

Cami: November 2, 2010



Cami is a 3-year-old, 4 lb., female Chihuahua. She was surrendered in this condition by her owner, who got our phone number from a vet who knows we take special cases like hers. It appears that Cami was bitten by something when she was left in the owner's yard.

Over the course of a week, Cami became more and more ill as her wounds worsened. The owner, being unable to afford proper vet care, attempted to perform treatment herself, making things worse. By the time Cami WAS taken to the vet, most of her skin had peeled away

The vet was horrified. He gave an estimate of \$1,000+ and gave the owner our phone number, suggesting that she call us immediately. UnderDog's founder, Shona, met with Cami's owner within an hour and rushed Cami to [Ranch Animal Hospital](#).

There it was determined that Cami will need at least 3 surgeries to close up the openings in her back. Cami is an example of an Underdog who's vet expenses will far exceed any reasonable adoption fee.

Dr. Eva Ojolic, Ranch Animal Hospital sent an update on Cami:

Cami was brought to Ranch by UnderDog Rescue in early November. She had an injury to her back. There was a moderate area between her shoulder blades where the skin was hanging off, and from her mid-back down to her tail - all the skin was gone.

She was hospitalized immediately to begin intensive treatment and her medical care is still ongoing. She has endured many surgeries, daily wound cleaning and bandages changes. She is healing slowly. She finally can be picked up and given the love she desires, without causing her discomfort. She truly has a wonderful personality.



What caused her injury? No one knows. We can speculate as to what can cause this type of injury – heat burn, chemical burn, or trauma from a sharp object (like she ran under something). The injury was first noticed when the skin started dying and falling off suddenly.



Dr Ojolic's recommendations:

Pay attention to our pets. Make sure your environment is pet friendly. Clean up any spills of household chemicals both indoors and outside. Antifreeze used in cars is highly toxic and deadly when ingested by cats and dogs. Bleach not properly rinsed off surfaces will cause caustic burns on skin. This includes use on floors, blankets, and pet's clothing. Please use topical flea and tick products according to their directions. Do not try to save a penny by using dog flea products on cats, or splitting a larger dose between animals. You will pay more in veterinary bills trying to save that animal's life. Some dog flea prevention is extremely toxic when placed on cats. Make sure areas where your pet can crawl under does not have any sharp edges. Take a second look at your environment, do it at their level. Make sure you didn't overlook something that could be harmful to your pet. If you have any questions, always feel free to ask your family veterinarian or staff member.

Cami Update: December 1, 2010



Cami has been released from Ranch Animal Hospital and has moved to a foster home in Sarasota.