



RESCUE REVIEW

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A breed-specific rescue organization dedicated to finding new homes for abandoned or unwanted Samoyeds

Parker asks for your help —

Impounded as a stray on August 19, Animal Control would hold this dog for 10 business days to allow time for his owner to claim him.



No one ever came.

Word of his plight came by email along with this picture from a shelter volunteer. A quick phone call secured boarding reservations and an appointment for a physical examination at AHAH. Next up—a trip to pick up another homeless Samoyed.

Looking at his appearance I can tell he was shaved down regularly to compensate for a lack of coat care, there's a large discolored bald area where an old hot spot has healed, and his ribs are far too prominent indicating lack of and/or poor quality food. It's so heartbreaking to see such a proud breed of dog in this deplorable condition. I know it's all "just cosmetic issues" and easily repaired but it makes me wonder what else must he have endured.

What the shelter picture above doesn't reveal is that this handsome boy is 99% blind from diabetic induced cataracts. Genetics and inadequate medical care dealt a very sweet and handsome Sammie a very raw deal!

After spending 65 days at AHAH for treatment and in boarding Parker has moved into Dr. McManamons' home and continued care. First stop on the Doc's agenda is the University of Illinois ophthalmology department to see if Parker is a viable candidate for cataract surgery. A very expensive surgery, I'm told by supporters who speak from their own experiences. One quoted \$1850 per eye plus additional for an inter ocular implants and medications which totals nearly \$4000.

Parker needs your help!

It's easy to see that Parker is extremely frustrated by the fact he can not see. Unfamiliar smells combined with stumbling and bumping into walls, furniture and other animals causes noticeable stress, which results in frantic barks. Barking that begs for reassurance, a familiar voice or touch, that tells him he's safe.

Close your eyes for a minute. Imagine spending the rest of your life in this darkness. Imagine how difficult it must be for Parker—bumping into things, falling up or down where there is a step, and never knowing if he's safe or in danger. Now imagine the family you love, the family you depend on—abandoning you to fend for yourself or die!

Parker asks, "Will you help me by making a donation so I can have surgery?"



Save the Date

Sunday, January 20
For NISA's annual
Holiday Gathering
Details inside—

What can you do to
save the life of a homeless
Samoyed?

Volunteer!!

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