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Leah a white lab mix puppy was rescued from a Georgia Shelter along with her Mother, older brother and sister, and a sibling sister.

Leah is being fostered locally but was adopted out to a couple who live in Massachusetts and was scheduled to go to her new home this weekend. Unfortunately, Leah became ill and started seeping blood and no one really knew where the blood was coming from.

The foster Mom called the Core member of Labs4rescue who is working out of East Tennessee to tell her of what was happening to Leah. She was advised to take Leah to a local Vet.

The Vet called the core member and said this is critical. She did not have any blood clotting ability and her CPK's were getting very low. They were 18 and should be 30.

Leah's blood would not clot.

Since it was late Friday, we were advised to take Leah to the Airport Emergency Clinic were she could be given Vitamin k and IV's to help clot the blood.

Leah still was loosing too much blood. The Vitamin K took 48 hours to work and she had just started the Vitamin K.

The Airport Emergency wanted to do a blood transfusion Saturday evening with their donor but noting the condition of the little lab puppy, Dr Tracy Padgett with Kingsport Vet Hospital wanted to go ahead with the transfusion but the only problem was their donor dog was older.

The Labs4rescue member thought of Leah's half/brother Freckles who also came up from Georgia shelter. Freckles is only 8 months old and was big enough to help with the transfusion.

Freckles was brought to Kingsport Vet Hospital to meet his little sister Leah. He is usually so hyper but he seemed like he knew he was helping Leah. Dr. Padgett said he was very still and let them take the needed blood for Leah. This was about two hours and she said Freckles was an excellent donor dog.



Considering Freckles was so hyper this was amazing! When Freckles was picked up to take back to his foster home, he went over to Leah's crate and tried to give her a kiss.

The good news because Freckles allowed them to take his blood for Leah and the wonderful work of Dr. Tracy Padgett of Kingsport Vet and the Airport Emergency,

Leah's CPK's went from 18 to 28 in just a few hours. Her bleeding has stopped and she is whining and eating and drinking and giving kisses herself.

Her adoptive parents are thrilled that Leah received the needed support she needed to recover.

Labs4rescue Directors were thrilled with the heroic efforts that Freckles volunteered so willingly to help his sister.

Leah is going home to her foster Mom and will still undergo treatment with Vitamin K for a few weeks but she is definitely on the way to a full recovery.

Thanks to Freckles the brave homeless Rescue Lab mix.

Labs4rescue was so impressed with Freckles that they are placing him in their Alumni Brag page on their website at www.labs4rescue.com