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Grandchildren of the lady who had to release him.



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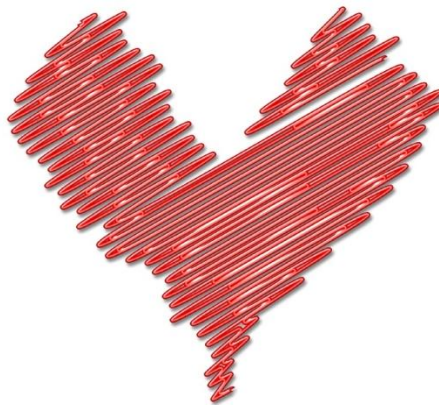
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Yogi



Yogi came to us very suddenly, from an 89 year old lady and her son. She needed to go into a nursing home and the son couldn't take her corgi. Yogi is 10 years old and has had only 2 homes...all within the same family. When her son died of cancer, the lady took Yogi in as her own. She was devoted to the dog to the extent that she even had Yogi's vet come to the house. So Yogi was quite overwhelmed by the entire process of riding down to us in Rescue.

Once he was examined and brought up to date on everything, we put him on the website. Much to our surprise, we received communications from the lady's grandson. Once we were able to check his sources, we had him come to meet Yogi. While the couple had two other dogs, we felt confident that Yogi would fit in with the family. And the best benefit to this story is that the 89 year old lady will get to see Yogi on a regular basis when the grandson comes to visit!



Jackson

Jackson was happily placed with a local family, the McDaniels who was referred to us by Dr. Wengrenn of Wingate. Meggin and Steve fostered Jackson for over 3 months and then rehabbed him after his ACL surgery.



Just over a week since we got Jackson home and he is such an incredibly sweet and wonderful little dog! He is very affectionate and playful and absolutely loves all squeaky toys! He has really settled in, knows our routine, perfect with all new people, and is becoming quite a watchdog (which I really like)! He is eating, drinking and eliminating well. Only one little bit of loose stool (but not diarrhea) after a small organic prime venison treat the pet store gave us to try . . . ugh! He is half and half with his Fromm and Science Diet and seems to be tolerating it well. Getting and liking green beans and apple. He is quite obedient so far and we are practicing what he knows but formal obedience training will definitely help, especially with the "stay" command as he tries to bolt out the door or up the stairs often (so far I am faster than he is)!



Twelve Steps of Corgi Addicts Anonymous

1. We admitted we were powerless over Corgis — that our lives had become fur-covered and unmanageable.

2. Came to believe that a Corgi in a lobster costume could restore us to sanity.

3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of our Corgis as we understood them.

4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of our Corgi toys, noms, Dysons and Furminators.



5. Admitted to the Corgi Addict, to ourselves, and to another Corgi owner the exact nature of our Corgis.

6. Were entirely ready to have Corgis remove all the bad days in our lives.

7. Humbly asked our Corgis to overlook our shortcomings.

8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed in our pursuit of Corgis, and became willing to help them get their own Corgi.

9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure any Corgi.

10. Continued to check The Corgi Addict daily and when we were in possession of a cute Corgi photo, promptly submitted it.



11. Sought through bunny butts and cow spots to improve our conscious contact with our Corgis as we understood them, praying only for knowledge of their will for us and the power to carry out their every desire.

12. Having had a stumptastic awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to others with Corgis, and to practice these principles with all our little poopsters.



Author unknown

Miss Maggie and Her Herding Instinct

You may remember rescue, Maggie, from our last issue. Ms. Gail Isaac rescued her and Maggie has found her way into Gail's heart. Gail gave Lynn a current update on Maggie.



“More about Maggie: Corgis are bred to be herding dog. When Lynn told us about a fun match where Maggie would be herding ducks, Kirk and I decided against taking Maggie to it.

A few days later at 3:30 a.m., Maggie wanted to go outside. I let her out and soon Maggie was barking at something at my north fence. In my nightgown and bare feet, I walked over to Maggie. She was staring at and barking at a small skunk! She wouldn't come when I called her, so I walked back to the house for shoes. When I came back to the back door, Maggie was herding the skunk like I had seen Collies herd sheep on TV. She had the skunk on the patio and had, at a distance, begun to circle the little skunk. Soon the little skunk got tired of the game and scooted under the gate.

Needless to say, my daughter gave Maggie a skunk bath!

Sometimes the best things in life are rescued.”

Gail





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Barb Allen (Sadie)



Miss Daisy



Daisy came to us from an elderly owner who could no longer keep her. She is 6-7 years old and the children, once again, refused to keep her. So we brought her into rescue, updated her, did her teeth and bloodwork and prepared to place her in a home. Along came the perfect couple who had no other dogs or cats and had owned Corgis before. They are retired and can walk Daisy regularly around the neighborhood. He gardens and she reads while Daisy either “helps” or chases her ball.



Sadie



Sadie, a 2 year old black-headed tri female came to us as a stray, from the Grand Junction Shelter. The transport was supposed to arrive in time for a transfer to Wingate on a Saturday. However, they did not leave Grand Junction until noon. Luckily for rescue, member Barb Allen was able to take Sadie into her home. She was a wonderful home for Sadie on a temporary basis. Barb has 2 Corgis and a kitty so was able to assess Sadie's ability to adapt. Sadie and Tory became friends and Sadie showed no real interest in Barb's kitty. Sadie was transferred to Wingate, spayed and brought up-to-date on shots and other medical needs.

We placed her on the website and Lynn received several inquiries. A couple from Wyoming became interested in her and we arranged a meeting. Sadie is so friendly that she immediately won over Catherine. We had quite a discussion and Lynn was delighted to find out that Sadie was going to a 500 acre organic sheep ranch in Wyoming. Corgi heaven!

