

The Story of Leo

Leo never had a family, rarely had food or water. He lived outside, in a muddy pen with lots of other dogs who had to fight for food. He lived hungry, thirsty, in filth and in fear. You see, Leo was born with no eyes so finding food or water was nearly impossible and fighting with other dogs for a bite of food was his existence. Storms were especially terrifying for him. Leo came into rescue because a Good Samaritan took the time to help him. He was not able to walk due to severe mats and severely long nails. With no vision, he feared the human touch that obviously had not been kind to him.

Leo found a family of his own, living a charmed life with people who taught him what it meant to be loved. He learned to see love with his heart.

Leo became an ambassador for the Brunswick County Chamber of Commerce with his own name tag, attending chamber meetings and welcoming new chamber members.

Leo was the Brunswick County Pet Idol in 2014.

Leo was the "People's choice" in a Wrightsville Beach fashion show for 2 years in a row. Leo was quite the celebrity and he loved his life.

Leo worked to promote spay and neuter programs to reduce the number of unwanted animals. He worked to raise funds to pay medical costs for other animals in need. He worked to raise awareness of animal cruelty in puppy mills.

Leo died on Aug 31, 2015 from complications of heart worms. He left this world a better place for other animals as a result of his campaign for puppy mill legislation and was so loved by so many people who were lucky enough to meet him along the way. Leo's life mattered and he made change that continues. Many will always remember Leo.

His hope is that pet owners will learn how important heart worm prevention is to their pet.