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Dear [informal salutation],

As we celebrate the School of Veterinary Medicine's 75 years of exceptional care, education and innovation, I want to thank you for being part of our UC Davis community.

Among the festivities commemorating this milestone, you may have noticed one of our 75th anniversary logos featuring an outline of a little dog in a tutu. The inspiration for this design is a 7-year-old Pomeranian-mix named Dolce, who's story speaks to the heart of who we are.

In 2019, Dolce was found scared, cold and in pain on the side of a road in Northern California. She had been hit by a car, causing several fractures to her fragile, five-pound body. After no one claimed her at the Yolo County SPCA, she was referred to our UC Davis Fracture Program.

Thanks to the partnership of Nestlé Purina PetCare, our UC Davis Fracture Program works closely with 501c3 rescue organizations to identify dogs and cats who can benefit from surgery to repair their broken limbs, making a big difference in the lives of these animals.

After a collaborative team repaired fractures in Dolce's pelvis and right hind leg, she was discharged and went to a foster home for recovery. It wasn't long before Dolce, with her big brown eyes and sweet temperament, caught the attention of Debbie Wilson, our school's executive director of Development. It was love at first sight for both of them.

Dolce now has a spring in her step and enjoys the life of a princess. Her biggest worry these days is deciding which of her 85 color-coordinated outfits (often with tutus!) to wear with her crystal collars.

Your generosity allows the School of Veterinary Medicine to minimize student debt while providing the nation's highest-ranked education in our profession. By renewing or increasing your gift today, you help us advance our cutting-edge research, innovative programs and enable students from all backgrounds to enter the field.

Thank you so much for your support.

Sincerely,

Mark D. Stetter, DVM, Diplomate ACZM Dean, UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine

