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*It started with a nine-hour ferry ride...
Find out what more it took to give Niko
a second chance at life...*



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***Left to die a slow, painful death,
Niko instead went on an amazing
journey of survival.***

***Thank you for giving him a second
chance at a happy, healthy life!***



*During
surgery*



*Happy
and healthy*

Dear [REDACTED]

Everyone deserves a second chance – Niko, a puppy who was hit by a truck and left to die on a lonely road near Klemtu in northern B.C., was desperately in need of one.

Thanks to your love of animals, Niko went on an extraordinary, 972-kilometre journey of survival by car, ferry, and plane to get the medical care he desperately needed.

You give animals like Niko a fresh start in life. Thanks to your support, abused, abandoned, injured animals from even the most remote areas of B.C. are transported to where we can provide specialized medical help and find forever homes for them.

As the year draws to a close, I ask you to please make a special gift of \$25, \$35 or whatever you can afford. It's your last chance in 2015 to give more homeless and injured animals like Niko a chance at finding a forever home for the holidays, and beyond.

What did it take to save Niko?

Badly injured and in terrible pain, Niko's journey began when a kind person found him on a road and called the BC SPCA. With specialized medical treatment unavailable in the region, the way to save the puppy was to bring him to a larger community.

His journey started with a nine-hour ferry ride to the Prince Rupert SPCA, where branch manager Jamey Morris awaited the puppy's arrival. "Picking Niko up at the ferry was a moment I won't forget: he was lying in his kennel and although we were strangers, he was so happy to see and greet us with kisses through the bars. Even after days in pain and the ferry ride, this handsome guy was still in good spirits."

Niko spent a few days at our Prince Rupert branch where he received a veterinary diagnosis, pain medication, and antibiotics. Everyone who met him fell in love with him.

Next, Niko was flown to Vancouver to receive specialized surgery for fractures to his pelvic

and hip areas. “Despite all the travel and the pain, he’s doing amazingly well,” said Vancouver SI branch manager, Jodi Dunlop.

“He’s come so far, literally and figuratively, and we just want him to have the chance to experience a long and pain-free life,” explained Jodi. “He’s so sweet-natured and still so young, so optimistic he’ll have a fantastic recovery and will be able to live a full and active life.”

It took a Good Samaritan, a skilled veterinary surgeon, and dedicated shelter staff and volunteers to love and care for Niko while he recuperated. But one more crucial member of the team is needed to save animals like Niko...

It takes YOU to save animals.

With your support you save animals who are rescued thanks to calls to our toll-free Cruelty Hotline and cruelty investigations. You save animals when loving guardians are found for homeless cats and dogs, some of whom are transferred from remote locations through our **“Drive for Livestock”** program. There are so many ways in which **you are saving animals right now** with your support. I want you to know what a vital member of the team you are.

Please, take a moment now to make your special gift to help us save more beautiful animals like Niko. Supporters, like you, make this lifesaving work possible.

Or, begin 2016 with a special commitment to the animals by signing up for the **BC SPCA (Pre-Authorized Withdrawal) Plan**. Because we never know when or where urgent needs will occur, your monthly support means the team will always have the resources to act quickly.

No matter how you decide to give, we’re showing our thanks by enclosing two holiday ornaments: one for you to display in your home and one to sign and mail back with your gift. We’ll put it on display in a BC SPCA shelter as a tribute to your deep love of animals.

Thank you for being a part of everything it takes to give animals a second chance. And please know that your gift today will help more homeless and injured animals like Niko during this Holiday season.



Best Holiday wishes to you and your family (be they human or feline)

Craig Daniell, CEO

P.S. With a new year almost here, this is your last chance in 2015 to give animals like Niko a second chance. Thank you for keeping them in your heart during the holidays and throughout the year!