

December 2014



Pet's Name: Neeko

Proud Parent: Lisa

Age: 18 months

Breed: Yorkshire Terrier

My Personality: I am one little ball of energy and "it is my way or the highway" and don't come near my chew toys if you know what is good for you.

My Favorite Toy: Zebra

My Favorite Game: I like to play chase and ring the potty bells so my "Mom" thinks I have to go out. Once she comes to get me I fly past her and never let her catch me.

What I Like: I like to investigate every room and closet in the house. I like to run and bark at dogs and I love children! I like to hide my chews and it is fun to watch my Mom chase me around the coffee table. I love to play catch with my zebra.

My Special Talent: I make people smile and everyone loves me. I bring the best out in everyone I meet.

Neeko tells us how he came to be with Lisa: "I arrived at my new home the day after Christmas 2013. My former Mom decided that I needed a new home and the absolute best fit for me was to move in with my new Mom, Lisa. So far, I have no complaints, except when she runs out of expensive chicken treats (she only did that once). She knows not to do that because I won't do anything for her unless she gives me one."

November 2014



Pet's Name: Bea Arthur

Proud Parents: Cesar & Jose

Age: 18 months

Breed: Black Mouth Cur

My Personality: I love to cuddle! I'm a happy-go-lucky girl with a vibrant and social personality. I get really excited when visitors come over, and I love to lick their faces.

My Favorite Toy: My stuffed penguin and my stuffed monkey. I love to rip them apart and make my papa sew them back together.

My Favorite Game: Tug-of-war! Especially with monkey or penguin.

What I Like: I really like my stinky dental chews. They smell like rotten fish, but for some reason they are my favorite treats!

My Special Talent: Seriously, I am the best cuddler in the world...all modesty aside.

Bea tells us her adoption story: "I'm a Southern Belle! I was brought to the Humane Society of Huron Valley (HSHV) by the Rescue Waggin' program. When I came to HSHV, I tested positive

for heartworm. However, after many months of medications I was ready to find my new home! Cesar and Jose saw me and immediately fell in love. I've been very healthy since my adoption in January 2014, and now I love to cuddle with them every day. John and Katy come to play with me and walk me every weekday, and I love it when they visit too!"

October 2014



Pet's Name: Gigi
Proud Parent: Hannah
Age: 3 years 9 months
Breed: Yorkie Poo

My Personality: Very gentle soul, low bark and very smart, but does what she wants. Loves people, very good with children, doesn't trust other dogs.

My Favorite Toy: Teddy bear.

My Favorite Game: Fetch the ball (only if she knows I have a candy in my pocket!).

What I Like: Food, and loves attention: Gigi is first.

My Special Talent: Greetings.

Gigi's owner tells us her adoption story: "My daughter, who is a parent, when she was 16 got Gigi ("Can I have a dog, I don't have any friends. I'll do everything!"). As soon as she got Gigi she got friends and had no time any more. Now Gigi is mine and love is mutual! My daughter still thinks she is a proud parent."

September 2014



Pet's Name: Louie (80 lb male Doberman Pinscher with a docked tail and floppy natural ears. A very silky shiny black and rust coat. I'm a hotty.)
Proud Parents: Ben and Kelly
Age: 2.5 years
Breed: Doberman Pinscher

My Personality: Although Dobermans are perceived as mean and intimidating dogs, I am the sweetest/largest goof ball. I luv's to cuddle and will never lay down by myself. I must have at least a paw on my humans lap at all times or just lay on their lap entirely. All 80 pounds of me. I tend to throw a fit until you put me "unda cuvs" or in human language...under the covers or under the blanket.

My Favorite Toy: My Kong! The only toy that has survived because I will destroy everything else! I like to shove it in my humans face until they put a treat in it. Sometimes I just fall asleep with the Kong in my mouth as my human holds the other

end. My humans don't understand why I like to do that.

My Favorite Game: My favorite game is to pretend I'm stretching and then stealing my parents food quickly off their plate. I gets them every time.

What I Like: I luvs going for walks, running with my dad, barking endlessly at squirrels, snuggling with my parents, eating treats, playing with my puppy friends, wearing bow ties, sneaking human food when no one is looking, sticking my head out of the sun roof in the car, being batman, and protecting my humans.

