

## December 2016



**Pet's Names:** Indy and Arlo

**Proud Parents:** Halle and Brett

**Ages:** Indy is 4 years old and Arlo is 11 months

**Breeds:** Indy is a mutt. Our best guess is that she has some Border Collie in her. Arlo is a Siberian Husky.

**Our Personalities:** Indy is Halle's sweet shadow. She is very loving and will do anything for some extra pets. Arlo has a LOT of energy. Brett has little wrestling matches with him and he's very keen on squirrel "hunting" in our backyard.

**Our Favorite Toys:** Indy loves tennis balls. It would be her dream come true if she could fit two in her mouth at once. Arlo likes chewing away on antlers... and anything he can get his mouth on.

**Our Favorite Games:** Indy is absolutely hooked on playing ball. She will try to get us to throw anything for her. She gets that intense Border Collie concentration and could play endlessly. Arlo just likes to chase Indy at any chance he can get. He likes to steal the ball from her to get her to chase him. It's an endless cycle around here.

**What We Like:** Indy loves super soft blankets. She snuggles up and takes long naps all day. Arlo is a sucker for cheese and Kong balls with peanut butter in them.

**Our Special Talents:** Indy can squeeze her way into any spot to cuddle. She takes cuddling very seriously. Meanwhile, Arlo's talents include being extremely mischievous and pretending to be innocent at all costs. Both are excellent swimmers and love playing in lakes during the summer.

*Halle relates how she came to get Indy and Arlo: "I scooped up Indy from a rescue when she was just a little baby. She was found wondering a coal mine in Kentucky and was at a high kill shelter until the rescue I got her from picked her up. When she was so young, she had one ear that didn't stand up yet and little shark teeth. She was the cutest puppy I've ever seen (maybe I am a little biased...). We got Arlo from our friend whose dog had a litter of white huskies when we both graduated from college. The second Brett held this little chunk in his arms, I knew it was all over. We brought him home and every day has been an adventure since."*

## November 2016



**Pet's Names:** Molly and Lucy

**Proud Parent:** Sarah

**Ages:** 3 years

**Breeds:** Molly- Siamese and Tabby;

Lucy- Tabby

**Our Personalities:** **Molly-** I am more of a shy one initially. I am very careful around new people, but warm up very quickly. Once I know you a little bit, I talk a LOT and am very affectionate. **Lucy-** I am VERY outgoing, but only on my terms. I want to know what's going on around me at all times and am VERY mischievous.

**Our Favorite Toys:** **Molly-** My favorite toy is the little tan mouse that I like to carry around the apartment. **Lucy-** My favorite toys are the nuts in the decorative bowl that my mom has on the

counter. I liked them so much that she now has hidden this bowl and I am very sad. BUT, no worries, I have hiding spots where I still can play with some of them.

**Our Favorite Games:** Our favorite game is to see how long we can stay in the bedroom before mom kicks us out before bedtime. **Molly-** I like to hide under the bed so mom can't get me. I usually lose when mom brings out the laser pointer. **Lucy-** I sit on top of the bed and move around so mom can't get me either. If I'm not in the room and I see mom walking into the room, I run as fast as I possibly can into it because I don't want her to keep us out at night! I usually lose when mom brings out the treats.

**What We Like:** We both LOVE the wet food mom gives us. We wait ALL day long! We actually love food in general. When mom is eating, we both like to sit and stare at her, hoping she will give us some. Sometimes, I steal some off of her plate when she's not looking (Lucy). **Molly-** My FAVORITE thing is chewing on all mom's electronic device cords. I like it so much that she's gone through 2 computer chargers, 5 cell phone chargers, and 1 watch charger. I also really like deli turkey, but it has to be within 3 days of buying it or else I don't like it (and will leave it for Lucy). Finally, I like to play with mom's ponytail when she's sitting on the couch. Sometimes I get a little too into it, and pull her hair though. She doesn't like it too much. **Lucy-** I like to knock the lamp onto mom's head when she's sleeping. I also really like to bash the standup fan into the wall. It makes this REALLY loud noise. I like waiting for mom in the window when she gets home from work and then I run to greet her at the front door.

