

# Ginny



We adopted Ginny (formerly known as Osa) at the beginning of July 2011. She was about 5 months old at the time, and we fell in love with her immediately, even though we came in to look at another puppy!

She had a bit of a rough start, health-wise; in the first week of Ginny being with us, we learned that she had giardia, demodex and roundworm. Luckily, I factored medical bills in with adopting a dog and had actually put some money aside in case she needed extensive veterinarian care. A tip I would like to share with everyone who is considering adopting a dog! The giardia and roundworm were easily taken care of, but we're still battling the demodex. It has gotten much better in the past 4 months, but occasionally it will flare up, usually after vaccinations or de-worming. Still, even if I had known about her health "issues" beforehand, I wouldn't have chosen a different dog.

Ginny also had a tough time in the Texan heat. I'd never been to Texas before this summer, but was told that even for a Texan summer, the weather was extreme. Not being able to take her out for a good energy-draining walk resulted in a lot of pent up energy, and after careful consideration and approval of my in-laws I decided to take her back with me to the Netherlands, where I am from.

I was worried the long flight would be traumatizing for her, but she strutted out of her crate in Amsterdam looking excited and happy! She settled in real easy here and enjoys the more moderate temperatures and our daily walks through the forest and open fields, located right behind our house. The leash laws in Holland are less strict, so she can run around freely as I try my best to keep up with her!

She has proven to be a very loyal, loving and happy companion. She gets along great with other dogs, and although she's sometimes a little fearful of strangers she snaps out of it quickly when I say it's okay. At home, she loves cuddling up with us in front of the TV, "helping" us hang the laundry by retrieving it

from the washing machine, hiding my shoes and grooming our two cats. We couldn't have wished for a better addition to our family.

Thank you SAHS, for our wonderful dog!

~Hannah

