In Memoriam

Lyra Foster
Born September 15, 2009
Passed March 3, 2016
"Our little snuggle and cuddle pup!"

Lyra was one of our two Chihuahua-Terrier mixes we have had since she was 10 weeks old. She was 7 years old and had some medical issues throughout her short life. Her left knee has finally degraded to the point where she was in so much pain that she mostly just lay around. She was not eating to much as that would require walking outside to do her business. When a leash came out she was happy and eager to go, but hopped on 3 legs, curling her left leg underneath her.

Lyra had lots of life in her and was extremely bonded to her litter mate Luna - anyone would tell you that it was impossible to separate them. At the most recent vet visits, when Lyra was diagnosed, Luna would insist on accompanying Lyra to be examined by darting through the exam door to follow in back and could be heard fussing the whole time.

Although this started out with her needing surgery to repair the ACL joint in her left knee with a huge cost. Then she began not eating and having new internal (stomach, intestinal, etc.) problems. We began giving her all sorts of pain and digestive treatments. Nothing helped. She lost over 10 lbs. which was a lot for a Chihuahua.

She remained our snuggly little fur baby and while we did have other financial obligations, we had adopted her for forever and needed to see to her medical needs and hope for a miracle to get her relief from pain and illness and back to scampering around. We appreciated everything people gave, both in money, love and good wishes.

This all started in September 2015 and, although she was up and down, she had almost 6 more months of love and attention (Patricia took her *everywhere*). The love and kindness shown by the doctors and staff at the Pet Hospital in Orange was overwhelming and we and she will be forever thankful.
Lyra has now crossed the Rainbow Bridge to be with her former friend and the other members of our family who went before her: Gryphon, Tasmin and Tosche.