**Our Special Talents:** **Molly-** I can find the electronic device chargers, even if mom hides them. She must not hide them very well. **Lucy-** I can almost get into any cabinet or closet door that I want. My mom isn't sure how I do it, and I'm not telling her either! At our last apartment, my mom had to duct tape the cabinets so I wouldn't get in it and eat the food in there.

*Molly and Lucy's mom tells their adoption stories: "When I moved to Ann Arbor, I didn't really know anyone in the area and I wanted some company. I've always loved cats and knew I wanted to have a*

*cat. Being alone in the apartment and working full time, I knew I wanted to have 2 so they could entertain each other while I was gone. I went to Petsmart and adopted the cats from foster homes (Planned Pethood). They were both so loving and playful, I had to get Molly and Lucy (even though they weren't litter mates). One of the best decisions I've made. They both definitely keep me on my toes, but they are both super affectionate and I love coming home to them every day."*

*October 2016*



**Pet's Names:** Zoey (the cottonball) and Harley (the tyrant)

**Proud Parents:** Allison and Josh

**Ages:** Zoey- 4 years, Harley- 5 months

**Breeds:** Samoyed and Terrier mix

**Our Personalities:** Zoey- Needy, follower, loving, submissive to other dogs, mommy's girl;

Harley- Playful, curious, submissive to other dogs, loving, protective, daddy's girl.

**Our Favorite Toys:** Zoey doesn't like toys. Harley loves all toys, especially playing ball!

**Our Favorite Games:** Playing with each other.

**What We Like:** FOOD, belly rubs and hogging the bed.

**Our Special Talents:** Zoey- Hi-fives, dog shows (she's now a champion!). Still working on Harley's special talent.

*Zoey and Harley's mom relates their adoption*

*stories: "Zoey's father and mother are owned by my mother and her friend. My mom raised Zoey with 3 other Samoyed's until she was 1 year old, and she's been with me ever since! Harley was adopted from the Kalamazoo SPCA. Josh and I went in to look at another puppy and fell in love when we saw her. We had to wait 2 weeks for spaying before we could take her home. On the day she became available, I waited outside the locked door to make sure we were first in line to take her home (I guess you could say we were obsessed)."*

## September 2016



**Pet's Names:** Lucy and Stevie  
**Proud Parents:** Julie and Ambrose  
**Ages:** Lucy is 9 and Stevie is 8  
**Breeds:** Lucy is a shorthair tabby and Stevie is a black shorthair

**Our Personalities:** Lucy loves to be in the same room as us but doesn't usually sit in our laps. She makes weird faces a lot and we think she might be from an alien planet. Stevie is a lap cat, and she will try to sit in your lap even if she doesn't fit.

**Our Favorite Toys:** Cat laser!

**Our Favorite Games:** Getting in and out of boxes, bags and luggage.

**What We Like:** Friskies! Windows! String!

**Our Special Talents:** Lucy is an expert at surveillance and can knock over water glasses within seconds. Stevie keeps up a constant purr and is good at playing Monopoly...

*Lucy and Stevie's mom tells how they came along: "We found Lucy at kittenpallooza at the Humane Society of Huron Valley. We went back the next year and found Stevie!"*

## August 2016



**Pet's Name:** Buzz  
**Proud Parent:** Lisa  
**Age:** 8-9 years  
**Breed:** Boston Terrier

**My Personality:** I can be a little demanding. I want to be constantly petted, unless of course your hands are busy tossing my toys for me or getting me something to eat. Sometimes I get too excited for my own good (more on that later), because it is hard to contain how much I love being with my people.

**My Favorite Toy:** I love my plush death star that holds tiny storm troopers. I also really enjoy chasing tennis balls around the living room.

**My Favorite Game:** I love it when Lisa throws my toys around the house. I grab them and then she chases me around. I think I want her to chase me more than I want the actual toy, because as soon as she stops, I give it back to her to throw again.

**What I Like:** Attention, especially in the form of belly rubs, head scratches, and treats. I also like snuggling on mornings when the alarm clock doesn't go off and being in the kitchen when bacon "accidentally" falls on the floor.

