

H S B C Happy Trails

WINTER 2011

OLIVER

My family adopted a Springer mix you had named Domino. We renamed him Oliver. He is settling in and showing us what a wonderful pet he can be. Oliver is a fast learner. He is already respecting the invisible fence system we have around our yard and is quickly learning sit and stay to go outside and when eating. He only goes in his kennel when we leave him alone at home because he has such respectful house manners. Oliver has completely won over our 6 year-old English Springer Spaniel. They eat, sleep and play together. Oliver is black and white, while Easton is brown and white. It feels like Oliver has been a part of our family for years, but it has only been a few weeks. Through all of these experiences, he has been a friendly, perfect gentleman. Thanks again for your help in bringing us together!



SHADOW

Enclosed are pictures of Shadow and his new house mate CC. They have turned out to be best friends. CC has more white around his chest and shoulders.



VIOLET

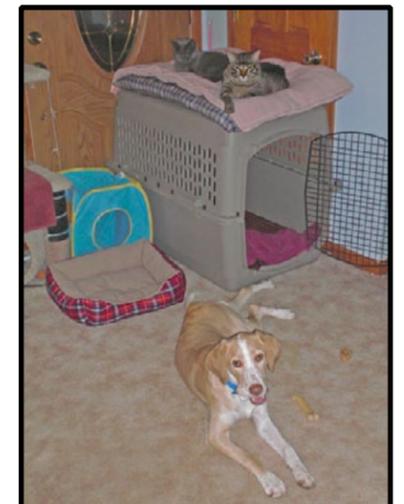
Just wanted to give you a little update and some pictures of Violet (formerly known as Dixie). We had adopted her on Saturday and she is fitting into our family just great! She even knows how to sit and stay already. Was wondering if you had worked with her at all in obedience/if she had any training? She is an extremely bright and loveable dog. Yesterday night she went for a 3-mile run and then ran and played more with her big brother (Pokie/Cocker Spaniel).



Thank you for your assistance with her adoption. We are extremely happy and love her! She is settling in great and even slept on her bed all night last night. So far, she's only had one accident in the house. She is doing great!

JACKIE

Dan & I came to your shelter on June 7 from Woodbury, MN, specifically for Jackie. Earlier the previous weekend, I had spotted her through petfinder.com and thought she would be a great dog and that she was beautiful too. Of course when we got to see her in person, Jackie turned on the charm, but she didn't need too because we had both fallen in love with her right off. Jackie has since gone through obedience school, completing the first level of training very successfully. She has also gone with us on a couple overnight adventures bird and wildlife watching to various wildlife area's and parks. Jackie also loves the dog park, where she shows off her speed. She must be one the fastest dogs we've seen. She's having fun and so are we. Jackie is just a super smart and loving dog, and we are both so happy we decided to adopt her. So are Velvet (our Russian Blue) and Rocky (our big Tabby)!



ANGUS

I wanted to update you and let you know Angus is doing very well. I can't believe how fast a month has gone. He's getting taller and taller. We took him in for a check up on September 10 and he weighed 27 pounds. He did really good. We've gone on some nice walks and he's doing really good potty training. He knew his sitting pretty well when we got him and is listening well to lay down and no bite, etc. Normal puppy stuff but follows our directions well. He's a good protector too. He really loves his house and family. Thank you for helping us bring him into our lives.



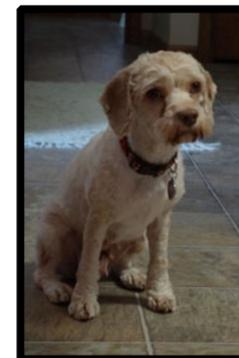
DOMINO

This is our Domino that we adopted one year ago. We could not have predicted the joy he has brought to our home. He is a perfect match thanks to your great facility and that we got a chance to play with and interact in a neutral setting before finding our perfect cat and giving him the home he deserves!



LUCY

Back on July 2, we adopted a little buff-colored Cockapoo (Lona). She was a stray that came into your shelter. We were so excited to have her come into our home as this was our first dog! Now more than three weeks later, we are thrilled to have Lucy in our family. She has been to the vet, who has said she is a healthy dog! And just a few days ago, she got spay. Lucy is a very friendly dog and welcomes everyone who comes into our house. She loves our family, especially laying on our laps while we watch TV. She loves going on walks and car rides. Lucy is even enrolled in dog training classes and is a good student. Thank you for allowing us to adopt Lucy. We couldn't have asked for a better dog!



