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SHAGGY DOG RESCUE

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Just as I breathed a sigh of relief that I was able to take goose home.. he was quite a drain on my finances being at the vets for so long.. but worth every hard earned penny! that we have another dog with the same situation.. we took blacky. Now renamed "marvin" from b.a.r.c. on friday our Houston city pound, dumped by his owner because of a move he was terrified and had blood in his urine so needed out of the shelter asap or would be put to sleep that day..I was hoping he just had a bad urinary tract infection but after our experience with goose knew that he may also have caval syndrome..when we got him to the vets they found out that his vital signs and blood work were bad, so knowing what we went through with goose and this poor boy having tested high positive for heart worms the vet started running tests and after doing x rays and an ultra sound of the heart, which the vet said was just amazing watching a very enlarged heart just pulsating it was so full of worms, we knew that he also had caval syndrome and we rushed him to the cardiologist for surgery this morning, its a very risky surgery as they have to pull the heart worms out through the aorta and if one breaks off the dog can die...late this afternoon i got word that he had pulled through the surgery. they extracted 18 worms from the right side of the heart, goose had 13 extracted.. so this poor boy was in worse shape, he still has one worm left but they felt it would be too difficult to extract and of course he still has worms in other parts of his body that need to go through the 60 day shot treatment as well to finish killing them off just like we did with goose he is not out of the woods yet, the surgeon said he has a blood clot near his heart valve and so they are watching him closely tonight, this poor boy had to be carried into the vets office today he just could not stand up, just scared to death.. hopefully he is on his way to recovery albeit very long and scary for him.. at least he has a chance...he is only 3 yrs old and just the sweetest little dog...keeping my fingers crossed that he too will be looking for a new home in a few months....

