

LUNA

We received a desperate plea from a woman who had found a dog in a very bad area of a large city.

The dog was covered with cuts and wounds, and various growths and masses, one of which dangled 4 inches from her body. The dog reflected years of neglect and cruelty. It appeared that the dog, which is a bully type, had probably been used for breeding purposes. She could have been exploited by a dog fighting ring as a breeder, and then, possibly, as a bait dog.

It was obvious that this dog needed help. It needed it right away. The couple who found her were visiting in the area where she had been roaming the streets.

They called around in that area to find shelters or rescues or the police or somebody who would help, but no one did. No room, not our responsibility, etc. In desperation, they stopped at Animals in Distress, and we were horrified to see the condition of the dog. Clearly, it was one of those times when you either do something or you're condemning an animal to a horrible and painful death.

As soon as we could, we took her to the vet and had various tests and other procedures done on her. We gave her a couple of weeks to get stronger and get stabilized, and then we had the masses that were removable taken off and biopsied. Again, let's remember that ***a rescue has no guaranteed conclusion***. Those masses could have been cancer, or some other life-threatening condition, and we would have been faced with that challenge.

What should we have done for her? Answer: everything possible. What would you have done for her?

Well, we are so happy to report to you that all the biopsies came back negative. Luna now has a chance to enjoy the years ahead of her. We will make certain that she only goes into a loving home when she is adopted. And if no one is willing to adopt her, then she will stay with us, and be treated with love and compassion and kindness. We are certain she has never known any of those for very much of her life.

