

Rose is one lucky dog (at least we think so). The friendly hound mix came to us after being found eating from a garbage bag. Her situation soon took a serious turn when she began getting sick, throwing up a sock and other pieces of trash.

As we kept a sharp eye on Rose, we became more fearful that she had a blockage in her system. She hadn't had any bowel movements since her discovery, and she continued to vomit.

We took Rose to a veterinarian for X-rays to find out what was going on – they didn't see anything concerning, so they told us to feed her bland food and watch over her for one more day.

Rose's troubles continued, with more vomiting and she became lethargic with no interest in food. Despite the concern about cost, we took her to the emergency vet. They decided to observe, give her fluids and medication, and hope that she turned the corner. Everyone wanted to see Rose make it. Her sweet temperament, despite her obvious troubles, had won us all over.

Overnight, she did not improve, and the next step was a costly and invasive surgery. The gastronomy operation required Rose to have a large incision cut in her abdomen to open her stomach and intestines in order to find and remove blockages.

This procedure could cost several more thousands of dollars, but without it, Rose would not survive. Despite the drain on our medical fund, we all agreed we had to save Rose. We were shocked when the operating vet shared pictures of the thick string used for meat packaging he pulled out of Rose's system.

After the procedure, Rose seemed stable. She went back to the emergency clinic for overnight observation and care. The next day, she was improving as we hoped and was cleared to return to the shelter for rest and several days of medication. Rose continued to make a full recovery after her ordeal.

We call her "Sweet Rose," and she certainly lives up to her name. It's the main reason we committed so many resources to save her life. From her time at the vet and the emergency clinic, there were significant costs to afford with our limited budget.

The surgical procedure was donated in kind by Cilley Veterinary Clinic. But the emergency clinic care was well over two thousand dollars, even with shelter discount, plus follow-up care and medications. We saved Rose, but our shelter has many more dogs and cats that need a share of our budget for veterinary treatments and medical emergencies.

After such a close call, we're thrilled to share that Rose is feeling so much better – and we're counting down the days to finding her a family! Could it be you? If you want to meet one of the sweetest dogs ever, please fill out an application!

[Donations to our Medical Fund](#) make a world of difference. Will you help us make sure we can help animals like Rose? A gift in any amount can make a difference to pets who need emergency care to save their life.