

# White Sox pitcher covers vet bills for dog shot with arrow

Edwardsville, Illinois - A sad little Sheltie mix named Shelby was picked up on Thursday morning by Madison County Animal Control; she was found with a broken arrow protruding through her abdomen. Shelby was rushed to Horseshoe Lake Animal Hospital where Dr. Nathan Jurgena performed surgery on her and removed her spleen and repaired part of her bowel. Luckily for this little dog, White Sox baseball pitcher Mark Buehrle and his wife Jamie have donated \$2400 for veterinary bills which are estimated to be thousands of dollars more. The couple read about the dog on Facebook and wanted to help.

The Buehrles are great animal lovers and are directly involved in *Sox for Strays*, a monthly pre-game adoption event where pets from local shelters and rescue organizations are brought to U.S. Cellular Field hoping to find new adoptive homes. The couple is also involved with *Adopt-A-Pet.com*, the largest North American nonprofit adoption website.

Jackie Spiker of [Hope Animal Rescue](#) has taken over the responsibility of Shelby from the Madison County Animal Control and is reaching out to the community and animal lovers to help raise the rest of the funds needed to ensure Shelby's long recuperation time. The dog is now on intravenous IV and antibiotics and will be in guarded condition for the next ten days. She is currently recovering at the Hawthorne Animal Hospital.



Shelby's original owners formally gave up ownership because they could not afford the medical bills. The dog had been missing for six weeks, and the owners never contacted animal control to report her disappearance. Shelby was traced back to her owners from a microchip implanted in the dog's shoulder.

No one knows who shot her or if it was an accident. Both the tip and base of the arrow were missing. Authorities are investigating.