



Dempsey - July 23rd, 2016 Adopted - August 11th, 2016

Dempsey entered into rescue on July 23rd of 2016. His heartbroken owner had become increasingly disabled and was very worried that one day his own health would require a higher level of care and that

Dempsey's fate would be decided by others. Though extremely unhappy to see his best friend of 10 years go off to live with others, it was important to the man that Dempsey find a home deserving of him.

I picked up Dempsey as my new foster on a Saturday and, boy, what a GREAT dog! You see, Dempsey was 10 years old. He had been living as the single pet of a single, disabled man for his whole life. I was worried. Would he be ok living with my dogs? How is he going to tolerate sleeping in a crate? His original owner reported him to be polite, housebroken and, to his knowledge, good with other animals...and he was right! Dempsey walked into my house and was immediately welcomed by everyone. He LOVED my three Staffords and put up with my pushy Australian Cattle Dog. He was indeed housebroken, well-trained and seemed to even like my cats! He even accepted sleeping in a crate. Easiest foster ever!

I worked with him for a few weeks, trying to make sure there weren't any hidden 'secrets' that Dempsey was holding onto, but really... I couldn't find any. He was very good with other dogs, polite when meeting strange dogs, very tolerant of my roommate's grumpy Border Collie, and shared treats and bones. Good job, Dempsey:)

Dempsey was happily adopted on August 11th by a wonderful family with two other senior rescue dogs. They worked with a trainer to help everyone integrate politely and are currently one big happy family!



Stafford Rescue USA - Updates

Mini (formerly TNT) and Rocket Rescued initially August 2013 Mini Re-homed July 13, 2016

Mini, along with her sister Rocket, was initially rescued in August of 2013. I was contacted by her breeder, who reported that she had placed both sisters with an acquaintance who was interested in showing the girls in conformation

and flyball. After a few months, and several attempts to contact the lady for updates, the breeder learned that the lady had given the dogs to someone she owed money to and that they were, in fact, not in a good situation. Thankfully, the breeder had retained ownership and demanded that the dogs be returned. They were picked up from a back yard in Florida and found to have been tied out or kenneled with little shelter, missing hair and underweight. I agreed to foster the girls, and their breeder drove them from FL to MD to start the first leg of their journey back to health.

Mini had some skin issues that were easily treated with a course of antibiotics, but otherwise was the PERFECT dog and soon found her new home with a fellow veterinary technician.

Sadly, that owner found herself as a new single mother, living in a third floor apartment with a new baby, and was having a very hard time walking her dogs with a new babe-in-arms. She reached out crying, having to admit that she was failing at providing adequate care for all the lives she was responsible for. I took Mini back as a foster and VERY happily, she was placed the very next day with my good friend and her mother. Mom had recently lost her beloved cat and was missing her cuddle buddy. Well....let's just say Mini was quite happy to fill that vacancy and they have been inseparable ever since! Way to go Mini!



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Rocket stayed with me for several months as she had a lot of missing hair, skin issues and a chronic, advanced urinary tract infection that required extended treatment. Rocket is a very sweet dog, but also a bit of a brat. She could get testy when challenged by other dogs and was not safe around cats, so I knew she would need just the

right situation. After months of medical treatment and training, I was considering calling her a permanent member of my family when a very close friend of the family lost her heart-dog, a pitbull named Bella, to a very aggressive cancer. Lindsay does hospice foster for dogs in need, but the loss of her precious Bella left a vast hole in her life. One day, soon after...Rocket looked at me and I just knew. She was supposed to live with Lindsay. I called my friend and said "You are going to think I'm crazy, but...I think Rocket is supposed to be yours. I think Bella wants her to come help you.' We both cried, Lindsay was ecstatic and came over that evening to take Rocket for a sleepover. That sleepover turned into the most wonderful little family I know. Rocket...the grumpy, sassy little brat is also the BEST hospice foster sister. She loves to cuddle and is very gentle with the old dogs that come through her household. Most of all...she cuddles Lindsay's heart and has taken up the mantle that Bella left for her as The Special One.