My Special Talent: I haz lots of talents. I sit, lay down, touch your hand, give high fives, relax on the floor, give you my paw, and "wait" very patiently on command. But my best talent of all is catching the heart of every woman I meet.

Louie tell his own adoption story: "I was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania along with my many puppy brothers and sisters. My humans had been researching for a very long time about different dog breeds... They obviously picked the best one and haven't regretted it since."

August 2014



Pet's Name: Marla

Proud Parents: Sarah and Rick

Age: 10 (or 100 in human years!)

Breed: English Mastiff

My Personality: Gentle giant but very protective of her humans on her home turf.

My Favorite Toy: Huge Nylabone.

My Favorite Game: Chasing rabbits and squirrels or barking at dogs on the sidewalk.

What I Like: Sleeping on the couch; snuggling with my people; cheese.

My Special Talent: Drooling.

Marla's owner tells her adoption story: "We got Marla from a breeder when she was three months old. Her paws were huge, she weighed only 35 pounds and she could barely walk she was so clumsy."

July 2014



Pet's Names: Katie (left) and Sherwood (right)

Proud Parent: Pat

Ages: 13 years and 7 years (respectively)

Breeds: Cardigan Welsh Corgi and Pembroke Welsh Corgi

Our Personalities: Katie is a social butterfly; she loves other dogs and people (especially mail carriers). Sherwood is kind of shy, but definitely a people lover.

Our Favorite Toys: Katie likes the "Soft Bite Floppy Disc" soft Frisbee. Sadly, as a puppy mill dog, Sherwood doesn't seem to know how to play; But we're trying some interactive puzzle toys involving food.

What We Like: Katie likes walks, rolling in snow, and just spending time with her people. Sherwood likes just hanging out with people.

Our Special Talents: Katie's are spotting and watching animals on TV, even cartoon animals; she also excelled in obedience class. Sherwood's talent is being very patient and sweet-natured.

Katie and Sherwood's mom tells us their adoption stories: "I got Katie from a breeder in Grand Rapids; we've been together since she was 10 weeks old. I found Sherwood on Pet-finder. He was a rescue from a puppy mill in Ohio. He had a chronic dry eye condition, which the docs at the Michigan State Veterinary School repaired by moving a salivary duct up to each eye. Now, every time he salivates, his eyes get moisture. Very cool!"

June 2014



Pet's Names: Maggie and Bentley

Proud Parents: Paula and David

Ages: Maggie-7, Bentley-8

Breeds: Boxers

Our Personalities: Bentley is smart and loves to play. Maggie is loving, sweet, obedient and comes when called.

Our Favorite Toys: Hurl-a-Squirrel, stuffed animals.

Our Favorite Games: Tossing Hurl-a-Squirrel and retrieving.

What We Like: Long walks in our favorite parks - Hudson Mills, Arboretum, Gallup and Bandemer; Momma's home made dog food, Texas toothpicks, keeping deer off the property, sleeping in a pile with Momma, and Dad's piano playing.

Our Special Talents: Bentley has a degree in the Dog Culinary Institute of America. He supervises cooking activities daily (this is not begging). He is there at your side at the open oven door to watch your basting technique at Thanksgiving and Christmas. He Visually inspects and then sniffs before carefully tasting any morsel offered his way. Most commercial dog "treats" and biscuits just don't qualify for his menu. He also has a strong sense of the day's schedule including what time the humans are supposed to be off the computer and in bed. Vary from that routine by a couple of hours to pull a late night project and you will find out how he can turn off your computer and herd you upstairs rather quickly.

Maggie is a love bug full of numerous slobbery licks and kisses and master of the classic boxer pretzel hula dance on greeting her human friends. Maggie is also the number one guard dog keeping careful watch over the property lines and providing clear, deep vocal alerts of invading mail, Fed Ex and UPS trucks. Maggie takes it as her personal responsibility to exercise her humans. Almost no weekend day goes without a several mile hike in one of her favorite parks. Failure to do so results in very long sighs and slumped doggie positioned with back to you. She is very quick to recognize a change in clothes or shoes suggesting a variance from her humans' workday schedule and will lobby heavily for a walk up the road to check out her extended territory and log in some exercise for her humans.

