

Daisy has been by my side through life's trials and tribulations. In the past few years I have lost my job of 14 years and then almost everything I own to bankruptcy and bills. My mother has battled breast cancer and a ruptured brain aneurysm, my father lymphoma in his spine and abdomen. Daisy has been my inspiration to keep going in true 'Border Collie fashion' when my thoughts and emotions have been taxed to the limit. From the little nudge of her nose or the little 'kisses', to the constant play time, she has helped to keep my head on straight and take me to a better emotional place. Now my poor 'baby girl' is in the fight for her life against mammary cancer.

Daisy was first diagnosed with a small tumor in her rear mammary area a few months ago. Our primary vet said that this was quite normal, and that we should keep watch of it in subsequent exams. Three weeks ago Daisy started to develop a limp on her front leg. At first I didn't think much about it- Border Collies run and play so much. One night I examined her leg myself and felt a hard mass under her 'arm pit' area, so she went to the vet the next day. The vet thought she had some kind of abrasive wound and put her on steroids and antibiotics. Two days later Daisy couldn't use the leg at all and was in tremendous pain. She was off to the vet that day, where it was then decided that she most likely had cancer and was scheduled for an exam at Cornell University Oncology. This exam confirmed by greatest fear- yet another one of my loved one's was stricken with cancer. She is currently taking an anti-inflammatory and two pain medications until funding for radiation and chemotherapy can be secured.

I desperately want to return the gift of well-being to her, to be her savior in time of need. It tears me up inside that I cannot provide for her, so I need help to help her live. Please open your hearts and donate. Thank you.

~ From Daisy’s Dad