

Daphne (aka Eclipse)



Happy Holidays!

I wanted to send everyone an update on Daphne (AKA Eclipse). I could tell that almost 3 weeks ago when we took her home she was loved by the staff and in their words "she's a special girl". I was told she stayed with you guys for some time and was having some trouble being adopted due to fear, shyness, etc. That day I had brought in my hound Marcy to be micro chipped and we thought we would take a look at her and some of the older grown up dogs. She evidently had a reputation for not walking on a leash well and evidently when she arrived there she hid under a trailer in the parking lot as she slipped away while being unloaded from the "other facility". She was very loving to our hound and to us that day, she was just scared. We literally carried her to the car that day. She was just unsure and I understood that as you could see it in her face and body language.

One hour after being with us, it was like opening a box of love. We take her to Petsmart with her new sister Marcy and she just loves it. Within 24 hours she walked on a leash at the local park and to note she does better than our hound does! There has not been one mistake in the house at all. She is fully house trained as she follows her new sister's lead in this. She sleeps at the foot of the bed on her very own doggie bed and the two of them are together all the time. She goes to the park in the area 3-4 times a week and notably she went to the state park

this weekend and walk miles on a hiking trail with us and her sister. She loves her backyard and the smart girl knows how to open the door to come back inside. She loads in the car on her own and while at first we thought she may be food aggressive due to her street dog days, she eats her meals every day right next to her sister with no issues.

Interestingly, she demonstrates some of her heritage in the red heeler world as she is protective of her new family. While not aggressive, she will let others know she is watching them. While walking on the state park trails she will make sure we all stay together. Her challenging event is her bath. She is so fearful of a bath, but she gets through it with cookies at the end. You can see the fear of the unknown leaving her a little bit every day and as I type this letter she sits right next me licking my hands as I type. Photos of her are from the state park this past Saturday. She LOVES the camera as you can see. Santa has already delivered her new blankets, rawhide bones and special treats under the tree for Christmas morning...

I'm awaiting your January volunteer session and I can't wait to be part of an organization that brings happiness to families just like it did for mine. For now I will leave you with her pictures and we will drop in for a visit sometime soon!

The Nash-Toth Family