May 2014



Pet's Names: Stellaluna (Stella) and Annie

Proud Parents: Allison and Katie

Ages: 6 years and 9 months

Breeds: Basset/Lab mix?; and based on a questionably reliable doggy DNA kit, a mix of Boxer, German Shepard, Rottweiler and Terrier.

Our Personalities: Stella is about as laid back as they come, although she still loves to run around the yard like crazy and can outrun most dogs with legs twice as long as hers! When she wags her tail her entire body wags, and she is also known for inserting herself between your legs to get a rump rub! Annie is still very much a puppy and a bit more alert and on guard. She would spend hours outside playing in the snow (and eating it) if we let her. For all her puppiness she is very sweet and gentle and one of the best cuddlers ever!

Our Favorite Toys: Stella loves her bones and is constantly chewing for an hour in the sun, and Annie loves anything and everything (for the hour it lasts anyway). Annie likes to destuff and de-squeak her toys and then turn them inside out. "Billy Goat," a giant billy goat, is one of their favorites, and longest-running toys. Now the once huge animal is totally deflated and inside out, but they both still love it.

Our Favorite Games: Stella loves to be chased with a toy in her mouth and Annie is a bit more sophisticated with her game of keep-away! She's pretty good at making quick turns to keep you from grabbing the toy.

What We Like: Stella - I love people. All people, although I prefer adults over kids, who know how to really pet a dog. I also love showing off my many tricks. Annie - I love walks, eating everything on the ground (including dog poop which is very embarrassing for my family), and playing non-stop.

Our Special Talents: Stella performs her tricks as a therapy dog. We used to visit Silver Club, a day center for dementia patients, where she would run through all her tricks in the center of all the Silver Club participants. Her specialties include: beg, wave, roll over, spin and weave (through our legs). Annie is still developing her talents, but we are hoping she will be a good running partner. She is also very good at alerting us to every inaudible sound including squirrels outside, cars off in the distance, cats moving in the basement, etc.

Allison tells us the girls' adoption stories: "Stella came from a very small one-woman rescue organization in Michigan. When my ex and I went to look at dogs I swore I wasn't going to adopt a dog that day and didn't even bring money so I wouldn't be tempted. But we saw Stella. She was tiny and adorable and in this huge outdoor cage with tons of other puppies, who were all bigger than her and more aggressive. They were climbing all over poor Stella. When I took her out of the cage and held her, her little heart was racing, and when I went to put her back in, she just clung to me and refused to go back in the cage. That was it - we couldn't leave without her, and after a 45 minute drive to the closest ATM (we were WAY out there), my life was never the same again.

"Katie and I adopted Annie last summer from the Humane Society. We went in planning to adopt an adult dog, but also knowing that we wanted to have kids and that the dog had to be good with kids and other animals (including our cats). In the end we decided that a puppy might fit our lives better. The Humane Society had just received all these puppies from the South (Annie was from Little Rock, AK). There were so many puppies, yet I saw Annie and just knew she was the one. Both her siblings had been adopted that morning already. We took her into a little room to interact with her, and as we did she began to come out of her shell. Katie wasn't sold, and wanted to keep looking, but I was so in love that I don't think Katie had a choice. We brought Stella to meet her the next day, and they did

well together, so we adopted Annie. It's been a challenge, especially after having such an easy, calm, older dog, but every time Annie makes me laugh as she lifts up her snow covered face, I know she's the one!"

April 2014



Pet's Names: Oscar and Gracie

Proud Parent: Elizabeth

Ages: Nine and seven years old

Breeds: Daschunds

Our Personalities: Oscar is an "old soul" that reminds us of a forgetful dog with few cares in the world! While Gracie is a princess on high alert! Both Oscar and Gracie bring love and joy to our family.

Our Favorite Toys: Oscar does not have a favorite toy but loves to be petted. Gracie enjoys her ball. Gracie can play catch with her ball non-stop for hours. We think that sometimes Oscar simply takes the ball from Gracie to get the ball playing to simply STOP!

