



MUTTVILLE
senior dog rescue

VETERINARY PROGRAM

Life-changing care

The rescue clinic is one of the first stops for every dog who comes to Muttville. For some, it's a routine check-up, but for others, their lives hang on the promise that **coming to Muttville finally means getting the critical care they need.**

Partner shelters reach out to Muttville when senior dogs need medical care they aren't set up to provide. They know the dogs will get the treatments they need because Muttville's veterinary program is built around the unique needs of older dogs.

The veterinary team includes a veterinarian, four registered veterinary technicians, and a veterinary assistant. **Dedicated program leadership and specialized expertise in senior dog care ensure the dogs' well-being is the focus.** Together, our four RVTs bring more than **100 years of combined experience** to Muttville. As Veterinary Program Director Jen Tacy says, "That's unheard of in a shelter!"

Dental care can be one of the most life-changing things we do for a senior dog, dramatically improving their comfort and quality of life. That's why we've made dentistry a priority.

Some of the mutts arrive with mouths that have been neglected for years and desperately need attention. After extensive dental treatment, some leave the clinic as full-fledged "gummy bears." They're a lot more comfortable and pretty adorable, too. More importantly, they're ready to eat, play, and enjoy life without the pain they've been carrying. As Dr. Gabby Alonzo, DVM, puts it: "Instead of worrying about pending vet care, adopters can just focus on loving their new best friend!"

Arrival

Every dog gets a physical, blood work, vaccines, flea and heartworm preventatives, and a microchip.



Dentals

Over half of all dogs receive a dental procedure within their first week!

Surgery

Dogs can get radiographs, ultrasounds, spays and neuters, enucleations, mass removals, and many types of soft tissue surgeries.



Critical care

From complex dental procedures to laser therapy and other specialized treatments, the mutts get the care they need.



A tiny survivor



Shrinky Dink, a pint-sized 13-year-old Chihuahua, was found at an abandoned housing project with teeth so rotten that part of his jaw was missing.

We repaired this tiny boy and just like that, he was adopted!



“Being able to relieve dogs from pain, then seeing them get adopted and live happy lives – there’s nothing more rewarding than that.”

– Dr. Gabby Alonzo, DVM

What a relief!

Lovelight, an eight-year old spaniel, came to Muttville blind, underweight, with large mammary masses, and itchy skin. She was in constant pain from glaucoma and a condition that caused her lashes to irritate her eyes. Her best option was eye removal.

After the surgery, Lovelight had two things to celebrate: she was no longer in pain and she was adopted! Today Lovelight is enjoying life with her mom and doggy brother, Arthur.



The team: Jen Sawyer, Jen Tacy, Estrella Oseguera, Laura Holthaus, Nosheen Abdullah, and Dr. Gabby Alonzo

In **2025**,
we performed:

753 dentals
477 surgeries & spay/neuters

In **2026**,
we are on
track to
complete
even more!

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