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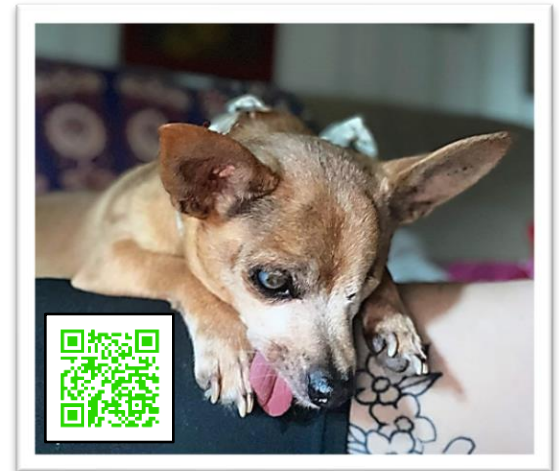
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Pet Honoree Walter Leroy Jenkins

Pets Who Jingle! (Team ID – 29228)

Approximately four years ago, Walter was listed on the Franklin County Dog Shelter's "Rescue Only" list. He had been surrendered to the shelter by someone who said that he was a stray but knew his birthday and his whole history. When I called about him, he had less than 8 hours before he was going to be euthanized because he had been deemed "unadoptable." With the help of Colony Cats and Dogs, I pulled him that day. When he was brought out to me, he was skinny and flea-bitten with one single tooth, but he was so sweet and wiggly. I took him home, introduced him to the pack, and he promptly walked right off my back porch.



2 days later, we found out he was completely blind due to head trauma that had detached his retinas. Of course, no one at the "shelter" even noticed.

I formally adopted him within a week and named him Walter, after my now-91-year-old grandfather who is known for his strong opinions and small stature. Walter has certainly lived up to his name!

My grandfather, Walter Fred Harris, served in the Korean War as a Marine. He has never spoken much about that time, but my childhood was spent learning the Marine Corps hymn, looking at pictures of him in uniform, and hearing him say that serving his country was the greatest honor he's ever had except for being my grandfather. My grandfather grew up in a home with a dirt floor in West Virginia. He didn't have his first pair of shoes until he was 12. He has always credited the Marine Corp with totally changing his life's path. He is a stoic, disciplined man with an excellent sense of humor who has supported and loved me my entire life. He loves that I named Walter after him and adores my stories about this discarded chiweenie bossing all the other dogs around and keeping them in line.

We think Walter is about 10-12 now. He is an excellent boy, and we are so happy that he is part of our family.

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