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Home at Last: from Adoptable to Alumni



In December 2005, Brandy, a black and white Australian Shepherd and Border Collie mix, was brought to the KCHS to be offered for adoption. She was the last remaining puppy of her litter in need of a home. Four months later, Brandy grew ill and was taken to Forest South Animal Hospital where she began treatment for canine parvovirus.

Parvo is a highly contagious and potentially lethal disease. The virus

attacks the rapidly dividing cells in the body of the dog, especially those in the digestive tract and bone marrow. Brandy had the typical signs of parvovirus, including: loss of appetite, lack of energy, vomiting and diarrhea. There is no "cure all" drug for parvovirus that can rid the dog of the disease. The dog's immune system must work overtime to overcome the disease. This fight is hard on a dog, especially the puppies and senior dogs who cannot spare the extra energy or immunity to rid themselves of the virus. Brandy was isolated from other dogs to prevent the spread of the disease, monitored for secondary bacterial infections, and given fluids to prevent dehydration and replenish the fluids lost to diarrhea and vomiting. Brandy pulled through her treatment and found her home!

Thanks to some matchmaking arranged by her boyfriend, Scott Brenner, Sherry Pasquenelli and family now share their lives with a happy and healthy Brandy. "In the beginning, Brandy was skittish around new people, especially men. I had to help her overcome her trust issues and worked with her to help her relax around new people," said Sherry. Sherry invested some time and love into Brandy and now her adopted "thirty-six pound lap dog" enjoys riding in Sherry's convertible and playing in the pool. "She swims around the pool and floats on her own raft. It is adorable to see her get on the raft and float around," Sherry said. Brandy has it "made in the shade" at the Pasquenelli household that she shares with two cats. Thank you Sherry, Scott and Sherry's children, for loving Brandy.

Dave and Lori Trembley were shopping in Bradley, IL for a new answering machine when their search took a detour in PETCO at the KCHS in-store adoption event. The Trembleys saw Barney and fell for "his sad little face." "We didn't know we wanted a dog until we saw Barney," Lori said.

Barney, a four and a half year old Beagle mix, had not had it easy since he arrived at the KCHS in 2002 at two and a half months old. In and out of adopted homes, Barney was returned to the shelter four times. The reasons for Barney's returns included, "family problems," "just not working out," and ultimately, "just didn't want." During the times that Barney was with us at the shelter he was our traveling representative. His attendance at local events gave him the opportunity to greet new people, travel, and enjoy the outdoors. While many showed interest in Barney, a permanent home escaped him.

The Trembleys lost a beloved canine companion a few years ago and were not sure they would ever take in another dog into their home or hearts. Lori is saddened that Barney had to wait so long to find his forever family but she is convinced that "he was waiting for us."

Since his March 2006 adoption, Barney's days are full of adventure and fun. Barney awakens the family at 5:00 am with a morning greeting of two front paws on the bed and a lick in the face. The day's events—a car ride, a visit with the neighbor's dog, and a howled song or two replay in his dreams as he snuggles in his favorite chair he shares with Spot, his feline sibling.

We wish the Trembley family only the best and thank them for seeing the beauty that is Barney.



Better with a Buddy

Now, when you adopt a homeless animal from the KCHS, you can take home a buddy for 1/2 price! Adopt the first animal at his/her regular adoption fee, and you can "adopt a buddy" for half the price of his/her adoption fee. Any combination that fits your family will work!

Mix and match and bring home a pair who will be buddies for life!



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