

## success stories - 2008

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### Aristotle



My husband Nathan and I first saw Aristotle sitting stoically in the midst of doggie chaos in the midst of Petpalooza. Nathan, who has always wanted a Husky and Pit Bull, was instantly interested in trying to see if we could make this Husky/Pit Bull mix a member of our family.

The one catch was we had to make sure that Lucy, our lovable mutt, who was not so good at socializing with other 4 legged friends, would be okay with this. Everyone encouraged us to bring her in to see how they would do. A week and many visits later (where Lucy progressively seemed to accept that this hyper boy was, in fact, okay and could be fun to play with), we brought "Stotle" home. His big ears blocked my rearview the whole way as he sat up quietly in the back seat. Over the past couple of weeks the two have engaged in numerous wrestling matches, with Stotle going from crouching down like a cat to pouncing in the air towards her. They race each other around the house, taking turns chasing after one another before curling up to sleep in their respective favorite places (Lucy on the couch, Stotle on Lucy's old bed!). (Adopted October 2008)

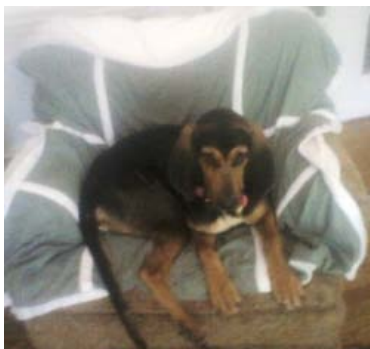
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### Minnie (now Daisy)

In August 2008, I went to your location with the intent of adopting a dog. As I strolled by the many dogs, I was surprised to see there wasn't a sad face in the bunch. It was obvious these dogs were being taken care of! What's more, I witnessed a number of your staff members playing with the dogs. When I first saw Minnie (now Daisy) she was just a tiny thing in this huge cage. The adoption process was very professional and I felt like your shelter staff took great care in ensuring that these dogs go to good homes. She is a very smart dog - picked up on potty training in only two weeks, can now sit, lay down, stay and shake. She has several favorite toys; most notably her stuffed lion and stuffed Frisbee. In short, Daisy has been the perfect companion for me and I am so thankful to your organization for doing what you do so professionally. (Adopted August 2008)

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### Ellie Mae

Just thought you would like an update on Ellie Mae since she came home. She is wonderful! As you can see by this photo, she has started to get very comfortable in her new home. She has claimed this chair as her own. Other than the this chair, she knows not to get on any other furniture. Crate training with her has been a dream. She is getting along well with her brother Hooper and the 2 cats (Alex & Moss). We thank you all for this wonderful addition to our family. (Adopted September 2008)



**Periwinkle**

Dan and I just wanted to share some pictures with you of Periwinkle, who is now Leo. He is doing great with us and we are so happy to have him in our home (Adopted September 2008)



**Monty**

I have a new family with a mom and a dad, a new baby boy on the way, and a sister named maya, a siberian husky who was adopted from animal control in 2006. Maya is my best friend. We love each other very much. I wasn't housebroken before I moved in with my new family, but maya taught me how to behave in the house. since my new mom works from home most of the time, I spend most of my days playing in the backyard with maya, chewing my rawhide bones, or napping on the futon in my mom's office. when my dad gets home, we eat dinner together, play fetch, and go for a walk as a family. My parents are teaching me how to walk on a leash, sit, stay, come, and lay down. I am learning slowly but surely! (Adopted March 2008)



**Miles**

Miles has done so well. In his first week with us he has taken a road trip to Lake Murray, SC with us Saturday. He got to ride in a boat, too. He loved looking at the purple martins that flock and swarm at "Bird Island."

He joins us in bed on nights with lighting storms and snuggles close, how sweet is that? He's even gone to see our vet, just to say "Hey, I'm new and I'm ready." We all absolutely love him. He has such a good gentle nature with all of us.

All of us just love him. He so smart, he knows where his bed is, his toys, and his food dish. He's really a GREAT find and a great Friend! (Adopted July 2008)



**Pinkie**

Pinkie is doing great. She loves my family and Czechs' parks. Hope that all of yours dogs and cats will have one day happy home like Pinkie. (Adopted February 2008)



#### **Merlot & Grigio**

I adopted Grigio on Saturday and loved him so much came back on Sunday and got his sister Merlot.

