

### 3 GCCR Sponsored Surgeries in 1 Day!

*On July 2, 2013 GCCR volunteers, Karla and Barb, drove from Illinois to Ohio State University's Veterinary Hospital with a precious cargo of 3 Cavaliers - Milly, Tater Tot, and Lyla. Each had appointments for specialized procedures that would ease their pain and restore their health. Details of their stories are below.*



Milly (aka Miracle) came to GCCR in January 2013 and in March had surgery on her left front leg to correct a serious and painful congenital bone defect. The procedure was a success; however, a follow-up exam showed a small gap where the bone graft did not completely heal. On July 2<sup>nd</sup>, Milly returned to OSU's Veterinary Hospital and underwent a 2<sup>nd</sup> operation to fill the gap. Doctors are very optimistic she'll have a complete recovery and will soon return to running in the park!

It's not unusual for dogs to require dental cleanings, but if they have a serious heart condition, like **Tater Tot**, just going under anesthesia can be life-threatening. Tater Tot, now 3, was diagnosed with pulmonic stenosis at 6 months old. OSU surgeons saved his life by repairing his faulty heart valve, but Tater will always require monitoring and medication. Before his dental procedure, OSU specialists performed tests, including an echocardiogram, and closely monitored his vitals throughout the procedure. Tater also has SM (Syringomyelia), a painful neurological condition common in Cavaliers, and requires daily medication to control his pain.



Lyla came to GCCR on Easter 2013. It was immediately apparent she needed surgery to keep her kneecap in place, not uncommon with small breed dogs. But x-rays revealed Lyla's situation was more serious and would require extensive bone work and a metal plate to correct her condition. Dr. Dyce, the same OSU orthopedic surgeon who repaired Scotty's bowed leg, performed Lyla's procedure. Although Lyla will be restricted from pretty much everything but walking on a leash for 6 weeks, with exercise and care she'll soon be Cavaliering!

GCCR would not be able to help Cavaliers like Milly, Tater Tot, and Lyla, if it weren't for the generosity of many people. Some give their time; some share their knowledge and skills; others open their pocket books. Together they form a village of volunteers who share a love of helping Cavaliers in need. If you'd like to donate to help defray the cost of these 3 procedures (together over \$3600), any amount is welcome and appreciated. GCCR thanks each of you for giving from your hearts.