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Starved Dog Left on Side of Road to Die

Deerpark, NY: On Wednesday February 24th a good Samaritan picked up an emaciated white pit bull terrier off the side of Route 209 near 3rd Street in Cuddebackville and brought her to the Humane Society of Port Jervis/Deerpark where emergency medical attention was given. This poor girl, named Sweet Sally by shelter staff, was so weak she couldn't stand up on her own. Her body temperature was extremely low and she weighed a mere 28 pounds.

While at the veterinarian's office, Sweet Sally was given IV fluids, antibiotics and vitamins. Bloodwork indicated her liver and kidneys were not functioning. She was extremely dehydrated. It is suspected that Sweet Sally went without food for at least several weeks. The decision was made to give this girl all the care and medical attention that she needed regardless of the cost.

Sweet Sally lived up to her newly-given name by wagging her tail to acknowledge her caregivers' presence. She was a very good patient and this gentle dog seemed to know that the strangers surrounding her were there to help ease her suffering.

It is with heavy hearts and great sadness that we announce Sweet Sally passed away while at the emergency veterinary hospital on Sunday, February 28th. Her kidneys were damaged beyond repair when she arrived at the Humane Society. The veterinarians said there was nothing more that could have been done for her. A necropsy will be done to provide as much information as possible as to the cause of her condition.

The Humane Society is grateful for the outpouring of encouragement and donations for Sweet Sally from our immediate community and well beyond. If money remains after all of her medical expenses are paid, we will ensure it is used to help other animals in need at our shelter.

As with any animal that has been neglected and abused, we intend to seek justice for Sally to the fullest extent of the law. Law enforcement officials still need the public's help to identify the person(s) responsible for her suffering and ultimately her death. If you have any information,

please contact the Town of Deerpark Police at 845-856-4333. Let's find this person or persons so they can't hurt another living creature the way they hurt Sweet Sally.

The Humane Society is posting a substantial reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible.