



Allie was found in a field, along with her siblings, in a field in Lodi, CA. I found her on Craigslist.org and fell in love. Throughout all of life's transitions and challenges, Allie has always been my cheerleader, with a big smile and a wagging tail. She enjoys playing, even as time catches up to us both, and reaching out to complete strangers, who she seems to know needs a smile that day. She's amazing. Her expressions are unlike other dogs. She understands. Sometimes I think she was a human in another life because she enjoys human company over canine.

She's mischievous and cuddly. When I'm sick, she curls into bed with me. When I cry, she whimpers and presses her nose against my hand, as if to remind me that everything is okay.

Recently, Allie received preliminary blood work, which showed elevated levels of liver and kidney enzymes, as well as pre-diabetic levels. The veterinarian recommended further diagnostic tests for Cushing's, since she displayed the common symptoms (pot belly, polydipsia, polyuria, constant hunger, some peeing inside the house, skin cysts all throughout her body). After undergoing a dexamethasone test, which was funded by a generous grant issued by the San Francisco SPCA, Cushing's Disease was confirmed, and Trilostane 30mg, along with Prednisolone 5mg as needed, was prescribed. I am unable to financially support her needs for ongoing medicinal treatment, as I am a student, receiving loans. Thanks to the generosity of Paws 4 A Cure, I will be able to provide Allie the medication she needs to nurture her health and vitality.

From Allie's Mom