My canine companion, JOZIE, is a 3 year old female yellow Lab that I got 8 weeks after she was born. She was the latest addition to my family which included Saddie, a Shepherd mix, and Cooper and Kobe who are both miniature Australian Shepherds.

I remember playing ball with the 3 older ones and JOZIE joined right in game by taking the ball away from whoever got it first, and she brought it back to me and dropped it at my feet. I was amazed because none of the others brought the ball back to me, I would have to get it from them. Ever since that day, we have played ball whenever we are outside. She especially likes when I throw it in the lake where she lunges into water to retrieve and return the ball by my side, and urges me to throw it again, and again until I'm too tired to continue. This was our routine, until a few months ago when I noticed a limp. I had her x-rayed and the Vet discovered she had a torn Anterior Cruciate Ligament (ACL) in her rear right leg which requires surgery. Since then, we have not been able to play ball as her physical disability prevents any activity other than walking on a leash, which she does with limitations.

I am a 64 year old male who was laid off in 2011 and I have not been able to find a job since. Consequently, I do not have the resources to pay for JOZIE's needed surgery and am seeking your help to assist in paying the medical costs, which is between $3,600 and $3,900, to get her back on her feet so that she can resume a normal and healthy life. Any assistance is greatly appreciated, especially in these tough economic times.

My sincerest gratitude and thanks go out to all in this time of need.

Fondly,

Joe and JOZIE