Both are adjusting to their new family with ease. It is as if they have always been here. Our dog Marley (a nine year old stray we have had since he was a puppy), is enjoying his little brother and sister immensely. It is nice to see him running around acting like a puppy again. We are so happy to have these two dogs and feel like they have really completed our lives. Thank you so much!!! Attached is a picture Grigio and Merlot's reunion.  
(Adopted August 2008)



#### **ROSE (AKA BELLE)**

We did decide to change her name. We call her Belle. She is so sweet around humans. She is very smart and uses that to her advantage, believe me!!! She loves treats so much that training her to sit, stay, lay down, leave it, come, etc... has been so easy. She and my American Pit Bull, Judah are getting along well. Judah is showing her how to have good manners for treats and as you can see in the picture, Belle loves to cuddle up to Judah! (Adopted October 2008)



#### **Kodiak (now Miller)**

We adopted Kodiak from you in February of this year and I wanted to send you some pictures of him now. We named him Miller and he has turned out to be HUGE! He weighs about 80 lbs. now and he is only 10 months old. Miller is a very sweet and smart dog and we are so happy we got him.

Thanks again for your help that day! (Adopted August 2008)



### **Boomer**

Thank you again for the special treatment and the warm welcome we received when we came to take Boomer home on Sunday! He loves exploring our neighborhood, and is showing promise as a jogging buddy. In fact he has been so gentle and good on the leash, he may be a good dog with all of us on rollerblades.

The children both love to brush him (before using him as a blanket/pillow) and he is soooooo patient with their attention, and still manages to pull out the puppy energy for games of tag! We have already made trips to Petco, and have never seen a dog that not only loves meeting other dogs and people but is so interested in watching the fish and birds! (Adopted August 2008)



### **Mocha**

I found the newest addition to my family during a recent visit to the Humane Society. I adopted Mocha on Saturday. I was a little nervous about adopting a male cat with my 2 females, but given Mocha was an 8-year old adult & had been at the shelter for over 2 months, I figured he might have a hard time getting adopted. Not to mention that face is just plain irresistible!

I'm happy to report Mo not only ventured out from under the bed, but he's quickly gotten familiar with the litter box (first time was a charm!), the kitchen and the feeding routine. Just like his sisters, he's learned that Meowing generally results in breakfast/dinner or perhaps a treat in between. And, he's decided that it's much more comfortable on the sofa, especially to catch a quick cat nap. (Adopted February 2008)



### **Winchester (now Dempsey)**

Dempsey is doing great. He is turning into a wonderful dog, and goes with me everywhere. He loves going on walks and playing at the dog park. He does great with meeting new dogs and people and children, and he even gets along with the cats! Dempsey's first couple weeks were challenging, but very rewarding. (Adopted May 2008)

### **Update:**

Dempsey and Kristen have moved up north! He is still doing great. We live by a lake, and he gets to go on long walks around the lake every day which he absolutely loves. This is a picture of him taking it easy after a walk.



**Rue**

We just wanted to let you know how Rue is doing. We absolutely love her! She has adapted very well to living with us and Midnight (though Midnight seems kinda bummed that he has to share our attention - he pouts a little!). We've discovered that Rue knows how to sit, shake, lie down, and she LOVES to fetch. We are so pleased with her and we feel so fortunate that we got such a great dog. Thanks!!! (Adopted June 2008)



**Brixx**

I just recently adopted Brixx from the Humane Society, and fell in love with your organization. Some photos of Brixx are on my dad's website. Feel free to check them out. I think they're great! (Adopted July 2008)



**Angus**

I want to let you know that Angus is an outstanding dog. He is a perfect gentleman around other people and new places, but I am sure you already knew that. Here is a link to pictures of him chasing tennis balls. He is a great running partner too. I am looking forward to teaching him all sorts of new tricks. Thank you so much for everything, he is the perfect dog for me. (Adopted July 2008)



**Daisy (Betty) Lou**

She has made herself right at home with us and seems to be lovin' life. We are calling her Daisy but we kept her middle name, so she's Daisy Lou. She sleeps with me and my husband snuggled right up against me all night. We took her to visit my parents this wknd and she slept the whole way there, 5 1/2 hrs! She is just the cutest, sweetest little girl and we couldn't be more thrilled to have her. Thank you so much for saving her for us. (Adopted August 2008)



**Bonnie**

We love seeing her adjust. She and our other dog, Redbud, are doing great together.

She's a sweet, lovable doggie, and we do love her! She's adjusting well, gaining a little weight, attached to me and my husband. (Adopted June 2008)

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