

# Holly

Debbie and Paul Solarczyk

Holly came to my house as an injured rescue dog that needed rehabilitation and healing time before going to her forever home. She was sponsored by North Coast Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Ohio. Sherry Gideon was the coordinator of Holly's care. When we received Holly into our home, she had both of her front legs in splints. She was a very frightened girl and was extremely thin. Her eyes had no spark and she looked as though she had given up. While she stayed with us, she was carried outside and back indoors again for potty breaks 3 times a day. Her bandages and skin care took approximately 1 to 1 1/2 hours each day. Her follow-up surgery care was managed at



Ohio State. Caring for her needs both mentally and physically was one of the hardest things I have ever done in rescue work.

Holly spent three months in our home and then was placed with Debbie Solarczyk in Pennsylvania. She lives with Debbie, Paul and a male Berner named Rutherford. Although Debbie reports that Holly has a happy life, she has not returned to the point of functioning that I had hoped was possible for her. Her front legs remain fixed with plates and screws and it is possible she lives a life of chronic pain.

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