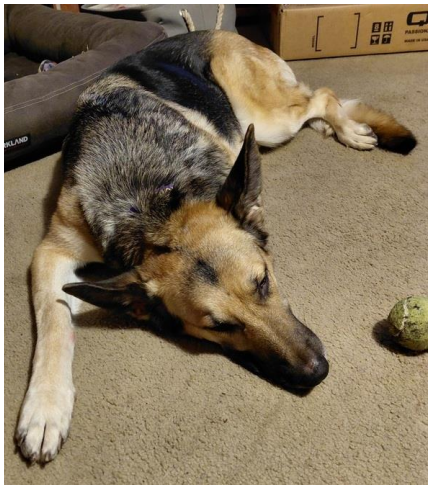
A NEW START FOR ALLIE



Galloping down the road together, two dogs who had escaped from their yard were clearly enjoying their newfound freedom. But in an instant, the adventure turned tragic when one of them was struck by a car.

The accident left Allie with painful abrasions, deep lacerations, and a broken leg. A kind Good Samaritan quickly gathered up both dogs and rushed them to a nearby veterinary hospital. Despite her injuries, Allie's sweet and gentle nature quickly made her a favorite among the staff at VCA Santa Rosa.

One of the dogs had a microchip, allowing their owners to be contacted. When Allie's family arrived, they learned that her broken leg would require surgery. They were given two options: a surgical repair or amputation, which would be less expensive and involve a shorter recovery time. Unable to afford the surgery, the family chose to surrender her to the hospital. Because the clinic is not a rescue organization, the staff began reaching out in hopes of finding help for her.



That's where GSRNC entered the picture.

The hospital contacted us to see if we could take Allie in. Touched by her gentle spirit, one compassionate employee with a soft spot for German Shepherds anonymously stepped forward to cover the cost of her surgery. Thanks to that incredible generosity, Allie received the limb-saving operation she desperately needed and was given a second chance at life.



Soon after, GSRNC volunteers made the trip to Santa Rosa in the rescue van to bring Allie home. She settled into her foster home in Concord, where she spent time resting and recovering. Once she began to feel safe and comfortable, her personality blossomed. Allie proved to be a loving, affectionate girl who always wanted to be close to her people — sometimes lap-dog close! She also discovered a love of toys and happily carried them around or chased after a ball with enthusiasm.

Meanwhile, a couple from Discovery Bay was searching for a new companion. They met Allie at a GSRNC adoption event in Danville, and it didn't take long for them to realize she was the perfect fit for their family.

Now Allie is happily enjoying the next chapter of her life — playing in the yard, soaking up love from her family, and watching boats drift past the windows of her new home.

Stories like Allie's are why we do what we do. Every dog deserves a second chance, and we are overjoyed that Allie found hers.