

December 2017



Casey

Pet's Name: Casey (aka Puppy, Pretzel, Booger)

Proud Parents: Alex & Dan

Age: 8.5

Breed: Staffordshire Terrier Mix

My Personality: Super sweet and lovable! I love to get attention and to give kisses. My tail is always wagging, and I have very expressive ears so you always know what I'm thinking. I'm very well behaved and just want to make people happy.

My Favorite Toy: Squeaky toys are scary, so I like to play with my friend Molly or run around with Alex and Dan.

My Favorite Game: I like to run back and forth down the hallway and into the bedroom, especially when I think that Alex and Dan are going to chase me. Those areas have carpet so I don't have to worry about slipping or sliding.

What I Like: I like lying in the sun, staring out the window, cuddling on the couch, and getting frozen edamame treats. I also enjoy jumping on the bed in the morning to make sure my humans wake up, even though I'm not allowed on the bed. I love blankets, and sometimes I get so cozy that my feet end up tangled together and I look like a pretzel.

My Special Talent: I can roll over, but only in one direction (and I sometimes get confused and forget which direction that is). I pride myself on being a great cuddler, even when there is no room for me and I end up sitting in Dan's lap.

Casey's mom relates her adoption story: "I adopted Casey from Animal Control in my hometown of Wilmington, NC when she was about a year and a half old. It was the summer before my senior year of college, and I had been at lunch talking to my mom about potentially looking at graduate schools in England. My mom remembered that I had also talked about wanting to adopt a dog soon and knew that I wouldn't leave the country if I had a dog, so she immediately took me to look at dogs at the Animal Control. Casey was the only one in the place who wasn't barking and would sit on command. She had been found on the side of the road and had given birth recently, although only one of her puppies was with her when she was found. As soon as I interacted with her one on one, I knew she was meant to be mine. She's been my loyal puppy ever since!"

November 2017



Quinn, Luna and the OC

Pet's Names: Quinn, Luna and the OC

Proud Parents: Mike & Ellie

Ages: Quinn - 12, Luna - 14, the OC ?? probably 13 or 14

Breeds: miscellaneous

Our Personalities:

Quinn - good natured, philosophical, & likes to be picked up

The OC - hates to be left alone and loves anyone who will pet her

Luna - classically aloof; hates all cats and almost all people. Adores one person only.

What We Like: Quinn - loves to sit on the sun porch watching bunnies, chipmunks, squirrels, & falling leaves. He's fond of catnip too.

The OC - napping and getting petted are her highest rated activities.

Luna - Catching toys (twist ties are a favorite) and howling; running around madly; sitting in boxes; being admired.

Our Special Talents: Quinn, we have learned to our dismay, is an excellent mouser.

The OC has developed a tremendous knack for crashing business video conferences.

Whatever Luna wants, Luna gets.

Ellie tells us how they came to have the kitties: "They are all rescues. Luna was born in a hardware store warehouse in Charlottesville VA. Quinn was a VA stray. The OC showed up as an adult at our house in Pennsylvania, hungry and terrified. It took a year before she'd let us pet her, but she never looked back. (The OC is short for the Outside Cat. We never meant to keep her...)."

October 2017



Boots

Pet's Name: Boots

Proud Parents: Patrick and Carrie

Age: 7

Breed: Blue Heeler/Australian Shepherd, Terrier Mix

My Personality: Shy with new people, well mannered, goofy

My Favorite Toy: Too many to list! She often has a toy in her mouth and we call them her friends. She loves Alli the Alligator (pictured) and a ball that looks like a monster!

My Favorite Game: Fetch with a chuck it!

What I Like: Snuggling with my people! And sun bathing inside or outside!

My Special Talent: Fitting as many toys in my mouth as possible!

Boots' mom tells us her adoption story: "We rescued Boots through a non-profit group in Boulder, Colorado who saves dogs from kill shelters outside the state. Boots was very shy when we met her in the foster home, but we knew she was our girl! Over the last five years she's bonded closely with us and has showed us her sassy personality. We cannot imagine our lives without her!"

