



Each day we will share one of the 12 most heartwarming animal rescues of 2011. Each happy ending is made possible through your generosity!



7. Joker

Joker loves everybody he meets. When I visited him here at the shelter, he would bounce up to greet me with tail wagging. The sutures on his face were the only sign that something cruel had happened to him.



Joker was brought to the shelter by a police officer who found him wandering the streets with wounds to his face. A hair elastic had been placed through his mouth and around the back of his head. It had to have been there for a while, because it had cut deeply into the sides of his mouth and the back of his head.

When Joker arrived, Dr. Slatin, the veterinarian on duty in our clinic, went to work right away cleaning up and surgically repairing Joker's wounds. For several weeks, the staff gave him the TLC he needed as he healed. Finally, his sutures were removed and at last Joker was ready for adoption. A kind person came in to meet him and took him home.

It is hard to imagine what could have been going through the mind of the person who put the elastic on this little dog, but Joker was



bigger than his misfortune. His trusting, friendly nature was untouched by his painful experience. And now, thanks to your kind support, he will go on to live the life of fun and love that every dog should know.

On Joker's behalf, thank you!

-Bonney Brown

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