

2020 Was All Haywire

An Invitation to Support Metropolitan Guinea Pig Rescue

Friends of MGPR,

Well, 2020 certainly has been a year to remember and for way too many reasons. The pandemic caused us to cease adoptions for three months. Then, we had to find a way to totally reinvent ourselves when we did start adoptions again. Foster families have been truly tested, maybe tortured, by having to give up the fosters that were with them for so long during the shutdown. It is never easy to give them up, but after 3 months they were family members. As always, our fosters rose to the demands made of them.

This year also brought two of the most troubling cases we have ever worked with. On February 22, I was contacted to take a little guinea pig that had been thrown in a dumpster. The shelter had already had her under constant veterinary care for about 2 weeks before they brought her to me. Her condition was shocking. One leg had been cut around so that it was almost amputated.

There were many other scars. These were not wounds that came from being thrown in a dumpster they had been

inflicted for the entire 2-3 months of her little life by human hands. She was with us a little over two months. In those two months every time she was approached, she tried to make herself small and invisible. In early May she was adopted by a family that has had a very long relationship with MGPR. It

took them some time, but they have

been able to bring her out of her shell and watch her blossom. We did not name her initially, we waited for her to tell us who she was. I am talking about "Mercy."



Mercy

Two months

later, on July 18 we received an email asking if we could take a little boy that was in rough shape. We were not doing any intakes at that time, but the picture was so pathetic we could not say

no. 24 hours later one of our members brought him to me. Despite his horrendous body condition, the first thing he did was jump up on the side of the cage looking for attention. I had never understood the havoc mites could cause to a body. His skin was so inflamed and infected it took over 5 times the calories a guinea pig should have in a day to fight that off. As day after day I pumped the Critical Care into him, expecting weight gain that did not happen. I was sure that there were more things wrong with him. Except for a missing lower incisor and some wonky upper teeth, it was a bad case of scurvy and being eaten alive by mites. It took 10 weeks and 5 mite treatments to get on top of it. Haywire is in good shape these days. He will stay with the rescue in some capacity. This boy will never suffer again.

This is where you come into our story. This year has given us far fewer opportunities than usual for fund raising. In order to continue taking in the difficult cases as well as the fun ones we need your support now more than ever.



Haywire then...



Haywire now!

Learn more about these and other guinea pigs on our website,

www.mgpr.org

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