September 2017



Kelsey and Pluto

Pet's Names: Kelsey and Pluto

Proud Parent: Jenny

Ages: Pluto: will be 9 in July 2017, Kelsey: will be 5 in November 2017

Breeds: Pluto: Rottie mix, Kelsey: Greyhound

Our Personalities: Pluto has an energetic and gregarious personality, which means he sometimes is embarrassingly friendly when company visits! He is also a wonderful guard dog in that he will let loose with his Rottweiler bark if anyone comes to the door. Once inside, they are subjected to kisses and cuddles. Kelsey loves meeting people too but is politer. If she sees a new person while out walking, she will try to approach them in hopes of educating them on retired greyhounds and solicit petting.

Our Favorite Toys: Pluto: blue squeak ball and some stuffed animals. Kelsey: doesn't play with toys yet but she does have a large stuffed rabbit that she uses as a pillow.

Our Favorite Games: Cuddle time, eating Greenies, barking at squirrels and rabbits from the balcony.

What We Like: People! Getting petted! Long walks!

Our Special Talents: Pluto completed two courses in agility and loved it. He is fearless and sleeps through thunder storms. Pluto may also be part pointer, as he has always known how to do the perfect point. Kelsey is a retired greyhound who wins people over with her calm, patient demeanor. Kelsey's talent is using her owner as a napkin by rubbing her face against my leg when she's done eating. She also loves being brushed.

Pluto and Kelsey's mom tells us how she got them: "In 2009, Pluto was adopted at age 10 months from Last Day Dog Rescue, (<http://www.lastdaydogrescue.org>). He transitioned very easily and loved obedience class and agility. Pluto regards himself as a stud muffin. He quickly made a few dog "girlfriends" in the neighborhood and loves to go on walks with them to this day. Kelsey, (racing name: Kelso's Playlist) was adopted April 1 2017 from Greyhounds of Eastern Michigan (GEM) <http://www.gemgreyhounds.org/>. She is a graduate of the Greyhound Inmate Experience (<http://www.tgie-greyhounds.org>). Kelsey has transitioned very nicely in her first month and has never had an "accident". She loves to follow me around the house and adores her brother Pluto, despite the fact that he's the strangest smelling greyhound she's ever met!"

August 2017



Puddles

Pet's Name: Puddles

Proud Parents: Rachel Allen

Age: 13

Breed: Beagle mix (maybe part chihuahua?)

My Personality: easygoing, calm, and sweet

My Favorite Toy: anything that squeaks

My Favorite Game: competitive sleeping

What I Like: human attention, naps, walks, and treats

My Special Talent: snoring louder than most humans

Puddles' adoption story: "Rachel was a new volunteer dog walker at the Humane Society of Huron Valley in 2005 with the goal of volunteering to get her dog fix so that she didn't bring one home. Two weeks into volunteering, she walked through the back holding area to see the dogs that weren't officially up for adoption yet. All of the dogs were barking to get her attention as she walked through...except for one. Puddles (then Carrie) was sitting silently, staring, pleading with her sad eyes for attention. Against her better judgement, Rachel put her hand through the gate for Puddles and she walked up and rested her head on Rachel's hand. It was all over at that point. :-) Puddles stayed at HSHV for a few days so she could pass her medical checks and get spayed. In the meantime, she racked up a list of people that wanted to adopt her if Rachel didn't come back! Much to those people's dismay, Rachel came back and took Puddles home as soon as she could."

July 2017



Lucy

Pet's Name: Lucy

Proud Parents: Liza

Age: Almost 9 years old, she was born by C-section and, fun fact, her birthday is New Year's Eve!

Breed: French Bulldog

My Personality: Frenchies are called "clown dogs" and Lucy absolutely fits that description and she is oh so loveable. Will choose snuggles over just about anything else!,

My Favorite Toy: Furry squirrel that squeaks...Lucy loves to play fetch and tug of war with her toys.

My Favorite Game: Fetching her stuffed toys!

What I Like: Snuggling with my humans and playing with other dogs.

My Special Talent: Making noises like a Tasmanian devil! She screeches when she isn't happy and the noise is terrifying...LOL, all Frenchies make the screech!