HSBC Happy **Tails**

SUMMER 2011

FUDD

I picked up Dunson [now named Fudd] yesterday and was asked to send some pictures. Well he fit in perfectly starting with the ride home. Him and my son Brayden slept for a 2 1/2-hour drive [as you can see in the picture!], then passed out on the couch together after the evening at home. He is doing extremely good with everything and is such a sweet puppy!



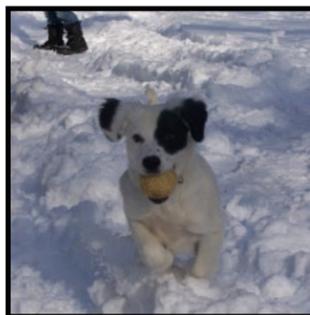
Thanks again!

WEBSTER

Hello, my name is Webster. I was adopted into the Bussewitz family in April 2011. I am 5 months old now and I am a very playful puppy. I live on a lake and I love playing in the water. I love going on walks and looking at all the nature along the way. My family taught me to sit, shake, lie down, and roll over on command. I love getting treats for my rewards. As you can see, I am growing well. My doctor just weighed me in at 26 pounds.



PALOMA



Hi all! Wanted to send another update on our Paloma. She continues to be a sweet girl. We all just adore her to pieces. She's doing very well. She has learned to sit (even better than before), shake, give kisses, jump, and lay down on command. She's doing well in her kennel... just a couple of accidents from long days, or an upset tummy after a birthday party. Poor girl! She loves to play fetch, and play basketball with our oldest son Austen. She has become his little buddy. He leaves for school at 6:30 a.m. As soon as he gives her love and tells her goodbye, she races to the back of the couch to watch him walk down the road to his bus stop. She wimpers the whole while she can see him! Things we are still working on...accidents in the house, chewing

on my shoes, and keeping her in the yard. Our neighbors have a dog that Paloma loves to run over to play with... which is OK, but not every time we let her out to go potty. I'm attaching some pics of our little athlete. Anytime she can grab a hold of a ball, she's all over it! We are enjoying the warmer weather with Paloma (even though she really really liked the snow!!!!)

Thank you so much!



GINGER

Hello,

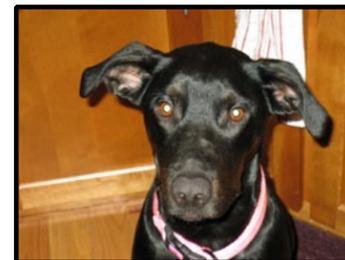
We have been meaning to send you some pictures of Ginger since she has been in our home. We enjoy her very much. She is a very good dog. She has to put up with 3 children ages 5, 4 and 2, and she does very well. She goes for a walk and a run each day. She is really obedient and we appreciate how she doesn't beg for food.



She often likes to lay on her blanket during the day in the house and sleep. At night we have a crate she sleeps in. We live out in the country on 40 acres and she is often eyeing up the ground squirrels. The only problem we have had is she seems to get angry at little dogs that are annoying her. She has gotten into three scuttles so far, so we are keeping her away from other dogs. Here are some pictures to see a little more of her life now.



HOLLY



Holly is somewhere around 1 1/2 years old. She is an adorable Black Lab/Doberman X. She was brought to the shelter by Barron City workers who found her hanging around their work place. We have no idea what her "story" was before arriving at the shelter. As a volunteer at HSBC, I noticed how shy she was and started working with her to build her confidence and social skills. It didn't take but a few minutes of working with her that our bond was formed. When Holly was brought home, she had no trouble walking down the stairs to the basement but was too scared to try walking up the stairs. My Black Lab X, Casey, tried helping Holly out by running up and down the stairs several times showing her how to manage the stairs. Finally, after an hour or so,

Holly faced her fears and conquered them. Holly is a very gentle girl who loves to run with my other dogs through our property. She always comes to my whistle. Holly also loves to take rides in the car. If you are ever at the shelter and see a car rocking, that's my car complete with anywhere from 3 to 5 dogs just "hanging out" inside. Holly has the great potential of becoming a certified Therapy Dog. I am looking forward to training with her. Training creates a wonderful bond between handler and dog, a very rewarding experience. I highly recommend registering for obedience training classes for any dog who finds him/her self joining a new family.

BENTLEY

Hello,

I adopted Bentley in March, 2011. I have to say, what an enjoyment and a wonderful addition he has become to our family. He is definitely one of a kind. We love him so much and he is so unique! This picture is with him and my dog. How cute!

Thank you again for Bentley!!

