

Gracie

Upon her Death

Words from her Mom

I know how much Gracie meant to you all, so I thought I should keep you informed. In early November Gracie began having some very unusual symptoms, a seizure and then frequently her eyes would dart around for extended periods of time and she would be unable to walk without stumbling and falling. We took her to a neurologist where she had an MRI and a spinal tap, and it was discovered that she had a quite advanced case of Hydrocephalus. This also explained why Gracie frequently had a weak appetite and her energy levels would swing from very hyper to lethargic. (This condition is what caused Gracie to lose her vision.)

Unfortunately, right before Christmas we had to make the extremely difficult decision with our vet that this was not a good quality of life for Gracie. She was consistently very disoriented and confused despite being on 3 different medications that we hoped would stop the progress of her condition.

We were devastated by this outcome, especially because Gracie had come incredibly far in the year that she was with us. She learned her way around our NYC block like the back of her hand! She had so many friends and supporters that she would say hi to on her walks. She was well known on our block and in our building and everyone was routing for her! She became amazingly affectionate with myself and her dad as well as both of our families, who she also spent a lot of time with. She loved spending time at my parents' home where they have a big wide open yard which she would run around so freely.

We are so appreciative of every second we had with her and how much she taught us and everyone who knew her. I have attached pictures for you all to get a glimpse into the wonderful year we had with her.

We are still very much grieving the loss of Gracie and will be for quite some time, but we have every intention of honoring Gracie by adopting another dog later this year. We hope when that time comes that Crossing Paths will again consider us as adopters.

I realize that Hydrocephalus is a rare condition and if you'd like to ask questions or speak to our vet you are welcome to. I can promise you that Gracie had the best vet and neurologist in NYC.

I'm sorry to be the bearer of such sad news, but I know you all cared greatly for her. Gracie got constant love, affection and support from everyone she interacted with in her time with us. She was a very happy girl!

We are sure she was loved dearly. Thank you for everything you did for your girl and ours.

All of us at Crossing Paths.

