

## From Tri, Hang, Tiffany & Brandon: Milo (former James Blonde)



We adopted James Blonde (renamed Milo) on June sixteenth of '09. The staff members and volunteers of the Humane Society of San Antonio were very kind and helpful when visited, and we would like to thank them for all their hard work in placing the animals into good homes.

We found out a few days after we adopted Milo that he had been abused (if you raise your hand to his head too fast, he presses himself flat against the ground on his side and whines) and our vet found a place on the inside of one of his legs where she believes he may have been shot by a BB gun.

Milo had been returned to the humane society twice – once when an eighteen-year-old took Milo home to unsuspecting parents (they could not handle him and returned him ten days later); another time when Milo would not stop chasing goats on the ranch where he was adopted. When we first took Milo home, things were a little difficult, but we stuck with him because we refused to be the third family that might return Milo to the humane society.

We have lovebirds and finches, which was a problem because Milo LOVES to other animals. He chases squirrels, rabbits, birds, raccoons, and other dogs. Except for the squirrels, Milo mainly wants to just meet the other animals. Most of the time, we think he believes he is smaller than he actually is (he is seventy pounds) and he does not realize that he can scare and injure the other animals.

After a few weeks, though, things calmed down. We were able to train Milo not to rush at the birdcages, and now, he ignores them and acts like they're not even there. Milo does not dash across the street after animals during walks, anymore. He used to drag us around, but now, he's much better. He still tugs lightly once in a while, but he has improved a lot!

Milo is a really sweet and intelligent dog. He always looks like he's smiling, and we have to laugh every time we see him (he's such a goofy guy!) He's already an adult – almost two years old – but he just like a giant puppy. Milo is very adorable and he is a joy to have in the family.

Once again, we would like to thank the humane society for everything they've done; Milo has a good home now, thanks to all their dedication!