

# Please Help Save Esther's Legs!



Periodically staff members from Heartland go to high kill shelters to save animals that would otherwise be euthanized. Every once in a while there is a cat or dog who just tugs at the heartstrings and we feel we must take in so they have a second chance at life. **On Tuesday, March 27, 2007 that special animal was a three month old Spaniel/Dachshund mix puppy rescued from Chicago Animal Care and Control that we have named Esther.** Our staff couldn't resist rescuing three month old little Esther. **With the saddest look on her face and her backward twisted front legs, it was hard to just walk away and leave her sitting alone in her cage.**

**Dr. Claude Gendreau, DVM, a highly regarded veterinary orthopedic surgeon at the Veterinarian Speciality Center in Buffalo Grove has agreed to perform surgery to save darling Esther's legs.** Dr. Gendreau feels confident in being able to restore Esther's legs so that she may walk. However, even after a hefty discount for the surgery (Thanks, Dr. Gendreau!) Heartland will incur significant costs being that, in addition to the surgery, extensive physical therapy and follow-up care will be required. We face an even greater obstacle because surgery needs to be performed by the end of April before Esther has another growth spurt and her bones become locked in their current positions and are beyond repair. **This surgery is now or never.**

Being a not-for-profit animal shelter means that money is always tight and we rely very heavily on monetary donations from the public. We have set up a **savings fund for Esther's surgery** and sincerely hope our Heartland Heros will generously donate whatever they can to help save this adorable puppy's legs. You can make your **tax-deductible contribution to Esther's care** via PayPal at "[www.heartlandanimalshelter.net](http://www.heartlandanimalshelter.net)" or mail a check or money order to:

Heartland Animal Shelter  
Esther's Surgery Fund  
2975 Milwaukee Ave  
Northbrook, IL 60062

In either case, Heartland will mail your receipt to you. Please donate if you are able to, even if it's just a few dollars. **Esther depends on YOU! Thanks!!!**



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