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From: Jackie Keeney
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Subject: PLEASE read the below stories and access blog below before you vote for the dogs to stay on wire today. THANK YOU

This is just a great video. Thanks for sharing it. Our little Linus - another wire-raised puppy mill dog - will never have hips that can bear weight, avoids every grate with panic and always has to have his bottom on a soft spot, but with months and months of work, he became just a charmer. He is 3 now and going blind because of a genetic condition, but we work even harder to take him to new environments so that he will learn the world doesn't have to close in on him when he loses his sight. These are the few lucky ones who win the jackpot.

I can say that although he was only 7 weeks when he came to us, the deprivation, neglect and absolute abdication of dog needs that were Linus's birthright as a puppy mill dog, had already caused such brain and behavioral damage that had he not come to us - where he could get special help - he'd be dead...and not likely without considerable abuse from humans first. He still has difficult moments, and needs protective care, but what he has taught me, and therefore thousands of vets is important. Part of his story is told in an article about one of my other abused rescues in Vol. 6 Issue 2 (2010) Rally to Rescue magazine, published by Purina for rescue and shelter groups engaged in Rescue. Another one of your dogs, Picasso, is the cover boy.

Here's to the day when all dogs are wanted dogs, no dogs are raised on wire, and education about and enforcement of welfare needs and well-being is based in science and humane care. We are not there yet, but I believe we can get there.

<http://cuddledoan.blogspot.com/>

One of Sam King's dogs. She had a broken hip when she came to us. And broken teeth. After a year of extensive rehabilitation (very timid) and surgery and water therapy, she found the best home. A great home! And she's no longer forced to stand on 50% wire flooring in some dilapidated hutch! Trapped in some hot barn without access to fresh air and an outdoor run! This is what's it all about folks - dogs being dogs with a little joy in their lives.