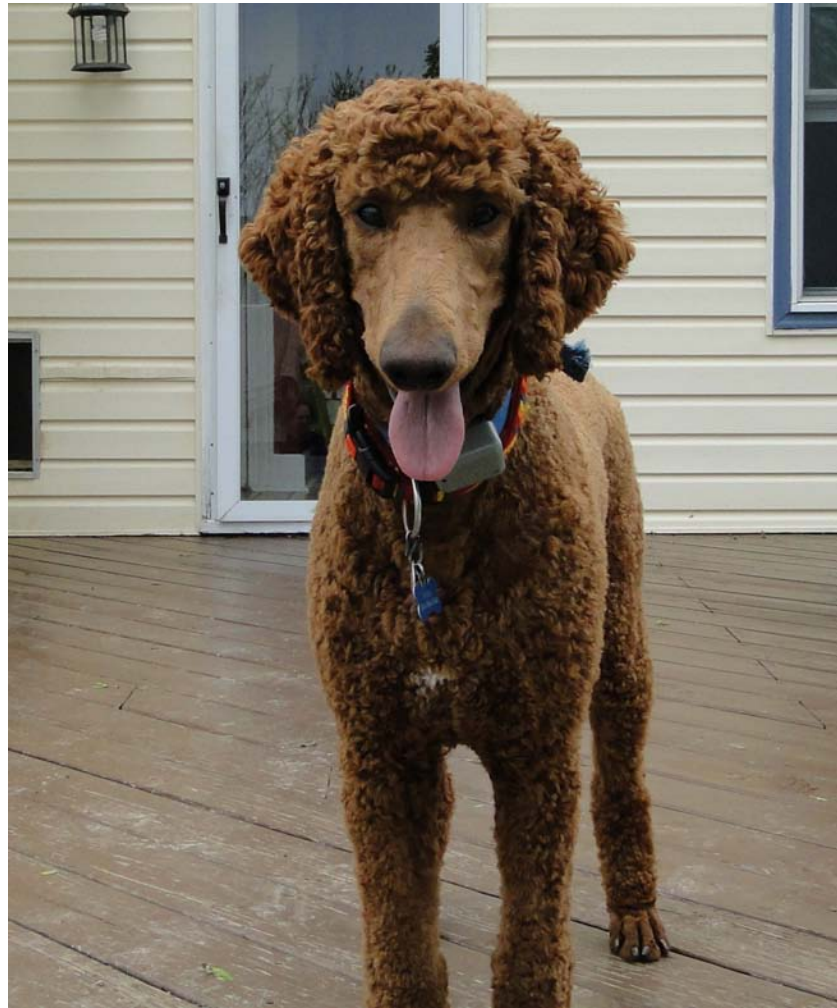


Poodles in Rescue
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Finn

Mighty Finn is all settled in with us. He is a big baby. If he is left alone in the kitchen he whines until someone even if it is just Katie comes to keep him company. When I leave the house he howls like a wolf and often gets a car ride that he wasn't supposed to go on originally. He is a marvelous dog. One day I left him and Katie in the garage while I was putting my shoes on to walk them. My son's leather golf glove showed up in his stool 2 days later. Didn't know it was missing until it resurfaced so to speak. Other than that he has not chewed anything. He is a model citizen.



Bella

Our time with Bella has been bittersweet. We all treasure her and she is very comfortable with the three of us. But we feel she was not socialized enough before we got her. At the least, she doesn't fit the bill of the dog we were hoping for. Perhaps I acted too rashly and needed to continue my search.

Our older cat has been terrorized by Bella, while we've been experimenting with gates, cat doors and trainers. According to the trainers who have worked with her, she is a resource guarder. She has snapped at my mother-in-law and my sister, along with several other people. She hasn't bitten anyone, but she can scare the wits out of people when she snaps.

Our younger cat, who stood a better chance of getting along with Bella, was found dead on Thanksgiving under a pile of leaves. She had been missing since the storm several weeks ago. I do not believe this had anything to do with Bella, other than perhaps, the level of tension in the house.

