



A Rescue for Dogs Of Good Temperament

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Dear Friend of Peppertree,

Many organizations are in need of, and frankly deserve, your support. In addition, the Capital District is fortunate to have many animal rescue organizations. So, "What sets Peppertree apart?" you may ask. What do we do that deserves special note?

One area in which we take special pride is our help for senior dogs. We at times take in dogs that are 13 or 14 years old, or older. We can't imagine the thought of a dog enjoying a loving home its whole life, just to spend its last few days or weeks in a shelter.

For example, Zeus was 12 when he was surrendered to us this year. He suffered from hypothyroidism, so the owner no longer felt able to care for him. Although it means daily medication, it is a condition that is manageable and not the death sentence it might have been for Zeus.

Zeus' foster mother had this to say about him:

That poor boy smelled so bad and looked even worse, but all he wanted was to be near to you and loved! Once he was on the thyroid meds the changes came about fairly quick. He had developed skin infections and had a terrible infection in both ears. He initially had great difficulty going up and down stairs - stumbled a few times. But as the days went on he would make the trek up or down with determination. After about 2 weeks the color in his coat was starting to come back. The vet said that he was growing a new skin and coat. It was incredible to see this guy go from almost a catatonic state to a fun loving, bright eyed and bushy-tailed Golden!

Zeus is now in a loving home with other senior Golden Retrievers. He deserves to live out his days this way.



Zeus (upon arrival)



Wags (with Pat and Tom)

We do this not just for the dogs we help, but for the people who get such wonderful companionship from these loving dogs. One such older dog who paid repaid our efforts was Wags.

Wags was only 6, but is considered senior for a 100 pound dog. His family couldn't keep him when he tested positive for heartworm, as the cost of the treatment was beyond the family's means.

Upon arrival at Peppertree, Wags received his heartworm treatment and enjoyed the extra attention that came with it. Wags then began following his foster Dad around and they bonded to the point that some of us questioned whether Wags would be leaving his foster home. But it soon became clear that there was another home meant for Wags.

A few weeks later Pat and Tom, looking for a canine companion, attended an adoption clinic. Pat went around meeting dogs and talking to people, but Tom sat down by himself to catch his breath. Wags, who normally only had eyes for his foster dad, went over and put his head in Tom's lap. Wags spent the rest of the clinic by Tom's side, and made it very clear he had found his new family. That day is captured in the photo on the previous page. As happens many times, our adopters do not select a dog to adopt as much as the dogs select the family it will join.

Wags quickly became friends with Pat and Tom's 6 cats, a flock of chickens, and numerous grandchildren. According to Pat, he was "the best thing that ever happened to us." Sadly, after just a few months, Tom had to enter a nursing facility. Pat says she doesn't know what she would have done without Wags and his support, calling him a "blessing." Wags will soon be spreading his blessings, as Pat plans to help him become a therapy dog so he can visit the facility where his best friend is living.

Such stories would not be possible if Peppertree did not take a chance on these senior dogs. And Peppertree would not be able to assist all the dogs who need our help without your loyal and generous support. We hope to share more success stories when we tell you next year what our partnership continues to accomplish. If you can assist helping the numerous other dogs like Zeus and Wags, we ask you to consider a donation to Peppertree using the form below. A second fact that we take special pride in at Peppertree is that every person working with Peppertree is an unpaid volunteer so that every dollar of every donation goes directly to assist the dogs.

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

With continued thanks,

Peppertree Rescue

2011 Appeal

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