



Howdy from Blue Dog Bakery

Folks send us lots and lots of email, and we love hearing from all of you! We get photos, articles, jokes, etc and we often cannot truthfulness. We got it wrong last month with the below photo's veracity, but it does catch your eye and make you look a second

Keep the correspondence coming. We will try to double check them when we can and will happily admit our failings if we get it

Below we have an amazing story of recovery and love. We called the vet involved to verify it, so we got it right this time. Enjoy

Give those doggies of yours an extra hug tonight,

Best always, Margot

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**That is one BIG dog!\*\***



OK - so it turns out this photo that was sent is NOT real. The size of the dog is enhanced and it is a Neapolitan Mastiff, not an English Mastiff. Thank you to those folks who set the record straight and visit [www.snopes.com](http://www.snopes.com).

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**Stores with NEW treats:**

**Harris Teeter - NC - 100 CALORIE PACKS - PB TREATS**

**Harris Teeter - 16 oz Live Well Super Premium Treats**

**HEB - TX - 10 oz PB Doggie Paws and PB Softies**

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Stores running promos in JULY - Save \$\$\$

DILLON - KS, NE - 20 oz PB & Molasses, MORE Flavors first half of month, 10 oz PB Doggie Paws and PB Softies second half of month

FRED MEYER - OR, WA, AK, ID - 20 oz PB & Molasses, MORE Flavors first half of month, 10 oz PB Doggie Paws and PB Softies second half of month

FRY'S - AZ - 20 oz PB & Molasses, MORE Flavors first half of month, 10 oz PB Doggie Paws and PB Softies second half of month

KING SOOPERS - CO - 20 oz PB & Molasses, MORE Flavors first half of month, 10 oz PB Doggie Paws and PB Softies second half of month

KROGER - OH, IN, IL, MI, TN, NC, KY, WV, AR, GA, MS, TX - 20 oz PB & Molasses, MORE Flavors first half of month, 10 oz PB Doggie Paws and PB Softies second half of month

PETCO - NATIONWIDE - 10 oz PB Softies

RALPH'S - CA - 20 oz PB & Molasses, MORE Flavors first half of month, 10 oz PB Doggie Paws and PB Softies second half of month

SMITH'S - UT, NM, NV - 20 oz PB & Molasses, MORE Flavors first half of month, 10 oz PB Doggie Paws and PB Softies second half of month

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## New packaging for Doggie Paws and PB Softies helps fight global warming



Blue Dog is changing these treats into environmentally friendly boxes. Our original bags were petroleum based and came from the Far East across the Pacific to our bakery. We felt we could no longer condone that carbon footprint.

So, we are changing now to recycled cardboard boxes with inner cellophane bags that are biodegradable. This packaging comes from around the corner from us!

Convenient, recyclable and uses less energy!

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Treats now available at most US Military Commissaries



Our **PB & Molasses and MORE Flavors - Assorted Treats** are now available at most major US Military Commissaries across the US and in Alaska and Hawaii.

We are so thrilled to be able to provide our military families with great, quality, natural treats at great prices.

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Dog Fighting and The Third Twin



When Oogy was four months old and weighed thirty five pounds, he was tied to a stake and used as bait for a Pit Bull. The left side of his face from just behind his eye was torn off, including his ear. He was bitten so hard a piece of his jaw bone was crushed. Afterward, he was thrown into a cage and left to bleed to death. The police raided the facility, found Oogy, and took him to Ardmore Animal Hospital, where Dr. Bianco stitched him up and saved him.

This coincided with the last weekend of life for our cat, Buzzy, who was 14 at the time. My sons and I had taken Buzzy to AAH for his last visit. The staff had gathered Buzzy in when out comes this pup that looked

like nothing more than a gargoyle. He covered us with kisses. The boys and I fell instantly in love with him.

Once Oogy came into our house, for my sons, then 12, it was like having a little brother. Whatever they did and wherever they went, there was Oogy. Oogy had to get involved in whatever the lads were doing. He became known as The Third Twin.

Dr. B thought Oogy was a Pit or Pit-mix and would get to be about 45 pounds. By the time of his first checkup, Oogy weighed 70 pounds. When we walked in the door for the visit, one of the women who works at AAH exclaimed, 'That's a Dogo!' I asked, 'What's a Dogo?' She said, 'I'm not sure.'

We went on line and learned that the Dogo Argentina is bred in Argentina to hunt mountain lion and boar. Oogy can run about 30 miles an hour, all four legs off the ground like a Greyhound. His leg muscles are so strong that, when he sits, his butt is a half-inch off the ground. Dogos hunt in packs. Dogos hurl themselves against their prey and swarm it. Oogy has a neck like a fire hydrant to protect him when he closes on his prey. He is built like a Pit Bull on steroids, with white fur as soft as butter and black freckl

Fully grown, Oogy is 85 pounds of solid muscle, but he does not know this and sits on us. He absolutely craves physical contact. He is full of kisses and chuffs like a steam engine when he is happy. He has a heart as big as all outdoors. One of the traits of the breed is that they fully accept anyone their family does. It is not unusual to come home and find three teenagers on the floor playing a video game and Oogy sprawled across their laps like some living boa. Because of the way he looks, when people meet him for the first time, they almost always ask if he is safe. I tell them, 'Well, he has licked two people to death!'

For the first year a half of his life, part of Oogy's face was normal and the other part looked like a burn victim's. People who saw him in passing could not grasp the duality. As Oogy grew, the scar tissue spread. He could not close his left eye, so it wept constantly; his lip was pulled up and back. Dr. B said Oogy was in constant pain. So, in January 2005, Dr. B. rebuilt Oogy's face. When all the scar tissue was removed, there was a hole in Oogy's head the size of a softball. After removing the scar tissue, Dr. B took grafts and pulled the flaps together and sewed Oogy back up. Now Oogy has a hairline scar, but other than that looks just like any normal one-eared dog.

An essential part of this story is the fact that AAH has never taken a dime in payment for anything they have done for Oogy. I never asked them for such an arrangement. When I went to pay the first bill I was told, 'Oogy's a no-pay.' I never asked why this is. Oogy is their dog. We are just lucky enough to look after him.

Because some of his jaw bone was removed in the initial surgery, some of Oogy's lower left lip droops and is a repository for dust and dirt. It is second nature to us to pull the detritus off his lip when we sit next to him. One day I told my sons that when they tell their children about Oogy, they will remember this routine act of kindness. I think that, on some level, every day we try to atone for what happened to him.

Oogy's name is a derivative. The first day I was told we could adopt him I was thinking, 'This is one ugly dog.' But we couldn't call him 'Ugly.' Then I went to a variation of that from my youth, 'Oogly,' and his name followed immediately. Two years after we named him, we learned that Oogy is the name of the Ghost Dog in the film, 'The Nightmare Before Christmas.' This is not inappropriate.

On a recent Saturday afternoon Oogy was curled up on the couch asleep, his head in my lap, and I was thinking about his life is now as opposed to the way his life had been before. Would he have sensed he was dying? Was he conscious when the police put him on a rubber sheet and took him to the Ardmore Animal Hospital? Oogy went to sleep in a world of terror and searing pain and awoke surrounded by angels in white coats who were kind to him, who stroked him gently and talked softly to him. Instead of people who

bait and beat and kicked him, he was surrounded with healing mercies.



This incredible dog now lives on the Main Line with his adoptive family, Larry and Jennifer and their twin sons, Noah and Dan. Noah and Dan are pictured here in the above photograph with Oogy. Main Line Animal Rescue would like to thank Larry, Oogy's proud father, for sharing his story and helping us educate people to the horrors of dogfighting.

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