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Meet Gain! Gain is a pup that came to us as one of a litter with his mom found dumped at a business in a local town. During Gain's trip to be neutered, the Vet's discovered he had a heart murmur, but he did great during his surgery and recovery. Mom, Gain, and all his siblings found loving homes and Gain's adopters adored him. Sadly, however, when he went for follow-up Vet checks, their Vet felt this was a very bad heart murmur that could be a very serious issue. They contacted us and we told them Gain could come back to us for the Shelter to do the more in-depth diagnostics with our Vet at our expense.

Our Vet checked Gain out and felt it was necessary for Gain to go to a Veterinary Cardiac Specialist who could properly diagnose what was going on as it could be anything from bad heart valves to a hole inside his heart. Our Vet knew of a great Vet Cardiologist in Birmingham, got with her and set us up for a consultation. One

of our staff drove Gain to Birmingham where that staff fell in love with him, like all of us had, as Gain is just a wonderful pup indeed!

The Veterinary Cardiologist performed an echocardiogram and found that Gain has a congenital heart defect of mild to moderate pulmonic stenosis that can be managed with a very affordable drug, at least for now. His condition necessitates visits to a Cardiologist every six-months for more echocardiograms to stay on top of any progression. Given this, and the expense of cardiologist visits, his young adopters felt that was beyond their means which we completely understood, so Gain stayed with us to find a new home.

So, we posted Gain back for adoption and made sure ALL of this was in his bio for any potential adopter to read as this certainly made him a special needs dog.

Next thing we know, previous adopters from our Shelter – with a dog that could be Gain's sister in appearance – contacted us! They had read all about his medical needs and had the means to deal with it, so they came to meet him. Gain went home with them and was a perfect fit in their family. They are updating us all the time with photos of Gain and his new 'big sister' – he is living his very best life! We could not be happier for Gain as it is not easy to find adopters for pets like him with special medical needs.

We share this as it is the support from everyone who donates to us, and especially all who so generously donated via the State Combined Campaign, that enabled us to say, let US find answers for Gain and then find him the perfect home for his special needs. Gain and so many others deserve these special second chances and it would simply not be possible if not for the most generous support of so many kind people. THANK YOU ALL!