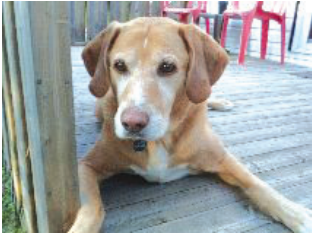


Dr. Singh saves the life of dog rescued by Home Again



An important life was saved on Oct. 1. Yellow Lab Blaze, age 10, acts as a big brother to all the foster dogs and cats his owner takes in for Home Again. Blaze shows them what to do, how to behave. He flushes them out from under the couch when an adopter wants to see the little foster pets.

When an adopted dog bolted from his new owner's car midway between Blaze's home and the adopter's home, it was Blaze who went into the woods and retrieved that dog. Blaze, a rescue himself, is very well behaved and lets himself out the doggie door into his fenced yard.

When he returned one night, he shook his head while blood squirted from a wound in his neck. Owner Crystal Hayton-Bradt, vice president of Home Again, rushed Blaze to Faraday Animal Hospital. Quick action and the skill of Dr. Singh saved the life of Blaze.

Dr. Singh says, "Still in my slippers, I ran into my clinic's operating room. Blood was everywhere, pouring off the operating table. The wound was sharp, not the result of running through the bush. I gave Blaze fluid intravenously.

The spleen acts as mother nature's storage bin of blood and replaced the loss. There is no blood bank in Bancroft. Blood spoils so quickly one cannot store it just in case. Blaze was within 10 minutes of death." Neighbours have been solicitous about Blaze's recovery ? he is recovering well, though he is subdued.

Submitted by Mary Freeman