

# Celebrating Animals



*For nearly six months,* I had the privilege of fostering Gordy, a 5-month-old pit bull mix who was dropped at a local veterinarian's office with an old leg injury. After Pet Rescue of Mercer agreed to take him, Gordy's leg was amputated because the break was on a growth plate. But Gordy didn't miss a beat. Three weeks after surgery, he was splashing in the baby pool and playing with my other dogs. When he needed a break, he cuddled beside me on the couch.

I grew up with rescued dogs and got involved with Pet Rescue because I wanted to continue helping animals. It's great seeing new adopters' excitement. I'll never forget the mom of a young autistic girl who cried and hugged me when I brought over their new Labrador retriever. Such experiences make me think, "How could I not be doing this?"

This photo was taken by our volunteer photographer, Winnie Chung, when Gordy's new mom brought him to an adoption fair for a visit. His body was all wiggles, leaving me in no doubt that he was happy in his new home.

— Megan Priestley, Hamilton, New Jersey

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