



A Rescue For

Dogs Of

Good Temperament

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Dear Friend of Peppertree,

As you may know, Peppertree specializes in rescuing dogs of all breeds and mixes. Over the years we've shared many stories of the dogs that have had another chance to find their forever homes and the adopters who are so appreciative to have found such loving companions. It is that last point that is very important. Although Peppertree rescues dogs, its ultimate role is to help people.

Helping people is not just about finding the right dog for them, but helping people who already have the right dog, but find themselves in circumstances that do not allow for them to keep their faithful friends.

What do you do when you need to go to a women's shelter to escape an abusive relationship, but can not leave without knowing your four dogs will receiving care? What if you can find no one to take them? How terrible to be in such dilemma - not being able to risk staying, but not being able to risk the well-being of your companions by leaving them behind. Peppertree was able to help someone in that very scenario.

We agreed to take the two bloodhounds sight unseen to help a woman in such a situation, but when arriving to get the dogs, our volunteer could not leave the woman, nor her other dogs, behind - under the threat of continued abuse. So she fit two bloodhounds, a boxer and a hound mix into a car and managed to drive a distance, until she was safely away from the house, where another volunteer could drive out to meet them.

The four dogs, pictured below, probably don't know how much their owner went through to make sure they were safe. We are happy that we were able to help her get the peace of mind, after she had gone through so much, to know that these four beauties were able to find wonderful homes.



Also within the last year, we received a call from the Poughkeepsie area about a large black Lab mix that needed a place to go within a month because his owner was out of work, and had to move to a different state with family members who were highly allergic to dogs. We arranged for an evaluation, but then received a call that Harley had found a home. As it turned out, the home did not work out, and his owner now had only a week

before she had to surrender him. We agreed to help, and help we did, although things did not go so easily.

After evaluating Harley, we arranged for him to be dropped off at a boarding facility in the Poughkeepsie area. Unfortunately, due to a miscommunication at the facility when his owner dropped Harley off on her way out of town, they did not have room for him and sent him away. His owner had no choice but to leave Harley at a police station. She called us crying.

When Peppertree commits to a dog, we commit to a dog. Soon a volunteer was calling police stations to locate Harley and to arrange for him to go into boarding. We found him and soon he was safe in a kennel, which he proceeded to destroy. Harley was definitely not a simple case.

Harley was adopted quickly. We, and his original owner, were happy to hear he was settled; however, 7 months later Harley was returned to us, and we were faced with boarding a dog that chewed through crates and was anxious when left alone. There were probably few homes willing to deal with this loveable and goofy Lab.

We decided to contact his original owner to discuss options. As it turned out she was settled in Florida and could once again have a dog - could she take Harley back? The problem was she could not afford to transport him. Peppertree once again stepped up and arranged for the cost for Harley to be transported to Florida. It was a situation where the money was only a secondary concern; more important was finding the right home for the dog and the right dog for a home - we were fortunate that when she was ready for a dog, we could reunite her with the very dog she had painfully rehomed previously.

Of course, what makes Peppertree able to help our fellow humans is your humanity. We know your continued support comes from the heart. We realize this because of the support we received from people like Laura, a young lady who was so appreciative of the joy she received from a Peppertree dog that for her birthday party she did not want gifts for herself, but gifts for Peppertree. Her donation of collars and leashes, toys and treats, as well as cash, mean as much to us as any we have received over the last year.



We appreciate the support of people like you, who care so much. Everyone in Peppertree is a volunteer, but that doesn't mean we don't get compensation - being able to help people in need such as the ones above and knowing there are people like you and Laura who want to be helping them pays each of us much more than any dollar amount. We look forward to being able to continue to share these rewarding stories with you.

Peppertree Rescue wishes you good health and happy times during the holiday season and in the New Year.

With continued thanks,
Peppertree Rescue

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