

Meet Junie, she came to Happy Tails, in February, from a rescue in Payson that was disbanding. Her story is a sad one, and unfortunately, not uncommon in animal rescue.

Junie had been a breeder dog in a backyard operation until her back finally gave out, and they got rid of her. The Payson rescue took her and her buddy, Johnny, and began some therapy with Junie. In the four years she was with them, she regained some use of her back legs but remained completely incontinent. She has been with our Happy Tails foster since mid-February. She is with several other dogs, including her ever faithful friend, Johnny, and gets lots of exercise, so she has shown even more improvement in the use of her back legs.

Happy Tails had Junie evaluated at Grand Paws Animal Clinic in Surprise, AZ, where they have had tremendous success with stem cell therapy in paralyzed dogs and are a leader in this area in regenerative medicine.

On her first visit, Junie was analyzed for neurologic deficiencies, and they were very encouraged by her response, so the decision was made to proceed with stem cell therapy.

Her second visit was for a bloodwork looking for cancer markers because cancer and stem cells do not play well together, as well as x-rays of her spine. These showed a

clear lesion at L4-5 which they believe is causing her paralysis and incontinence and will be the primary site of injection. She also has a suspicious calcification higher in her thoracic spine that will also receive stem cells. Now, we're waiting for the results of her cancer testing and go from there.

Please come back and look for the next installment in her story. If she is cancer free, as we have no reason not to believe she is, the stem cell collection and injection will be scheduled quickly, and then, she will have weekly appointments.

We will tell her story as it unfolds.

As always, if you would like to donate to Junie, or any of our rescue animals, please click the donate button, below.
Thank you