

favorite part was walking the parades and meeting small kids that James would allow to give me treats. Now many people would say that I'm a hero but to me the hero's were Dr. Johnson and her staff at the San Pierre Vet's office after they detected and saved my life from heart worms in 2010. I remember James laying in the kennel with me and the nights he stayed up with me and how he carried me outside to use the bathroom when I couldn't walk. I don't know when he was more happy when I woke up and was back to my usual self or the day that we got a clean bill of health and we went back to work. Looking back it was a long road and I can assure you that I know and remember where I came from. Living in a demo shed I never would have thought that I would one day be loved by so many people and have so many fans. Sure there are lots of fancy dogs from overseas that people have paid top dollar for but none with the personality like mine. Now days I have my very own house/man cave, my best friend James and his kids to crawl all over me and act like puppies . Yeah, I could go back to the streets any day but the one thing I can't let go of is the thought of something happening to my Best friend James and me not being there to save him or drag him out of the pile. That's some twist of events and a pretty good deal for an old mixed up mutt like myself. Now in retirement, I will have to adjust yet again to relax but my job isn't over. I have a whole family with small kids to help raise, protect and watch grow up. I feel this might be my biggest challenge yet but I do love them to pieces. Thank you to all of the people in my life who believed in me and gave me the chance to show them what I was made of. God bless the Starke County Community.

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