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Dear Shari,

I wanted to take a moment to thank you for all that you were able to do for Bella and I. What you may not know is the reason behind why we needed your help so badly.

I had to move in with family. Bella came with us and unfortunately could not stay as my father is highly allergic to dogs. And so my search began for a new home for Bella.

Labrador Rescue centers that I called all said she was too old for adoption. They would only take dogs that were under 6 years of age. Humane Societies I called, told me that because of her age (8 years old) they would have to put her down. "No one adopts older dogs," I was told by several humane societies. This was not an option that I could accept. Bella was just in the middle of a mess she had no understanding of and that there seemed no solution for.

Bella is one of the most enthusiastic dogs I ever met in my life. She has more spunk than a puppy and is always smiling. After meeting her, nobody would even believe me when I would tell them her age. Everyone always mistook her for a puppy!

In early December, I found an ad you placed in the "Chronicle" in Orange County and called you the next day. In less than a week you had found someone for Bella! We scheduled her to be looked at by a vet, so we could go through with the adoption. I thought I would have to back out of the adoption because I had no money to pay the vet bills. My high hopes were dashed. When I called you to deliver the bad news you told me, "not to worry, Paws Unlimited will take care of the vet bills." Completely floored, I said thank you, hung up the phone and cried. Those were my first "tears of joy" in a very long time.

I am so happy and thankful that Bella has a loving home again. I have had her since she was 11 weeks old. She was my baby and always will be. I hoped and prayed for a miracle for my Bella, but thought no one was listening. My Christmas wish for Bella has come true, because of you. She is with a loving couple who even wanted to know when her birthday was so they could celebrate it and give her presents! I thought I was the only one who did that!

I also wanted to thank you so very much for stopping in to see Bella in her new home to make sure that her transition was a smooth one. Your care and concern for my Bella was something I never imagined I'd find in another person. I am forever indebted to you and Paws Unlimited.

Warmest Regards,

Stacey Vaccarino