

## Athena aka Pooka



We fell in love with Athena, then known as Pooka, on 9 Aug 2010. She had been spayed that morning and obviously didn't feel so well. She was shaking for awhile as we held her, but then eased and wagged her tail. We were told she was 8 weeks old and her mother was a stray, found near a dumpster at a warehouse in San Antonio. She had a scar around her right front leg and when we looked into her eyes, we knew she was a sweetheart. Even though we were actually at the Humane Society to find a grown dog that was preferably potty trained, we had to scope out the puppies, and therefore met her. We filled out the paperwork but had to leave her behind so they could make sure there were no issues because of her surgery that day.

The next day we brought her to her new home. She was very skittish at first, but quickly bonded with me because I held her so much. She soon made friends with our Tibetan Spaniel, Alana, and they play a lot together. She gets along okay with our Maltese, Aurelia, but Alana is her best canine friend.

Athena graduated puppy kindergarten on 25 October and continues to learn.

We have high hopes she will be a great therapy dog and are working to prepare her for certification once she turns 1. She is just such a sweetie and is so loveable! It is very comforting to spend time with her near me, even if we aren't "snuggling".

We are so lucky to have her in our lives!  
Debra