**My Special Talent:** If Lisa forgets and leaves a TV remote on the couch, I can usually step on it in a way that messes everything up. I'm still not sure why she needs TV when she has me.

*Buzz's mom tells us how she came to have Buzz:  
"Buzz came to live with me in November 2015, but I had known him for several years before that when he belonged to my friends. They had a baby and moved to Ohio. I went to visit them and they mentioned that they were looking for a rescue or shelter that could take Buzz. He was just too jumpy and unpredictable around their daughter and they no longer felt comfortable with them together. I hadn't been looking for a dog, but it just clicked that he should come home with me. Buzz is a great dog for adults when he can be the center of attention, so I think it worked out well for everyone."*

## July 2016



**Pet's Names:** Chase and Grace

**Proud Parent:** Ann

**Ages:** Chase 6, Grace 7-9

**Breeds:** Chase- Toy Rat Terrier, Grace-

Dachshund/Min Pin mix

**Our Personalities:** Chase- squirrely, quiet, smart; Grace- fun loving, outdoorsy, protector

**Our Favorite Toys:** Chase- Squirrelfriend, Grace- Chase

**Our Favorite Games:** Chase- chasing/catching toys mom throws, Grace- playing catch me if you can with mom.

**What We Like:** They both like relaxing with mom, outside walks, our friendly friend Jack, and food (Grace).

**Our Special Talents:** Chase- super fast, understands the human language, watches TV (actually knows when a scene is getting serious and when it ends). Grace- melting hearts, affectionate, and can sleep under covers all night long.

*Chase and Garce's mom tells how she adopted them: "We adopted Chase while living in Syracuse after seeing how great his "nephew" Jack was with his older sister Chrissy. It seemed like he was the size of a mouse when he was a puppy. Grace came from Georgia. Grace's first mom, Aunt Adrienne, rescued her as a foster and saved her life. This happened while I was visiting Adrienne in New Jersey. I fell in love with Grace's sweet face and flew back a month later to bring her to her forever home in Michigan."*

## June 2016



**Pet's Names:** Ellie (left) and Indiana (right)

**Proud Parents:** Lisa and Kathy

**Ages:** 11 and 5

**Breeds:** Mixed - perhaps Border Collie/Caanan and Beagle/Miniature Pinsher

**Our Personalities:** Ellie is the reserved one and prefers to get to know someone before allowing them to get too close. She has a few good dog friends, but she is also very clever. Indiana is super friendly and the life of the party. She is vocal and insistant when she wants something, otherwise she can be found nuzzled in bed.

**Our Favorite Toys:** Ellie: her stuffed bees and beehive, anything she can rip apart and remove the squeaker. Indiana: Shoes, socks, whatever Ellie has.

**Our Favorite Games:** Tug of war with each other, racing through the house trying to play (tag?). Indiana also is obsessed with the Lure course, which is always set up at the Humane Society of Huron Valley's Walk & Wag. She is the one "screaming" to run the course.

**What We Like:** Ellie: Food, trash, running around squeaking toys, hunting for moles, snuggling with mom on the floor. Indiana: Sleeping with shoes, RUNNING, hunting with Ellie, especially in leaf piles and snow.

**Our Special Talents:** Ellie: has been known to reach the top of the refrigerator and she had been able to jump 5' in the air from a standstill until she had her knee surgery. She has had both knees surgically repaired and she can still run. She is great at eradicating moles, defeating any type of locks on the kitchen cabinets, and finding food anywhere. Indiana: she is a great running partner, is a master snuggler, collects shoes and socks, and makes everybody feel good.

