

## CHAMP



The Animal Medical Care Foundation (AMCF) was contacted by The Emir Foundation, Poland and asked if they would feature a dog called Champ on their **Virtual Adoption** website in January 2010.

Champ is a dog who was taken to a City Guards' Office in Poland. He had been left tied to a fence with a piece of paper stuck to his collar saying his name was Jackal and he was 4 years old. The dog was taken to a local shelter, but lack of space meant he was put into an outside pen and during the night the temperature fell to -10 degrees C. The dog was severely malnourished and was very ill and when the Emir Foundation heard about him, they took him to a vet clinic, having changed his name to Champ for luck.



The Emir Foundation asked the AMCF to feature Champ on their Virtual Adoption website and ask for sponsors to help pay for the cost of his care. This the AMCF were very happy to do, as it was obvious that the dog was in urgent need of medical care. The dog fought hard for his life. The vets looked at him and thought at first he had an obstruction in his oesophagus, and it was essential that a thorough examination was made and tests carried out. Cancer was also suspected.

The results of the tests showed no cancer, but Megaoesophagus and Gastritis Hemorrhagica. Champ's eating habits were changed and he was given extra medicines to protect his stomach and to improve the working of the oesophagus. He was a very good patient and gradually he improved, although visually he was still very thin. It was recognised that Champ did have a lot of problems, but with patience and lots of care, it was thought he would be able to survive. He will always need special care because of the Megaoesophagus.



The Emir Foundation hoped very much that they would be able to find a kind, permanent home for Champ, and early in February they waited with baited breath to see whether a kind family from Austria would take him. The family had to make sure that he would fit in with their other two dogs. Fortunately there were no problems as Champ is a very loving, sociable dog. Champ moved to Austria on Wednesday 24 February! His new owners are patient and understanding, and the Emir Foundation still cannot believe their luck in finding a home for Champ! Now everybody wishes Champ a

long life and lots of happiness in his new home. It is a story such as Champ's that makes the work the AMCF does, so very rewarding.



*The AMCF does not handle adoptions, as we concentrate on the medical care of homeless animals, but it has been a big reward to us to see an animal that we have supported from the beginning, slowly recover and who now has the chance of a happy future.*

*The AMCF supports over 70 animal shelters in more than 30 countries with monthly donations of medicines, medical and care products.*