



MEET RASCAL!



So far Rascal is living up to his name, scampering about as puppies do! He was born and spent his first five months in a commercial kennel, but was quickly sent to auction when a heart murmur was detected. A Missouri volunteer brought him to GCCR.

Dr. Luethy, a Board certified veterinary cardiologist, determined Rascal's condition was more severe than a murmur. He diagnosed Rascal with moderate to severe pulmonic stenosis, a narrowing of the pulmonic valve that restricts blood flow causing his heart to overwork. For those who remember, this is the same condition that Tater Tot had when he arrived.

In the next few weeks, Rascal will see the veterinary specialists at Ohio State University. They will determine if he is an appropriate candidate for a minimally invasive procedure known as pulmonic balloon valvuloplasty. The estimated cost of the surgery is \$2500 and doesn't include travel costs for volunteers and follow-up visits.

Without intervention, Rascal faces a future of exercise intolerance, fainting, congestive heart failure, and possibly sudden death. GCCR wants to give Rascal a brighter future. If you'd like to be a part of that, please give what you can. Any size gift helps and is greatly appreciated.

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