Lucy's mom tells her adoption story: "My last child had graduated from High School and I was preparing to down size and move to Ann Arbor. I saw an Animal Planet special on French Bull dogs and instantly fell in love....started doing research and found they do well in small spaces, are low energy, etc. and so I got Lucy from a lady in Howell who took in French bulldog rescues and also had a few show dogs. Lucy was twelve weeks, six pounds and the most adorable little dog, screeching and all! I had always had larger, rescue dogs so having such a tiny puppy was a new experience. She has been a wonderful companion and I am so thankful I caught that Animal Planet special!"

June 2017



Valeska

Pet's Name: Valeska

Proud Parents: John and Jill

Age: 2 years

Breed: GSD

My Personality: A bundle of energy.

My Favorite Toy: Anything that squeaks, the louder the better.

My Favorite Game: Tugging on anything - a stick, a rope toy, my wading pool. As long as they want it and I've got it, I am happy.

What I Like: I love to get wet. If my parents can't see me, they usually just look in the shower and there I am.

My Special Talent: The ability to pose anywhere like Rin Tin Tin. On the back of the couch or a chair, on a windowsill, even the foot board of the bed.

Valeska's mom tells us how she came to own her: "After several Bouvier's we wanted to downsize. A friend's sister had pups and we couldn't say no. We still can't and spoil her rotten."

May 2017



Shadow and Pauline

Pet's Names: Shadow and Pauline

Proud Parents: Brynn

Ages: Shadow - 5, Pauline - 10

Breeds: Shadow - Golden Retriever, Pauline - Brussels Griffon/Chihuahua mix

Our Personalities: Both are mischievous and spoiled doggies. They love to sleep on the couches and find the comfiest spots in the house. Food time is the best part of their day and insist on eating their meals as soon as they are done with their walks (you better get ready for some backlash if you don't feed them right away). They both love to snuggle and just want all the love in the world.

Our Favorite Toys: Shadow - My red Kong ball that must come with me wherever I go! Pauline - Antlers, antlers, antlers!

Our Favorite Games: Shadow - Chasing the laser pointer; Pauline - Tug with her stuffed toys.

What We Like: Belly rubs, food, treats, and walks.

Our Special Talents: Shadow will give you a high five if you extend your hand out and say "Go Blue!" He is a true Michigan fan! Pauline is learning how to sit, but she prefers to bark and jump when she sees a treat and doesn't understand why her mom wants her to sit.

Shadow and Pauline tell their own adoption stories. Shadow says, "My mom came to pick me out when I was only 4 weeks old! I knew I wanted to go home with her, so I made sure she knew I wouldn't take no for an answer! When she was paying attention to my brothers and sisters, I would bark at her and run onto her lap. It was obvious that I was her dog, so she told the breeder that I was the one! Four weeks later, my mommy came back for me, and we've been together ever since."

Pauline says, "I was adopted from the Humane Society of Huron Valley. When my mom found me, I was being treated for fleas and had no hair on my back or tail. I was also very scared of humans I didn't know. I felt pretty comfortable around my new mom though and loved meeting my brother Shadow. I burrowed under the covers that night and knew this was a match made in heaven. We've been a perfect little family ever since!"

April 2017



Lily

Pet's Name: Lily
Proud Parents: Keith and Deb
Age: about 10
Breed: Labrador Retriever

My Personality: Happy go lucky, every moment is wonderful.

My Favorite Toy: Loves her chew antlers and tennis balls.

My Favorite Game: Endless games of catch, but now has arthritis in her shoulder and should not do that any more.

What I Like: Food, any kind, will even eat carrots like they are the best thing ever.

My Special Talent: Sleeping in when she's allowed on the bed.

Lily's mom tells us her adoption story: "We lost both of our dogs within weeks of each other, we were heartbroken. After some time, Keith started looking on rescue sites and saw Lily. We passed the adoption process and she came to our home. She is a joy and delight for us every day."

