

## Suffield Veterinary Hospital June 2021 Patient of the Month

Meet Frankie, a 12-year-old, toothless Chihuahua/Italian Greyhound mix owned by our own Kennel Manager, Anastasia of Broad Brook. He was adopted by his previous owners when he was 5 years old and was surrendered to SVH because they could no longer care for him. During his annual appointment, after spending some time with Frankie, Anastasia fell in love with him. Upon hearing that Frankie's owners were looking to send him to a rescue, SVH offered for him to be surrendered to us, and subsequently Anastasia took the chance on welcoming Frankie into her home.

For the most part, Frankie has acclimated to his new life extremely well. He has lost some weight due to GI issues from the lifestyle change, but is now on a special diet to help get his weight back up. During his exam, we found that he has a slight heart murmur that must be monitored for its degenerative properties. He has recently been cleared to have surgery to remove a benign eyelid tumor.

Frankie spends his "work" days at SVH in our employee's pet ward, in a comfy bed with his favorite blanket. This has been another significant change for Frankie due to his not having had previous kennel experience, but he has since gotten used to being in a kennel and fully enjoys it now! A few times during the day, he gets to do his walkabout around the hospital to say hi to all his SVH friends. Wherever he goes, he brings joy to everyone he meets with his goofy smile and prancy walk. He loves making new friends. He will go up to anyone with his tail wagging while expecting attention. He also goes on weekly hikes with his SVH "cousins" Moose, Henry, Lulu and Mocha. Surprisingly, he keeps up easily with those big boys and girls while always keeping Anastasia in his peripheral.



Unfortunately, adopting senior pets is not very popular. However, we at SVH believe that every pet deserves to have a happy ending. Even though Frankie faced challenges in the beginning, he has now regained his puppy-like energy, and his personality has soared which tells us how happy he is with his life! In hopes of encouraging senior pet adoption we are tickled to name Frankie our June 2021 Patient of the Month.

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