Our Favorite Games: Oscar loves to bark at squirrels while Gracie enjoys chasing her ball.

What We Like: Oscar most enjoys eating and being petted. Gracie loves to sit up on someones lap and be nice and warm. This winter has not been well received by Gracie! Gracie loves to sit by the heat vent this winter and warm herself. While Oscar can wonder around the yard in rain, wind, or snow as if nothing is happening outdoors! He will come

in all wet and just look at you as if to say "Oh, did I get wet outside?" Both dogs enjoy a run at the dog park, going to parks, and visiting with other dogs.

Our Special Talents: Cuddling!

Oscar and Gracie's mom tells their adoption story: "Although adopted two years apart both Gracie and Oscar were adopted from the Huron Valley Humane Society. Gracie was turned in by someone that found her in the woods. On the day we were preparing to move into our new place we stopped by the Humane Society and instantly fell in love with Gracie! Two years later we decided to add a playmate for Gracie and we again stopped by the Humane Society and saw Oscar's sweet face looking at us. We were immediately smitten! It is wonderful having two dogs who have different personalities and are such good playmates for one another."

March 2014



Pet's Name: Saratoga (Sara)

Proud Parents: Stacy and Adam

Age: 10, but people say I don't look a day over 4

Breed: Australian Shepherd

My Personality: Loving, but intense.

My Favorite Toy: Gotta be my Aerobie Frisbee.

My Favorite Game: Frisbee!

What I Like: People, Frisbee, and balls. Also, food.

My Special Talent: Conflict resolution and catching anything in my mouth.

My Favorite Toy: Anything that goes in my mouth.

My Favorite Game: "On your mark, get set, GO."

What I Like: Sticks. Food is also high on my list. I like to watch TV. And belly rubbing is always welcomed.

My Special Talent: Finding sticks. Always looking hungry. Showing extremem excitement when meeting people.

Maizie tells us her adoption story: "Ken and Betsy were looking for an older golden retriever and came to look at my mom who was retiring from shows and breeding. I happened to be available too and put on my best "cute puppy" act for them. Well, who can resist a golden retriever puppy! So, holy-moley, I was heading to Ann Arbor to become the most spoiled puppy in Washtenaw County. Darn proud of that too. Katy and John have been good friends too. They must be lonely because they stop by my house almost every day. I like them so I let them walk me, give me water, feed me, and play with me. It's good for them so I try my best to amuse them with my crazy puppy antics.

Sara shares her adoption story: "I was born on a ranch in Western Kansas where my biological parents worked. I was adopted by a very nice Colorado family with two young children, and I grew up with them in a fairly rural area outside of Denver. My adoptive mom was born and raised in Wyoming, and she has a special place in her heart for herding dogs like me. When she met me for the first time, she put down a deposit on me so my adoptive dad could come and meet me too. The "deposit" amount was the full price and was completely non-refundable, but my mom likes to let my dad think he has input into major family decisions. For years I waited for the school bus and the UPS man, patrolled the neighborhood, chased deer out of the yard, and occasionally got into fights with coyotes (I always lost). This past summer my mom got a new job at the University of Michigan, and since my kids have grown up and gone to college, we moved to Ann Arbor. I'm still getting used to the place here - different sights and smells, for sure - but I've made two new friends named John and Katy, and they are super nice to me!

February 2014



Pet's Name: Maizie

Proud Parents: Ken and Betsy

Age: 9 months

Breed: Golden Retriever

My Personality: I'm a "pistol" but often adorable.

January 2014



Pet's Name: Chanel "Nellie"

Proud Parent: Cassy

Age: 6

Breed: Maltipoo

My Personality: Nellie is shy around new people, but once she gets used to someone, she craves their attention and is very cuddly.

My Favorite Toy: Nellie loves playing with any toy with a squeaker, cat toys, and golf balls.

My Favorite Game: Playing fetch.

What I Like: Long walks, car rides, and trips to pet-friendly stores.

My Special Talent: Nellie knows how to high-five and in the winter she likes to make Snow Angels by lying on her back and wiggling in fresh snow.