

Am-basset-dor BODIE Saved from Fatal Condition

Bodie, the Associated Press' "am-basset-dor", was recently saved by a condition called gastric torsion bloat that affects so many dogs. This was happening while Bodie heroically was raising money to save 100 dogs at the same shelter.

AP article: Bodie with Denise



At ER: Bodie, Dawn & vet tech



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Subject: Bodie - the luckiest hound in the world.

I once saw an internet photo of a basset mix in a shelter, Jill rode to the rescue on his last day. I once held a bundle of fur, microchipped him and fell completely in love.

I once loved a hound that has stuck by me thru thick and thru thin. I've cuddled that hound from Acton to Mendocino and back again. That hounds - the am-basset-dor of rescue went nationwide in the AP article (the hounds with the bath tub and all ears) and has raised funds for Barni hounds coast to coast. And tonight - armed with the love of a nation - we were able to save him again.

Gastric Dilatation Volvulus (GDV also known as Bloat.)

Friday, December 18, 2009 - Bodie went into bloat and a series of incredible people and hands helped save his life. The causes of bloat as listed as many, and the studies contradict themselves every time they release. Wet dry kibble, lower the bowl, no exercise an hour before or after a meal, don't let your hound gulp food, watch excessive drinking - the signs and indications of bloat are the terror of every basset lover worldwide.

Bloat is indicated by restless pacing, an extended abdomen, whining and circling. At one moment Bodie was happy and 2 seconds later he was in full gastric torsion and bellowing. Quickly administering the homeopathic Carbo veg, and giving -2- gas x, the ranch scrambled for our very favorite boy the bodacious Bodie. Sherry driving just above legal limits and my crooning "When you wish upon a star" in his ear got us to Chat Oak Emergency Hospital in record time.

Xrays and intubation brought the bloat down. The photo is after the first intubation when it was a possibility that passing a tube to correct the twist, and suturing his stomach to the abdomen wall would be the course of action - and within a minute he went into a second bout of bloat. Full surgical intervention was a requirement at that moment in time - we turned the corner from we got there in time, to - get him under the knife NOW!

This is a very expensive surgery - and all we can do is to thank the powers that be for a positive balance in the bank at this moment in time. Bodie made it thru surgery and is recovering at the ER as we speak, We'll find out the final bill on Sunday, December 20, 2009, when he is released.

Your continued donations make these miracles happen. Without funding, there is no ability to say, Yes - save his life. The alternate decision is euthanasia. I am so very grateful that Bodie will be cuddling with me tomorrow. And I spent a good portion of the night calling in on our bridge babies - the align those stars just right. Barnaby - thank you.

Please over this holiday season make sure your hounds cannot get to chocolate, rich and spiced meats, trimmings and packaging, ornaments, bows or lights - and give a little something extra from your heart this year.....

May everyone have a Happy Holiday - From all of our Bodie to all of you.

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**Bodie went home on
December 20, 2009
after a Life-Saving surgery
\$3373.70 for Bodie's vet bill**

On Sunday, December 20, 2009, Bodie was released from Chat Oak Animal Hospital and his Aunt Denise picked him up and transported him back (Denise was in the bath photo of Bodie that the AP article ran with).

After care includes small meals, medications and keeping Bodie calm. Hard to rile Bodie up - unless you move sidewise during the nights puppy pile sleeping party. We have to build up to regular sized meals - Bodie is sure we are starving him to death. at 84 pounds - which is his ideal weight - we're sure the smaller meals won;t last for too long.

Cooking chicken rice & green beans, carrot juice and honey - Bodie is slowly coming back to his amazing self.

On his ride home from the hospital, Denise was recognized while she ran in to pick up a cup of coffee - and Bodie had to get up and smile for parking lot photo ops - the bane of Bodies fame. He poses every time he see's a camera.

The bill thus far for this GDV (Bloat) emergency is \$3373.70 - and worth every penny. This surgery can commonly go to \$5000.00 here in California, thankfully Bodie had no additional complications, and Chat Oak has a well established relationship with us in emergency care cases. The staff and vets are all wonderful.

Please help to replenish the emergency surgery funds - who knows when the next case may hit !
Ranch visitors can also bring gas-x or pepcid in their visits - we use it daily.

**Please donate to Basset Rescue Network.
We cannot save dogs like Bodie without funding.**

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