*Ellie and Indiana's parents tell their adoption stories: "Lisa found Ellie online on Petfinder.com. We found out that she, along with her siblings (Winkin', Blinkin' and Nod) would be at Meet Your Best Friend at The Zoo the next day. We arrived early and were able to choose Ellie over two littermates. Her brother collapsed on a leash and was very submissive. Ellie perked up right away and started running with Kathy on a leash right away. Everyone asked where we got her from as we left with her in our arms.*

*"Lisa also found Indiana. While on a business trip to Seymour, Indiana, she visited a woebagon Humane Society to make a donation. She took a walk through to look at the animals and saw little Indiana sitting and wagging her tail. She was the only dog that wasn't barking. Lisa couldn't resist the little dogs cute face poking through the cage and wiggling her whole body. So Lisa and her two coworkers drove 6 hours home with a new puppy."*

## May 2016



**Pet's Name:** Marty (formerly "Bart" but that seemed like an odd dog name)

**Proud Parents:** Sarah and Rick

**Age:** 1

**Breed:** Boxer-hound mix (but all the vet techs and dog people we meet think he's a pit mix)

**My Personality:** Very chill in the house, except at 5:30 in the morning when I like to play tug-o-war and when someone comes to the door. I howl like crazy even when the wind closes the screen door. My mom has to open the door to show me that no one is waiting on the other side.

**My Favorite Toy:** I love them all: balls, rope toys, stuffed animals.

**My Favorite Game:** Tug-o-war for sure, and chasing balls in the basement.

**What I Like:** At night I burrow all the way under the sheets and sleep there for a few hours. I like to keep my humans company during the day. I like going for walks and chasing squirrels, but I'm afraid of the Fed Ex truck.

**My Special Talent:** I can get myself completely swaddled in a blanket.

*Marty tells us his own adoption story: "My mom was really missing her old dog, Marla. She had been watching the Humane Society Facebook page for a new dog for months. One day in July, my picture came up and mom knew I was the one, but she and dad were going on vacation soon and they didn't want to get me and then leave right away. Mom came to visit me, took me on a walk, but then decided not to take me home because of vacation. But mom couldn't get me out of her mind, so she came back a few days later. She thought I had been adopted because I wasn't in the same kennel. But mom wanted to walk around and see all the dogs anyway, and there I was in the back room! I was 9 months old and had come up from a high kill shelter down south. Dad was out of town for work but mom took me home anyway, and we got the dog walker to stay with me while they went on vacation."*

## April 2016



**Pet's Name:** Bentley Axl Rose Bintang  
**Proud Parent:** Sandhya  
**Age:** 10 months  
**Breed:** English Bulldog

**My Personality:** Loving, trouble making fun, playful, knowing that I am so cute that no one can resist me. I can also get mad when I don't get my way but that is because my mom spoils me.

**My Favorite Toy:** Halloween Snoopy and my Michigan football.

**My Favorite Game:** Fetch, and I like to play steal

momma's shoes and hide them from her.

**What I Like:** I like to go on walks, to learn new tricks, and riding in the car with the top down. I also like to follow around my momma wherever she goes.

**My Special Talent:** I wave at people so that they will come and pet me.

*Bentley tells us how he got here: "My mom adopted me from a breeder in Florida. I flew in an airplane and moved to Michigan and have been living with my new mom since."*

*Pet 'N Play note: We have been walking Bentley since he was nine weeks old, and people love to stop and pet him. There are some great pictures of him on our Facebook page.*

## March 2016



**Pet's Names:** Yuri & Koshka  
**Proud Parent:** Peter  
**Ages:** 6 1/2 (both)  
**Breeds:** Bengals

**Our Personalities:** We are totally curious and

never let our resident helpers out of sight. We reward them occasionally by sleeping near them or purring but this is strictly as a reward for brushing us, tummy rubs and plying on demand. We recognize when one of our resident staff members is awaiting us as they generally indicate it by attempting to write on their computer or ipad. We never stop playing. We were ignored too often several times early on but we left the dead mouse as a message and that seemed to have solved the communication issue.

**Our Favorite Toys:** There's our toys and "our" toys. Our tethered mouse is our favorite, but da bird is high on the list. However, we find it equally entertaining to jump against the window at the birds on the bird feeder, and collect pens, paper, blue tooth ear pieces, and any type of electrical cord.

**Our Favorite Games:** Chasing each other up and down the stairs. Occasionally leaping onto the couch from the loft. Watching the birds and squirrels at the bird feeder on the porch. We are also extremely good at clearing items off tables and shelves that are light enough for us to push off with our paws.

