



Lilly



Four-year-old Lilly (GCCR-553) was on a rocky road after being discarded by a miller. Soon after her arrival with GCCR she contracted severe kennel cough, in a hospital environment overrun with canine flu and severe respiratory conditions. Then, after she was cured of the cough, veterinarians diagnosed and repaired bilateral inguinal hernias. One of the hernias was successfully repaired with sutures - the least invasive repair method. The other repair failed. Lilly's abdominal tissue could not maintain the sutures and it ruptured yet again, protruding out when she walked.

GCCR appealed for donations to the Critical Care Fund to cover the estimated \$2500 needed to repair Lilly's hernia with a surgical mesh. Devoted Cavalier-lovers responded! Here's what Lilly's "mom" Cindy had to say:

"Hi gang. Lilly here. I just wanted to....wait...is that a....DEER! It's a DEER it's a DEER! I will get it I will check every place under this fence this one and this one and this one and I will dig dig dig dig and I will stand still like a pointer dog with my tail straight and my paw up...look! is that a....IT IS!! another one...I will run and run and run till I fall down and roll in the grass...I'm rolling ha I love grass....I love the sun...I love the...wait...do I smell....a....BUNNY!? It is!! I see it! Gotta get it gotta get it gotta try ..what? inside? okay...I will lay in your lap. I love your lap, I love when you rub my ears...I....love.....ZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ....."

What Lilly is trying to say is THANK YOU to all who have made her surgery possible. This little girl has a love of life and all moving things like I have never seen before. Thanks to you she will be able to live a very active existence after her surgery, pursuing all the things she finds so interesting.

When Lilly had her surgery in late July, doctors found both hernias open wide. The previous surgeries' sutures were either missing or had come apart. The mesh that was inserted to reinforce the new sutures eliminated the 6" diameter bulge which had been an ongoing risk for intestinal blockage and a host of other problems. Lilly's vet bill was over \$2200. Below is a note from a sleepy Lilly post surgery:



"....chipmunks....chipmunks...they're my favorite.... ZZZZZZZZZZ huh, what? hi....Lilly here and I'm so sleepy but I think this is going to be a fresh start for me now that...chipmunks....did I tell you they're my favorite?... I almost caught one the other day....but now I can't chase anything...because when I try and stand up I fall down...because mom says I have to "restrict activity" and I don't know what that means but I'm pretty sure that chipmunk thinks he got the best of me...birds...are out there....I see themZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ.....gotta....get....the...birds.....tomorrow..... ZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ....."