

CASH NEEDED FOR KODA'S FUND

Koda is a wonderful 3.5 yr old yellow boy who was hit by a car after being left outside without a fence. His owners came home to find him lying in the yard bleeding and in shock. They were unable to pay for the cost it would take to care for Koda and signed euthanasia papers. Cynthia Ocker, a long time CILRA volunteer, who also works at the vet clinic where Koda was taken, called CILRA to see if we could help. She knew this boy needed to be saved.

KODA's FUND will help defer **the \$4,000 plus** that CILRA paid to save Koda. Dr. Jennifer Finnegan and Dr. Darcy Crook gave Koda his initial life saving care. They also learned by x-ray that he had a fractured upper leg. The wound on his right flank was huge and deep. Dr. Crook said she could place her fist into the wound. Through all of this Koda would still wag his labby tail when petted.

Koda was transported to the Purdue Veterinary Clinic as an emergency patient where x-rays of the chest, abdomen, leg and flank were taken. His bladder was intact and there was only a small bruise on the lung. And, of course, the fractured leg and flank wound.

It took a 9 ½ hour surgery by the Purdue staff to align the fractured leg and place a plate and wires to stabilize Koda's leg. He remained in ICU for the weekend until they were sure he would be able to eat and hold down water and oral medication.

Koda showed us the remarkable skill of the veterinary staff at Purdue when he happily walked from the exam room out to the parking lot just 3 days after his surgery. Of course, he still had a big pack of bandages in his flank wound, but he seemed oblivious. After going to his foster home with Cynthia Ocker he had a second surgery to close the wound.

Koda never showed the pain he was in before his surgery. He continued to give kisses as he was being transported to Purdue. He trotted out to the van after surgery as if to say "I'm OK now. Take me home." All who meet this big sweet Lab can feel his awesome inner strength.

CILRA will appreciate **a monetary donation of any amount** to **KODA's FUND**. Koda will give a big tail wag to thank you!