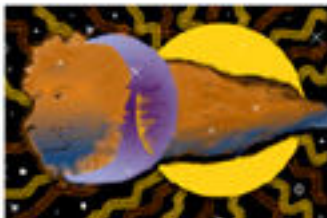


DIVA DOG Director's Statement by Chris Cory

DIRECTOR STATEMENT

Chris Cory felt compelled to tell his dog's story because so many people would approach him on the street to ask questions about Coral and her doggie wheelchair. It became clear that her story was a resource to educate and enlighten people about the options available for disabled pets. Coral was rescued from abuse and lived many years traveling all around America. When she was hit by the car right before Chris's eyes, he was devastated. But the most startling realization was that Coral was NOT devastated nor depressed. When faced with the decision of whether to keep her alive or not, Chris asked himself a few basic questions: 1. "Was Coral in pain?" 2. "Could she have a quality of life?" 3. "Did Coral want to live?" After researching the topic and speaking to several other people with disabled pets, Chris knew he couldn't put Coral to sleep. She was too happy to be forced to die, and she clearly wanted to live. This experience inspired Chris, which in turn inspired many others. He knew this story needed to be told, because it is about so much more than just one dog. It is a universal story for anyone who has ever had to overcome seemingly insurmountable odds or tragedy. And most importantly, Coral was Chris's friend, his family. And he did not believe one should give up on his friend or family simply because that friend had become disabled. Coral lived an amazingly joyful existence. Her story is an important one to see in these days and times. Hopefully, it will encourage others to open their hearts and quite simply, just to love.



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