

# Clementine



This is Clementine, formerly known as "Kiwi" at the SA Humane Society.

In January 2015, my mom had been in the front yard when a small kitten cried out to her from underneath a car across the street trying to keep warm. She was very skinny, malnourished, & cold. Despite her poor condition, she was extremely affectionate & very talkative. We fed her immediately & she gobbled it right up though still preoccupied with human interaction. We already had many other pets so bringing her indoors when it was too cold was a little difficult but we managed & kept her separated from the rest.

We fostered her for 2 weeks & named her Kili. We called the humane society every morning trying to get her in since we had 3 other dogs, another cat, & 2 bunnies as it was. Finally the humane society was taking in kittens up to 4 months old. Little did I know on the way there, my mom was hoping for the same things that I was; the receiving line would be too long or that she would be over the age limit (she was 6mos), but they took her anyway. In the days following, we cried not realizing how much we fell in love with her in just 2 weeks frantically trying to figure out if we could adopt her back since we brought her in. Thankfully no one else would be able to get her yet either as she was put on a "stray search."

We filled out the application on January 25th, then decided to pay her a visit that same night unaware when my application would be approved or not. After talking with a volunteer, we were sent to the front desk for another surprise, our application was approved & we would begin the adoption process that night! We were instructed to come in the following day to finalize the adoption as the stray search required 1 more day. Such relief! My mom & I were ecstatic! We were unable to pick her up for a couple more days so she could be spayed & microchipped. After 6 long days without her, we could finally bring her home! But 1 more piece to the puzzle, they found out that she was already spayed & chipped! Turns out that prior to her finding us, she was placed in foster care by Animal Care Services where she must have found her way out of her foster home & found her way to us.

We renamed her to Clementine, & it's been such a blessing having her in our lives! What I thought would be a very long & difficult process getting 3

dogs & an older, very untrusting cat used to Clementine, only took about a week & a half. Clementine is now 7mos old & is such a character, always making us laugh. Feisty when she's playful, still extremely affectionate, needy in the cutest way, talkative, & even lets you clip her toe nails without a fuss in 1 minute. Clementine even does well with my 2 bunnies & has adapted well with everyone, my older cat has even come to like her (sometimes) & tries to play with her!

Thank you so much to the SA Humane Society for reuniting us with the most amazing cat! She's truly a joy :)

Christiana