

## Who Is Hero?

**Hero** (AKA the Gentle Giant) is a special dog that came to the Rescue Train in great need of help. What is so special about Hero? After all the neglect this dog has faced he has kept his sweet and funny spirit that seems to touch everyone that crosses his path. A lot of people are routing for him to get well and find a loving home so we have decided this page to his progress.

## Hero's Story

**One of our volunteers** got a call from her next-door neighbor to please come over and help with a stray dog found in front of his house. When the volunteer saw the dog her heart sank. This giant puppy was **a mess**. (Who could let a dog get into this condition?) A year old Rottweiler, Hero, laid on the ground with **eyes pleading**. Covered in mange he couldn't walk because of the sores on his feet. The volunteer patted him and he gently took food from her hand and leaned his head against her leg. This dog is so gentle and sweet. Suddenly an Animal Control truck pulled up, which another neighbor had called. **A decision needed to be made**. Animal Control said the dog would be euthanized on the spot if he brought it to the shelter. Without the blink of an eye The Rescue Train made room for one more passenger on this packed train.

## Hero The Day He Was Found On The Street



## Hero's Diagnosis

**Good News!** Even though Hero survived terrible neglect his condition was treatable with time. He arrived at the Animal Medical in Van Nuys where he will be in isolation for 30 days to treat his mange which was so severe it turned into a bacterial infection throughout his body. His feet were so sore upon arrival that he could not walk and needed to be carried in by the staff there.

## **Hero Says Thank You To The Vet Tech That Carried Him In**



## Hero Is A Lover!

Hero's sweet soul has touched us all. He will say goodbye to his friends at Animal Medical Center and his rescuer as he leaves to go to further rehabilitate and get intensive obedience training at Lockwood Canine Training Center [www.lockwoodcanine.com](http://www.lockwoodcanine.com) in Frazier Park where he'll be under the care of dog trainer Julie Iles.

## **Hero's Express His Gratitude To His Rescuer on the way to out the door!**



### **Hero's Progress**

**Hero goes to school!** In the six months since Hero came to our rescue his transformation has been amazing. It took several months for his medication to make a big change in his appearance. People turned away from adopting him because of the way he looked. For a dog who didn't even know how to walk on the leash his obedience training has gone so well. He's a star! I think his photos below will say it all!

### **How Can You Help Hero?**

**The Rescue Train runs solely** on tax-deductible donations. We rely on the animal loving community to help us do this life saving work. If you would donate to Hero's on going care you may click on to our donation page or mail your tax-deductible check to:

**The Rescue Train  
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**Thank you for your compassion!**

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