

心血 Casey Lewis's Campaign for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Woman of the Year Competition 血

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In 2002, my family lost our golden retriever Buddy to bone cancer. We had adopted him in 1997 with his brother Rex. They were quite the pair, about as crazy and awesome as you would expect two golden retriever brothers to be. We had to take them for four 45-minute walks every day just to keep their energy in check. They would still find it in themselves to wrestle constantly and dig huge trenches in the yard trying to unearth gophers.

We trained them to walk so well on a leash that they didn't need one - they were known for "walking themselves" holding their own leashes in their mouths. My parents brought them to our little league games in the park on a regular basis. They became well recognized and well loved in the neighborhood.

I don't remember much of anything about Buddy's diagnosis or cancer progression. What I remember most is sitting in the dirt crying and holding him for two hours before my dad had to take him to the vet to be euthanized. Thinking about it today still brings tears to my eyes.

More than 1 million companion dogs are diagnosed with and treated for cancer each year, and lymphoma is one of the most commonly diagnosed forms of cancer in canines. Humans and dogs are 85% genetically identical, so cancers affect both species in similar ways. Treatments for human blood cancers continue to be developed and modified for dogs with naturally occurring forms of cancer, and vice versa.

Both humans and dogs with lymphoma are currently benefitting from a multi-year \$2 million LLS research grant funding a project at Cornell University's College of Veterinary Medicine. The project is studying naturally occurring canine lymphoma to accelerate treatments for dogs and people. In honor of my boy Buddy, and all of our furry besties fighting canine cancers, I invite you to donate to my campaign for the [The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society](#)'s Man & Woman of the Year Competition. My team, the Sgt. Bobby's Full-of-Hearts Club Band, is on a mission to raise \$81,000 USD. Every dollar donated counts as one vote for Sgt. Bobby's.

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Thank you for joining us in this fight against cancer.

❤️ EVERYONE WINS WHEN CANCER LOSES ❤️

With Love and Light,
Casey and the Sgt. Bobby's Full of Hearts Club Band

