

## Bear



In January 2005, Bear came into my life as a 12-pound baby (known as "Little Bear" then) during a weekend visit to the SATX Humane Society. He has since lived in Texas, Maine and California, and will soon be moving to the United Kingdom with me after completing the stringent process. My entire family has fallen in love with him and they all say he's the best dog in the world...I agree. In fact, I've had many people offer to "take him off my hands" when I move, but his home is with me.

Bear was born in November 2004, and I would like to think he's led a fruitful life so far. He is full of love and affection, playfulness, and adventure. He loves walking, running, hiking, and riding in the truck. His favorite toys are his many Kong Wubba's, and his Winnie-the-Pooh stuffed animal that he's carried around with him since his first knee surgery. Bear enjoys chasing bubbles, chasing lizards, and trips to the beach (though he doesn't swim). He curls up in a tiny ball when he naps, but normally sleeps at night laying on his back with his head on a pillow as if he were a person. He is always happy to see me when I come through the door, whether I've been gone to work all day or had just stepped into the garage for a few minutes.

His best friend is an 8-pound Chihuahua who lives close by. At the dog park, he yearns to go in the small dog side instead of hanging out with dogs his own size. Some people allow him to come over once they see how gentle he is.

In 2008, Bear had TPLO surgery on his right hind knee, and in 2009 on his left hind knee due to torn ACL's. Even if his pet insurance hadn't covered it, I would

have still had it done, no matter what the cost (it's a \$3,800 surgery). All has turned out well and he's quite active again after lots of home therapy and massages.

Bear is the love of my life. He came into my life during a time when I was lost and alone, and has healed me with his genuine love. We have spent nearly six years together now, and he's still the apple of my eye. I can't wait to take him to Stonehenge.

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