I feel like we sacrificed the cats' comfort, bringing in a dog who sees them only as squirrels to be chased.

Lastly, she is a dog aggressive dog...she attacks, or wants to attack, any dog in sight. This was very disappointing, given we live in a dog-centric neighborhood and had hopes of play dates. I have wonderful neighbors, who let us follow their dogs around until Bella's a little calmer and comfortable enough to walk with them.

I've had a few trainers in several times and am reading several dog-training books. I look forward to the day that I can take her to group training, but that wouldn't be a good idea just yet. I know I have much more to learn. My focus is to become as well-trained as possible, so that I can give her the best chance possible.

At this point, there is no way I could possibly return Bella to you. She's been handed off too many times already. I'm clear we have to make this work. I truly know that you and other dog rescuers do the best you can.

Follow up comment from Bella's Foster mother

Thank you for letting me hear how Bella is doing. I am gratified that Elisa is committed to Bella. Bella so deserves that. Being moved around so much seems to have taken its toll on her.

She can be a bit of a tyrant toward other creatures who demand her owner's time. I was fostering a young male boxer while I had Bella. Her behavior toward him seemed natural in light of her considerable "elegance" and maturity. She and I had been alone together for weeks before his arrival. He was just an interloping nuisance to her in his playfulness. But we spent many quiet hours together in my family room, as long as the boxer didn't bug her. I guess I would say that Bella prefers to be her owner's companion - not the companion of other dogs.

I could never see her snapping at anyone. While in my care, I took Bella to be groomed a couple of times - an experience that was highly stressful for her. It took two of us to hold her for the groomer to work on her, and it took hours. At no time did she ever growl or snap at any of us.

I can't recall Bella ever showing any signs of resource guarding .

There is a special place in my heart for her and I hope so much that she mellows into life at her new home.



Benji

Just wanted to update you on Mr. Ben. We went for our big hike on Saturday and had a total blast. With some confidence this pup can do anything. We had to go down a pretty lengthy set of grate style stairs (the kind where you can see through) and Ben was very scared. I sat calmly with him for a few minutes, had a little pep talk and sure enough he did it no prob on his own. It was incredible! Attached is a pic of us at the top of the cliffs.



Moose - now Mario



Our new boy has thrived for the last 5 days! He loved all the company at Thanksgiving -- barking, jumping, and some dancing for us! He really comes alive around people. He has had a long walk on the OC boardwalk (LOVES THE BOARDWALK!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!) every day and car rides to our businesses in OC with our two dogs and Danny. He loves to nest with us on the sofa at nite during tv time; however, at sleep time, he is relegated to his crate, albeit voluntarily -- basically our two kick him off their sofa (they sleep there at nite). First two nites, lots of barking from our two, then all ceased on Turkey Day. There have been some skirmishes with our alpha male, which we have interceded and laid down the "pack leader" law. So far, so good. Mario is an absolute joy to own -- and is the perfect dog as far as adapting to a routine. He does like his food and his walks and my husband, especially. His first vet visit is Tuesday, and we're looking forward to his professional eye on our big boy. Our only regret with Mario-Moose is that we couldn't adopt him sooner!



Teddy

Teddy continues to be so easy and is adjusting nicely to his new home. Liam is out walking him now with his older sister, with whom he is getting acquainted with too, on her first break home from college.

We had a nice trip to NC and Teddy did really well. He really is a good dog. The only problem we have is with excessive barking inside the home. Outside he is absolutely fine. Do you have any suggestions for us? It is quite stressful. He barks at every single sound even though he knows it is okay.



Penny

Well our Penny girl is adapting very well to our home. She met my son and his wife a few days ago and went to them almost immediately. Yesterday we took her over to their house to celebrate Thanksgiving. My daughter-in-law's mom and sister were there, as well as my two grandchildren. Penny didn't show any shyness at all! She absolutely loved the kids, especially my autistic grandson. It would have made you cry to see her playing with him. The whole time he is laughing and yelling, "Nelope! Nelope! SHE is running and playing with him like he's a puppy playmate! It was amazing to see the connection those two formed. We were right, Penny was made to be our dog! Thank you, thank you, thank you!



