

## **PET OF THE MONTH - DECEMBER**

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### **Noelle**



Noelle is a Belgian Malinois (pronounced mal-in-wah) and alive today because the FAYMAS mission includes *Improving the Quality of Shelter Animals' Lives by paying for extraordinary veterinary expenses.*

Yes, Noelle is a pure breed pup which is unusual for the Metro Animal Shelter. Seldom does the shelter receive pure breeds unless there are issues. In this case, Noelle was dropped off because she had a life threatening medical complication, one the owner did not want to deal with. It was evident to the staff at Metro, Noelle had to see a veterinarian right away and FAYMAS agreed to pay extraordinary costs. Firgrove Veterinary Hospital, which has provided pro bono dental and other care for Metro and has become a new contract veterinarian hospital for the shelter, found she had a telescoping intestine and performed surgery immediately.

"Intussusception" as it's called is uncommon, but potentially life-threatening and can occur in dogs and cats of all ages, but puppies and kittens are the most likely ones to develop the problem. Noelle was also diagnosed with two types of intestinal parasites which can also be a cause.

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Today, Noelle (now called "Payton") is a much happier pup. She's still being treated, but the outlook is bright. She's on a farm which is an ideal place for this breed of dog.

Her fawn-colored coat and black mask may mean people will mistake her for a small German Shepherd, but the Malinois is a distinct breed known for herding. They are also known for their intelligence, rapid learning ability and drive. She'll be able to put all that to good use with her new owners. Metro carefully screened her new Forever Family to assure this special girl will have a second chance at a long and productive life.

**Thank you Firgrove Veterinary Clinic, Metro Animal Shelter, and Noelle/Payton's new Forever Family!**

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