



## Clementine .

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Clementine inspired everyone in our home to be brave, love unconditionally, and never feel held back by our challenges. She faced her disability with remarkable tenacity, and developed quite the sense of humor over the years. After being attacked by a dog, she transitioned from living feral outside with no human contact to strictly indoors with a family who couldn't resist petting her (because she was SO cute). It didn't take her long to find out that couches, blankets, and beds are awesome, and that there would always be heat/air conditioning/ and food. It did take her about 10 years, however, to realize that she didn't need to hide under tables to stay dry when it rained. We will never forget the moment she was brave enough to come out from under the couch and join us on top of it during a storm, and the look of shock on her face. She never stopped trying and she never stopped learning. Her little legs didn't work like her brothers' and sister's did, but that didn't stop her from zooming around and just like them. The most important thing she learned was how amazing it was to be pet. Her daddy rubbed her belly and neck on the couch every night and it was her greatest joy. She even agreed to let mommy kiss her good bye on the forehead when leaving for work (after 10 years of building up to it). We ran out of time to help her see that being held is just like being pet but even better, but I know she would have loved it if we had more years together. Clementine taught us profound lessons in patience and bravery, and that building true love is absolutely worth the compromise and time that it takes. She intentionally created deep bonds with her siblings, Zoe,

Henry, and Archie, who were all devastated by her passing. We were all so lucky to share a home with such a spirited, forgiving, and loving little Clemmie. We will miss you forever, sweet baby.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Mikko lit a candle in memory of Clementine .*



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