



Hopi is very special to me and my daughter; he is the cousin of an Australian Cattle Dog (also named Hopi) we had for 9 nine years who was shot by a hunter in December 2001. A few years before, that dog saved my life and the lives of two 12 year old girls when several men came after us in a park in Colorado. He was a hero and my best friend, and losing him that way was the worst thing that ever happened to us, so we decided to find a relative of his to love and cherish and help us heal. "Little Hopi" came to us when he was only 8 weeks old. He was so cute and easy to train. He loves to catch balls that roll off the roof and his favorite trick is to shake hands to the command "howdy, partner!" which is the funniest thing ever. He has grown into a wonderful dog; sweet, smart, and as loyal as the dog he was named for. We love him more than words can say.

Hopi is 12 years old now and has oral malignant melanoma. He's had surgery to remove the tumor from his throat, and two rounds of chemo, but unfortunately the cancer has spread to one of his lymph nodes which indicates that the chemo isn't working, so we're going to try the melanoma vaccine and possibly removal of the lymph node. Any donations, any amount, would be greatly appreciated! I am disabled, my income is limited, and we also have another dog with cancer and a cat with kidney disease. Thank you so much in advance!

Hopi's Mom