Buster has always been a sensitive dog. We got him when he was just a puppy from outside of Scottsdale, Arizona about 10 years ago. He had a bad rash and his fur was falling out, but we loved him.

Over the years he has overcome many obstacles in his life, from beating cancer twice to coping with hyperthyroidism. Even after being diagnosed with arthritis, Buster still managed his walks in the forest. While he cannot run like he did when he was young, walking in the forest and sniffing out animal trails still brings out the adventurer within him. Unfortunately, even those walks became impossible after it was discovered the cruciate ligaments in his knees were completely torn.

Buster's Mommy came home from a trip and noticed that he had started limping. Buster went to his veterinarian twice to find out what was wrong. He ended up being referred to a specialist in Scottsdale where he was diagnosed as having completely torn bilateral cranial cruciate ligament rupture and lumbosacral pain. His veterinarian recommends that he have surgery to correct his knee problems. She does not believe that conservative measures will solve his problems. We are currently implementing all of the recommendations of the vet to help ease his pain before and after surgery. Buster is not able to go to the forest anymore. He is restricted to short controlled walks around the neighborhood until after he has his surgery.

Though the name “Buster” did not suit him at first, he has certainly lived up to the moniker. Every problem he encounters, he conquers. We want to help Buster bust this problem so he can enjoy the forest in his last years of life. If it weren't for the support given by Paws 4 A Cure, we would not be able to afford the surgery that will help Buster walk without excruciating pain.

Thank you so much!