Faith

We decided to call her “Faith”—thanks to you. It is a beautiful name. She is doing terrific—extremely smart. She is sitting on command, giving her paw and going down when asked. Getting much better with the potty training....we do take her out immediately after being crated—this is just all so new to her BUT a huge improvement already. We are feeding her twice per day.

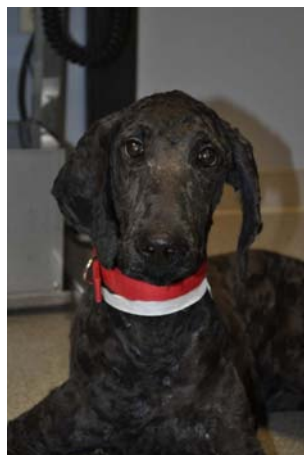
Played fetch in the yard this morning—she was great. Quick as lightning. I have enclosed a few photos. One is her introduction to the leaf blower at the side of our yard. This afternoon—we took her socializing with three other dogs. Slightly nervous at first—but she really opened up—once she got over the initial shock.



Henry

The pups are getting along fine. I was curious, is there any possibility that Henry is part Lab? His head & nose look more Lab than poodle. Just curious. He is smart and gentle & the two are quite playful together. He is both house & office broken at this time.

Henry is “my dog” warm affectionate & gives kisses .learned to sit on command in one lesson, he is smart as a whip.



Roland - now Andre

Roland has settled in wonderfully well. We took him and Sophie on a long walk through the woods and he loved it. He wore his coat, was fine in the van, did well on the leash, and loved the smells in the woods. He seems very comfortable. We put a nice dog bed in the living room and he immediately got on it. For dinner, he had ground beef over a mix of nutro and his dry food. He ate the hamburger and left the dry food but went to the kitchen later and finished his dry food. He loves being petted and was quick to raise his leg so the kids could have better access to pet his tummy. When I was petting him he gave me a number of gentle licks. In sum, he is adapting extremely well and seems very happy and comfortable. Right now he is asleep on his bed. Thank you so much for all you did to rescue him and the others. We'll keep you updated on his progress.

He did very well last night. He made it clear with a loud howl that he did not want to sleep by himself cordoned off in the kitchen or living room. So, instead he slept on the dog bed in our room. He made an attempt at our bed but Sophie let him know there really wasn't room. He slept through the night and did his business promptly when he went out this morning. He and Sophie played more in the yard and have continued their play in the house this morning. It's nice to see Sophie's tail wagging so quickly, and his is wagging too. Roland/Andre seems to have forgotten his shyness. He was quick to get comfortable in the green chair. But we will have to be very careful at Thanksgiving. He is an unabashed counter surfer!



Tucker

We are learning to adjust to the freshness of a pup! He is quite the guy! Handled the additional two hour car ride very well, even stretching out fully to nap. After some initial shyness, he commenced to make himself quite at home. Resting on the couch, enjoying (surprisingly) scratches behind the ears, and jumping into bed with his new Mom. A little reluctant to go to the crate initially, but calmed down to so that we all enjoyed a full night of sleep.

Tucker is doing great. He's good with people and pets in the neighborhood. He is very attached to me (Theresa). I have nicknamed him "Shadow." He sleeps in his crate without much fuss. This weekend he will be introduced to kids. I think he will do great. He really has a good disposition. We really are happy with him.



Celine

Just wanted you to know that Celine has been fantastic! We cannot believe how well she has adjusted. From the time she hopped in the car and slept a lot of the way home she has been a joy! In about 4-5 hours in our home she was acting like she'd always been here. We put her in the crate now and then (at night in Shelley's room she is calmer) but she has hardly needed the crate. She likes to be in the room with us and plops down and rests calmly wherever we are. I'm training her to heel on the leash and she is starting to understand already.

Thanks for the warning about the socks. She LOVES them and is so funny when she finds one.

Her past owner trained her very well to the "no" command and she responds immediately to it, so that is wonderful!

Thanks so much for letting us adopt Celine. We just are overjoyed at how perfect she is for us already even after just two days!
Our home feels full again!