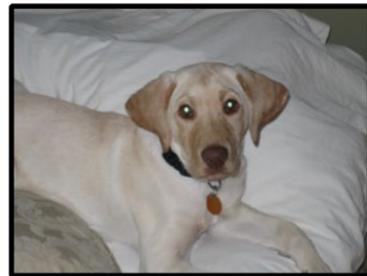
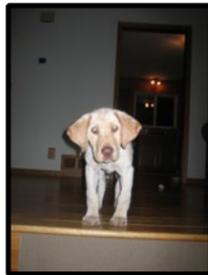


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SPRING 2011

OSCAR

Hi! Here are a few photos of Oscar in his new home. As you can see, it really didn't take him long to get too comfortable. He has the run of the entire house now that he has tackled the stairs. He discovered a whole new world. He does like his couch options. His night time sleeping consists of him get nestled in to our bed and fluffing up the down comforter to his liking. We are hoping within a month he will get out of his day time kennel and be able to be out all day. I have the next 2 weeks off so we will start testing him for short stays outside. He is already potty trained and doesn't touch anything to chew unless they are his toys. He does like to bark at us when he is sleepy and tells us it is time to go to bed, but he is probably right. Enjoy the photos!



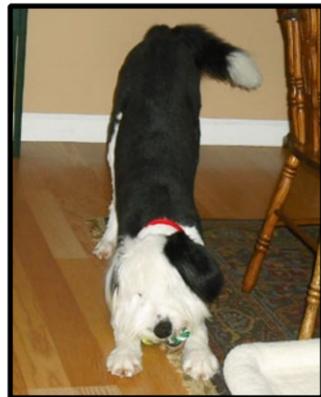
PALOMA

Wanted to share an update with you on Paloma. We absolutely LOVE her! What a great addition to our family. She is a real sweetheart, and our children sooooo enjoy her! She fits right in with their rough and tumble, then crash, lifestyle. Paloma has done very well at our home. Her first two nights were mess free in her kennel. She got very excited when I let her out, so she did mess a little right outside her door but saved the rest until she got outside. A few minor accidents here and there, but nothing that won't go away when she grows and gets used to her new home. Our grey kitty has not taken a liking to dear Paloma, so there have been a few swipes. Paloma hides in our legs for safety. Paloma loves to snuggle on the couch with us. We were not going to allow her on the couch, but she's just too darn adorable. I'm so glad there are so many of us to give her the attention she needs. Thank you so much! Paloma is a joy, and she is very much loved.



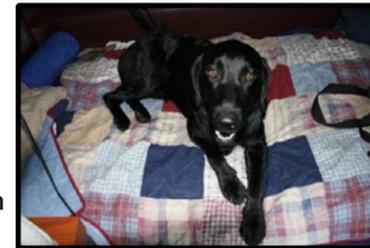
CHESTER

Just wanted to let you know that we love Chester and that he is a wonderful addition to our family. He is by far the smartest dog I have ever encountered and it just amazes me how quickly he picks up on commands. He took to the house training very readily. He is very well behaved in the house and stays close off leash when I am out doing the chores. Below is Chester playing with the new tug toy. He visited the groomer today too. Thank you for all you do!



Tai

I thought I would keep you updated on Tai. So far, he has been to Dallas, TX, North and South Carolina, Mississippi, Virginia, Chicago, Ft. Frances, Canada, Toronto and generally all over. He is such a blessing in my life, and I love him so much. He swims in Lake Superior when I get home, and today we played ball in Lester Park (near my home). He is such a loving dog. I don't understand how anyone could have let him go. But I'm the lucky one!!!! This is a picture of Tai on my (his) bed in the semi truck.



ELLIE

It's been almost five months since Ellie & I have been together, and I want you to know she is doing great. As you can see, she is having fun in her yard and is such a goofball dog! Thank you for all you do and for allowing me to adopt her. Another success story! Right now she is snuggled in bed waiting for me to get ready for our morning walk. We walk a couple of times a day, and she really likes sniffing on the Wild Rivers Trail. In the afternoons, my mom likes to join us and walk with her "granddog," and Ellie loves Grandma!



GATO

Just wanted to send you a few pictures of Gato in his new home! He is pretty darn happy and is oh so cute!

Thank you!



HUNTER

We adopted Buddy (now Hunter) Saturday. He is doing very well with the other two dogs. My puppy, Cooper, met his match when it comes to playing. We re-named him Hunter and he is responding to his new name. He is a good boy. I'll attach a couple of pictures. It was nice meeting you guys. Thank for giving us the opportunity to give him a second chance.

All the best.

