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## A pit bull for a hero

RAISED THE ALARM WHEN OWNER COLLAPSED AT HOME

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PIT BULL owner Mandy Holmes is proud as punch of her pooch and she wants everyone to know that he is her hero. The Cobourg woman said her 10-month-old puppy -- a chocolate-coloured American Staffordshire terrier named Chevy -- came to her rescue recently when she fell in her home and knocked herself out.

"I passed out, smashed my head and went into convulsions," the 24-year-old said. "She ran upstairs to get my boyfriend, then sat on my back to keep me warm and was licking my face when I came to."

Holmes, who had been sick with the flu and hadn't been able to keep any food down leading up to the Feb. 15 accident, said she was getting ready for work when she suddenly felt "dizzy" and collapsed at the foot of the stairs, hitting her head on the bottom step.

She said she believes Chevy realized that she was in distress and ran upstairs for help.

"I was laying on the bed when she jumped up on me, barking at me and licking me to get my attention," said Holmes' boyfriend, Jeremy Kelly, 23.

### NO BETTER DOG

Kelly followed the dog and found Holmes lying at the bottom of the stairs. He called 911 and Holmes was taken by ambulance to a local hospital. She was released a few hours later with a big bump on her forehead and a possible concussion but no serious injuries.

"I couldn't ask for a better dog," Kelly said.

Tired of all the negative news about the notorious dogs, she decided to share her tale.

"Every time you read something about pit bulls it's bad, and I don't think that's fair," she said. "I want people to know that pit bulls can be good too."