

UTILITY INSPECTION EQUIPMENT TO THE RESCUE!

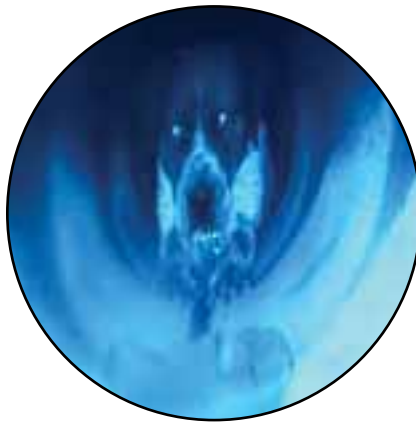
During the recent Thanksgiving holiday, Zeke, a German short-hair/boxer mix, crawled into a 12-inch drain pipe in St. Paris, Ohio. Due to the restrictive size of the pipe, Zeke could only crawl forward and became trapped somewhere inside the pipe. After several days of frantic searching and digging by local crews, the pursuit was called off with the assumption that Zeke was no longer alive.

Sarah Story, Zeke's owner, never lost hope her dog was still alive, and she was determined to find him. With the help of Susan Sharpe, Zeke's trainer, and a nationwide network of dog lovers, help was soon forthcoming. They eventually located Steve Maller of Dreier & Maller, Inc. in Reynoldsburg, Ohio. Sharpe told Maller of Zeke's plight, and he quickly sprang into action. Steve along with two co-workers gathered their equipment and traveled 60 miles, committed to finding Zeke without really knowing what the outcome of their search would reveal.

Dreier & Maller's robotic television inspection system, a device commonly used for pipeline inspection, was lowered into the pipe to search for Zeke. They first heard his bark before eventually locating him on camera some 450 feet down the line. After five long days, Zeke was discovered alive! A small section of the drainpipe was excavated and Zeke was finally free!

This was the second time that Zeke's life was spared. After spending the first year of his life in a kennel, Sarah adopted him from a local animal shelter. Sarah knew Zeke was special even before they began his specialized training program. You see, Zeke is a therapy dog and routinely gives something back to his community by reading with children, visiting nursing homes and working with special needs patients.

Zeke is a very special dog and through the generous efforts of rescue volunteers from Dreier & Maller, Inc., he can continue his valuable work as a therapy dog.



After five days, Zeke is spotted in the drain pipe.



Back home in Indiana, Sarah and Zeke share a moment in the agility training room.

