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Dear AWL Supporter,

Imagine waking up each day with an empty belly, unsure if you will have a safe place to lay your head or clean water to drink. You try to ask for help, but no one seems to understand. Would you feel hopeless or scared? Would you feel like giving up? Victims of animal cruelty and neglect feel this way everyday. With your help, Animal Welfare League of Trumbull County (AWL) is committed to ending animal suffering in our community.

AWL's mission to create a safer, kinder world for animals is firmly upheld by our two dedicated humane officers. Senior Officer Faulkner and Officer Markle put their heart and soul into their work everyday, reporting to calls of animal cruelty and neglect all over Trumbull County. In 2023, Officers Faulkner and Markle rescued 752 animals and brought them to safety at AWL.

One of those 752 animals was Howie. In November 2023, AWL received a report of extremely underweight dogs living in a home in Warren. Upon arriving to the residence, our officers sadly confirmed the report, finding three dogs extremely underweight and in desperate need of help. Malnutrition and neglect had left Howie and his companions in an appalling state. Howie's ribs and spine were visible from afar due to malnutrition. Untreated Demodex mange had destroyed his once healthy coat, leaving only red, irritated and infected skin all over his body. Officers Faulkner and Markle acted quickly to get Howie and his two companions back to the shelter for immediate care.

Once at the shelter, Howie knew he was given a second chance. He showed off his tricks by high-fiving anyone who asked, but his main focus was Officer Faulkner. Howie melted in her arms and stared at her with love and adoration. Because of the officer's hard work, he was finally safe.

Now, after several months of treatment, Howie is at a healthy weight and has grown a lot of his fur back. He will most likely be on a long-term management plan, but our medical team is dedicated to provide Howie the best care possible. Auggie and Frejya, the other two dogs brought in with Howie, have both made a healthy recovery. Auggie was adopted and is living his best life in his forever home! Frejya is still waiting for her new family but enjoys being spoiled daily by AWL volunteers and staff.



Howie giving Officer Faulkner a high-five upon arriving at AWL.



Howie, present day, after many months of treatment and TLC.

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The only life Rex knew prior to being rescued by Officer Markle was at the end of a chain.

Rex lived his life on the end of a chain. He was found underweight and suffering from pressure sores and flystrike (a painful condition caused by fly larvae hatching and feeding on their 'hosts'). Officer Markle was first on-scene. There she found two dogs, Rex and Tala, alongside a deceased dog who had gotten caught on the fence resulting in strangulation, a risk unfortunately all too common for dogs who are chained outside. Thanks to donors like you, Rex and Tala will never meet the same horrific fate.

Officer Markle became their voice, rescuing them from a life of needless suffering. Through her investigation, she fought to secure a brighter future for Rex and his companion. Her due diligence freed both dogs from the end of a chain, allowing them to finally experience the comforts of having a roof over their heads and food in their bellies.

While Tala has found her happily-ever-after with her wonderful adoptive family, Rex is still waiting for his forever home. Thanks to the devotion of our animal care staff, Rex is in great spirits. He enjoys training and learning new skills to

better prepare him for a leisurely life with a loving family. Staff and volunteers have treated him to outings in the car and daily walks around AWL's campus. Rex's family is out there, and we cannot wait for this good boy to find them! Until then, we will continue to pamper this pooch the way he deserved all along.

Howie and Rex are not alone in their stories. Instances of cruelty and neglect are all too common in our community and happen right in our own neighborhoods. Hearing stories of animals needlessly suffering is gut-wrenching, but turning away is not an option. We are honored to give them a voice and tell their stories, but we need your help to change the narrative. Now more than ever, your continued support is needed as rates of animal cruelty cases rise nationwide. Together, we are rewriting stories of animal cruelty and neglect into tales of happily-ever-afters.

Your donation will now make double the impact! An anonymous donor will generously **match all gifts to this appeal, up to \$5,000**. As a non-profit relying primarily on financial contributions from our donors to continue our lifesaving mission, all of us at AWL deeply appreciate your generosity and kindness. Your support means the world, not just to the animals waiting for their stories to be heard, but to those who make it their life's work to give a voice to the voiceless.

With sincerest gratitude,

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Rex visiting Officer Markle in the Humane Office.

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