

Zera



Zera was known at your shelter as "Zena" -- a BIG dog, and a challenge, for a family like us who has always had small to medium sized dogs. Our additional family members currently include a 14 year old Cocker Spaniel, Brutus, (as of April 8, 2010, an OLD Cocker and takes more medication than I do!), a 7 year old rescued American Eskimo (Nemo), and a 3 year old Miniature Schnauzer (Einstein)! We saw Zera's picture on your web page, met her, and fell in love with her. We did the "meet and greet" and although Einstein was a little apprehensive, the two of them are now GREAT play buddies. Nemo and Zera ignored each other at the "meet and greet" and there were issues at first, and now, it's a territory thing. But, they are BOTH learning!!!

Zera is a much larger dog, but Einstein has the attitude of a Schnauzer, and thinks HE is the "big dog." No fear, of anything! Nemo and Zera are learning each other's habits and our training them is helping! The word "No" is powerful, but we try not to use it too much. No one wants their dog to think their name is "No." "Sit," "stay," and "place" work. Zera knows "place." I leave in the morning, tell her place, and she sits there in her "spot." Brutus is so old, he just sits back and watches the action! At his age, who could blame him?

Well, at first, we were not quite sure it was going to work out. A couple of altercations later, it seems to be working .. but there are those "moments." Zera is sweet, but a little testy sometimes, particularly when you touch her collar. I think that may be from a prior experience with a prior owner. So we are working on that too! I work with her to let her know that touching her collar is okay, and not a threatening gesture to her.

Despite what I have written, Zera is a LOVELY and valued member of this family, with a great temperament. We don't know where she came from, but we know where she is now.

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