Here is what Catherine told me:

"Sadie had her first opportunity to herd my sheep back into their pasture this morning and clearly shows that Corgi aptitude for work, she barked and went for heels and moved everyone back through the gate and into their pasture. Good girl.

I'm so pleased, now if the house cats would just get over it. I have one cat so far that loves to "bait" her, then hiss and slink off, seems to be a game on the cat's part. When she herded the sheep, they all took notice and went back into the corral. None tried to challenge her - I would have stepped in as I want Sadie to think she is in charge.

My husband, Martin, has taken her on several short car trips and is delighted with her manors, he's taken her for several long walks and she now sleeps next to his side of the bed."



A Rescue Groups Answering Machine

Press 1 if you have a 10-year-old dog and your 15-year-old son has suddenly become allergic and you need to find the dog a new home right away.

Press 2 if you are moving today and need to immediately place your 150 pound, 8-year-old dog.

Press 3 if you have three dogs, had a baby and want to get rid of your dogs because you are the only person in the world to have a baby and dogs at the same time.

Press 4 if you just got a brand new puppy and your old dog is having problems adjusting so you want to get rid of the old one right away.

Press 5 if your little puppy has grown up and is no longer small and cute and you want to trade it in for a new model.

Press 6 if you want an unpaid volunteer to come to your home TODAY and pick up the dog you no longer want.

Press 7 if you have been feeding and caring for a "stray" for the last three years, are moving and suddenly determine it's not your dog.

Press 8 if your dog is sick and needs a vet but you need the money for your vacation.

Press 9 if you are elderly and want to adopt a cute puppy who is not active and is going to outlive you.

Press 10 if your relative has died and you don't want to care for their elderly dog because it doesn't fit your lifestyle.

Press 14 if you are calling at 6 a.m. to make sure you wake me up before I have to go to work so you can drop a dog off on your way to work.

Press 15 to leave us an anonymous garbled message, letting us know you have left a dog in our yard in the middle of January, which is in fact, better than just leaving the dog with no message.

Press 16 if you are going to get angry because we are not going to take your dog that you have had for fifteen years, because it is not our responsibility.

Press 17 if you are going to threaten to take your ten year old dog to be euthanized because I won't take it.

Press 18 if you're going to get angry because the volunteers had the audacity to go on vacation and leave the dogs in care of a trusted volunteer who is not authorized to take your personal pet.

Press 19 if you want one of our PERFECTLY trained, housebroken, kid and cat friendly purebred dogs that we have an abundance of.

Press 20 if you want us to take your dog that has a slight aggression problem, i.e. has only bitten a few people and killed your neighbor's cats.

Press 21 if you have already called once and been told we don't take personal surrenders but thought you would get a different person this time with a different answer.

Press 22 if you want us to use space that would go to a stray to board your personal dog while you are on vacation, free of charge, of course.

Press 23 if it is Christmas Eve or Easter morning and you want me to deliver an eight week old puppy to your house by 6:30 am before your kids wake up.

Press 24 if you have bought your children a duckling, chick or baby bunny for Easter and it is now Christmas and no longer cute.

Press 25 if you want us to take your female dog that has already had ten litters, but we can't spay her because she is pregnant again and it is against your religion.

Press 26 if you're lying to make one of our younger volunteers feel bad and take your personal pet off your hands.

Press 27 if your cat is biting and not using the litter box because it is declawed, but you are not willing to accept the responsibility that the cat's behavior is altered because of your nice furniture.

Press 28 if your two year old male dog is marking all over your house but you just haven't gotten around to having him neutered.

Press 29 if you previously had an outdoor only dog and are calling because she is suddenly pregnant.

Press 30 if you have done "everything" to housebreak your dog and have had no success but you don't want to crate the dog because it is cruel.

Press 31 if you didn't listen to the message asking for an evening phone number and you left your work number when all volunteers are also working and you are angry because no one called you back.

Press 32 if you need a puppy immediately and cannot wait because today is your daughter's birthday and you forgot when she was born.

Press 33 if your dog's coat doesn't match your new furniture and you need a different color or breed.

Press 34 if your new love doesn't like your dog and you are too stupid to get rid of the new friend (who will dump you in the next month anyway) instead of the dog.

Press 35 if it is Christmas Eve, and the Shih Tzu that you got 7 months ago because your 8 yr. old and your 11 yr. old PROMISED to take care of it isn't working out and you are going to teach them a lesson by making them walk the dog up to the rescuer's door to give it up. Merry Christmas, kids!

Press 36 if you went through all these 'options' and didn't hear enough. This press will connect you to the sounds of tears being shed by one of our volunteers who is holding a discarded old dog while the vet mercifully frees him from the grief of missing his family.

~Author Unknown, but much appreciated!

Misty



Misty is another story that ended well but began sadly. She is an 8 year old sable girl. Both owners were placed into nursing homes and the children did not want to keep Misty. The sibling who was responsible for Misty decided he no longer wanted to keep her and decided to euthanize her. A neighbor stepped in and asked to take ownership of the girl. However, after a few days, she realized that she could not take care of Misty either, mainly due to her overweight situation. So rescue was contacted and we took her in. Once again, we performed any medical needs for her and put her on our list. A week later, a couple contacted Pat, came to meet Misty and fell in love. What follows is Jane's update for Misty.

"Dear Pat,

Just a note to let you know that Misty is adapting well to her new home. She and Buster are buddies and spend a lot of time running laps around the house. She loves going for walks and is getting lots of exercise, including climbing a few stairs. Thanks for all your help getting us together.

Sincerely, J



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A HAPPY
NEW YEAR



Zoe and Timer...it's a BIG world out there!