

# Meet Emmy

Emmy was just skin and bones in December when she came to GCCR. Estimated to be about six years old, she weighed less than 6 pounds. As an adult for her frame Emmy should weigh between 12 and 14 pounds. Her last puppy mill owner thought she could fatten Emmy up and breed her. Thinking the problem might be her rotten teeth, the miller herself pulled all but five of Emmy's teeth, and in the process broke her jaw.



Satisfying Emmy's insatiable appetite was costly and when she didn't gain weight, the breeder cut her losses. Fortunately, an all-breed rescuer in western Wisconsin brought Emmy to GCCR. Many others aren't so lucky.



Despite her difficult past and tiny frail body, Emmy shows a zest for life. She wasn't giving up and neither would GCCR. Initial tests and x-rays were inconclusive. Using GCCR resources, blood plasma was sent overnight to highly regarded specialists at Texas A&M, who diagnosed a condition more common in German Shepherds and other breeds called exocrine pancreatic insufficiency (EPI). Emmy's pancreas is unable to produce enzymes necessary for digestion. Emmy was starving to death, despite her enormous appetite.

The good news is Emmy was found in time and her condition is easily treatable. In her new foster home, Emmy is receiving an enzyme supplement, as well as a diet with controlled levels of fat and fiber. Emmy has already gained a half pound, and over the next few months she will continue to gain weight and prepare for her forever home.



GCCR is known for taking the difficult cases – Cavaliers that others have given up on. The costs may be high, but the rewards are priceless. With the help of wonderful volunteers and donors, GCCR is prepared to save Emmy, and give her the life she so desperately wants.

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