



Success

Stories!

"Hello,

In 2007 I adopted an adult Aussie collie dog from the San Antonio Humane Society. She was listed as "Flo" but I re-named her "Lana" because she was coming to live with me, Lauren, my mom, Lisa, & my moms dog, Loretta. She was 61 lbs of untrained, not housebroken grey dog but she quickly learned all the basic commands plus agility.

Lana became my best friend immediately, she was smart, situationally aware, friendly, defensive when she needed to be, & always smiling. She literally & metaphorically saved my life many times. She was my map & compass for getting lost in the woods on weekends, & she came to the office with me weekdays. She moved with me from my moms house to on my own, out of the city to Austin, then out of the state to Colorado.

Over the 15+ years I had her, she brought the deepest happiness to my life & was deeply loved by all who met her. She loved to hike, trail run, bike, kayak, camp, go to bars, concerts, the river, the ocean, & everywhere in between. She had a very, very full life & made mine all the richer.

A few years ago her kidneys started to shut down, we got her on supplements & kept her quality of life up as much as possible. The attached video was from late January of last year, over a year & a half into her kidney failure. She was still happy & running at 15!

November 2022 we had to say goodbye, her quality had gotten too poor & I didn't want her to suffer. The news rippled through my community & an outpouring of love hit the shore of her absence. I know many people donated to your shelter & others on behalf of her life.

I wanted to take a moment to reach out & share the happy, wonderful, immensely big existence one of the dogs from your shelter got to have. I am forever grateful that she found me & I'm sure many dogs leave & you never know how they fared, but now that I close out that chapter of my life with her I wanted to let you know that at least one dog from your walls was the happiest I could make her.

Thank you for all the work you do keeping somebody's future best friend safe & cared for until they find each other. I know I'm grateful for the nameless people who fed her until it was my job.

Best, Lauren & the memory of Lana

