



My brother, Blue Jean



My mom, Jean



My sister, Norma Jean



That's me, Billie Jean!

## Billie Jean Needs You!!!!

When three 3-week-old puppies and their mother showed up on the stoop of a city pound, their outlook was grim. They were so covered in ticks that barely any of their own skin was showing, and the parts that were showing were plagued with fur loss. The mom is a small Dachshund/Chihuahua mix, and the pups were small enough to fit in the palm of a hand. Jean, an employee at the pound, knew that if the pound kept this family of dogs, they would be euthanized once the three day waiting period was over, no questions asked. She placed a few calls and, though space was extremely limited, found these pups a place at Helping Paws.

Helping Paws immediately placed the mom and her pups into foster care. There, they were given their names. Mom was given the name "Jean" after the pound employee who cared enough to save her life, and her pups were named Blue Jean (male), Norma Jean (female), and Billie Jean (female). Now in safe hands, this family's medical needs could be addressed.

Even though the ticks had been removed prior to arriving at Helping Paws, all of the Jeans were still in need of medical care. Each had raw patches of skin that tested positive for ringworm, rattling chests due to respiratory colds, and parasites which made it all but impossible for them to absorb the nutrients they needed to bounce back. But with the proper

medication, a little time, and a lot of love, all of these persistent pups began to heal.

Billie Jean, however, had another surprise in store. As she began to heal and become more active, it became clear that she was having trouble keeping up with her littermates. Upon examination by a veterinarian, it was determined that Billie Jean was born with problematic knees; instead of her knee caps being on the front of her legs where they should be, she was born with them on the insides of her legs. This is a condition that, if not treated while young, results in a lifetime of pain and near immobility.

Billie Jean's condition is easily corrected by double knee surgery and physical therapy, and because she is so young, her prognosis is extremely positive. It is likely that Billie Jean will have a complete recovery and, after her physical therapy, will have a lifetime of running, jumping, and playing ahead of her.

Getting Billie Jean ready for her forever family will take a lot of support. To cover her medical costs, Helping Paws depends on the generosity of people like you. Please make a donation in Billie Jean's name today and help this wonderful pup get back on her feet!

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