**What We Like:** We LOVE to demolish cardboard boxes and paper grocery bags. We enjoy licking the remaining coffee out of any coffee cup left out too long unattended.

**Our Special Talents:** We are very adept at pulling books from bookcases. In fact it may be our greatest single skill. Even seemingly out of reach books are fair game. We are really good at removing wallpaper. Once, when the vet left us alone in the exam room, we helped them with their remodeling by removing all of the wallpaper off one side of the room. Did we mention we get bored easily...We also have developed a keen sense of geometry which allows us to position ourselves directly between cable controller and the cable box control window regardless of where the cable controller is located.

*Yuri and Koshka tell us how they came to be together: "Littermates, we were separated at birth and were originally planning on spending our lives in southern California but Koshka found a home in Michigan and before he could be adopted Yuri*

*learned he could come east as well and we have been inseparable ever since."*

## February 2016



**Pet's Names:** Petey and Sparky  
**Proud Parents:** Greg and Karen  
**Ages:** Petey is 10 and we think Sparky is ~7  
**Breeds:** Jack Russell Terriers

**Our Personalities:** Well, they are terriers! Petey is vocal, demanding and an all-around "big dog" in a little body; Sparky loves to be with his mommie...when she is riding her horse and they are walking, he follows behind! Both boys want to go, go, go - and love going with their mommie to the horse barn.

**Our Favorite Toys:** Petey loves the tennis ball; Sparky loves knotted shirts...he tears them up, growling and shaking them.

**What We Like:** Walking, running around at the horse barn, treats!

**Our Special Talents:** Looking adorable.

*The boys' mom relates their adoption stories: "Petey - I told his former owner (our vet where we used to live), "do not put him in a rescue" when he was driving her crazy with his vocalization. A few*

months later she was asking if we would take him. Greg tells Petey, on occasion, "remember, Petey, a person who is devoted to the care of animals gave you up." We love our crazy-PITA and he is an excellent JRT. Sparky - came from Last Day Dog Rescue to us in March. His nickname is Snarky Sparky as he was a bit too mouthy. His first instinct is to not trust his humans, but his confidence and trust in us is growing. His mommie loves him very much, and we hope that he continues to grow with us and feel very, very safe."

## January 2016



**Pet's Name:** Natasha

**Proud Parents:** Linda & Alexander

**Age:** 14

**Breed:** Tabby

**My Personality:** You would be wrong if you think I'm slowing down because of my age. I can still run up the Dogwood tree and be up on the roof of the house in a furry flash.

**My Favorite Toy:** Katy and John brought me a cat dancer once when my humans were traveling. Until then I didn't even know what-in-the-world is a toy? While it remains my official favorite, I also like to occasionally give a little gray mouse a lesson.

**My Favorite Game:** Tricking the humans into letting me go outside so I can let them realize that it is urgent that I come back inside.

**What I Like:** Hours and hours of petting - especially the shoulders and chin. And naps. And

soft fishy kitty food.

**My Special Talent:** I can capture my disobedient tail. I can also catch snowflakes before they hit the ground. My humnas seem to appreciate the small rodents that I leave by the door for them. I know when to stop with the catnip.

*Natasha's mom tells how Natasha came to be with them: "We were so happy to adopt Natasha, but it took longer for her to adopt us. When we bought our house, Natasha was in residence. Derek, Natasha's original human, was planning to leave Michigan to live in San Francisco bay on a sail boat. The plan was for Natasha to go live on a chicken farm. We negotiated harmoniously to make Natasha a part of the house deal. She was a confirmed outside kitty then. About a month into our first winter together, a raccoon invaded her nice warm insulated outside-house-within-a-house (the shed). I suspect that she and the raccoon had an encounter as she wouldn't go anywhere near her house even after the raccoon was evicted. Subzero freezing weather was in the forecast, so Alex insisted that she come into the house. She adapted nicely after two pretty solid nights of kitty wailing, and she is now frequently in front of the woodstove; though I get the impression that she still finds it humiliating to use the litter box. On most days she gets outside time - and still comes in willingly at the end of the day. She used to disparage toys, but now seems to like to play. She may only be humoring me."*