March 2017



Mia

Pet's Name: Mia
Proud Parent: Katy
Age: 8
Breed: Mix (probably tabby and calico)

My Personality: Overall, I am a pretty chill cat (except when I am hungry... then I will holler at the top of my lungs until I get food). I spend most of my time napping, but I also love getting attention. When I am really happy to see someone, I will roll around in their lap, drooling all over the place. I like curling up next to my

mom on the couch when she is reading or watching TV. I can be playful sometimes, but I get tired quickly (probably due to respiratory problems that also cause me to sound like Darth Vader).

My Favorite Toy: A small stuffed mouse.

My Favorite Game: Chasing my stuffed mouse (or another toy with feathers).

What I Like: Eating, napping, and getting attention.

My Special Talent: Getting cat hair on everything.

Mia's mom tells us her adoption story: "Mia was rescued by the Humane Society of Huron Valley. She had been dumped on the street as a kitten and was attacked by another animal. She was badly injured - she almost lost one of her eyes (she is now blind in that eye, but does not let that get her down) - but the Humane Society took good care of her. When I came in to look for a cat, a cat volunteer told me she had a great one in mind. I sat down on the floor in front of Mia's cage, and once it was opened, she climbed into my lap, started purring, and stayed there for almost an hour. I adopted her on the spot."

February 2017



Lucy

Pet's Name: Lucy

Proud Parents: Molly and Andrew

Age: 3

Breed: Golden Retriever

My Personality: Happy go lucky, friendly, curious and affectionate.

My Favorite Toy: A stuffed bunny that I carry around and sleep while holding in my mouth.

My Favorite Game: Love to chase and run as fast as possible with you as well as fetching a ball.

What I Like: Attention, cuddling, stuffed toys, playing with other dogs, and foos (anything!).

My Special Talent: Making friends with anybody and everyone!

Lucy's mom tells us how she got Lucy: "Lucy was brought home during the polar vortex in the middle of winter at 2 months old! She was matched to me by the breeder based on her personality. Potty training went smoothly despite the weather and she loved rolling in the snow. She was very loving but also very independent and curious!"

January 2017



Argyle and Patty

Pet's Names: Argyle and Patty

Proud Parents: Becky and Mike

Ages: 7 and 6.5

Breeds: Chihuahua/Terrier mix and Mystery/Terrier mix

Our Personalities: We are sweet and fuzzy mischief makers. There are not enough snacks or snuggles in the world for us!

Our Favorite Toys: Argyle can usually be found with one of his three fetch favorites: a plush bee-hive that is the size of his body (the stuffed bees it contained long since devoured), a hollow black slightly squeaky bone, or a tiny plastic pumpkin that is always sneaking under the furniture for months at a time. Patty only enjoys toys once in a while and will never fetch, but she often relaxes with a good bone. Preferably the one that Argyle is currently trying to chew on.

Our Favorite Games: It is fetch all the way for Argyle. And "stand under your feet while you cook" for Patty.

What We Like: Argyle loves to sit in a warm sunbeam, whether it be out in the lawn or on the kitchen floor. He also enjoys interacting endlessly with any guest that comes through the door. Patty loves coffee, and will go to great lengths to get it. Don't leave your caffeine unattended, or you will return only to the remnants of a latte puddle. We both love tailgating, and get lots of compliments on our game day gear.

Our Special Talents: We are both accomplished shedders, and proficient "sit," "down," and "wait" ers. Our true talent is our ability to convert even the animal-averse to members of our fan club. Friends have been known to stock up on allergy medication in order to give us all the pets we want.

Becky tells us how Argyle and Patty came to be with her: "Argyle (nee Scamp) was adopted from Canine Companions Rescue Center. His mother had been rescued from a high kill shelter while pregnant, and Argyle was born in foster care! Patty (nee Hazy) was adopted from the Humane Society of Genesee County. Her mother, also pregnant, was found as a stray and Patty was born at the Humane Society. She was listed as a German Shepherd mix, but with a 30 pound Terrier for a mom... I think her father must have been on the small

side! We named her Cleopatra because her puppy pictures made it look like she had thick winged eyeliner on, but that quickly got shortened to Patty and it stuck."