

December 2018



Buster

**Pet's Name:** Buster

**Proud Parents:** Jason and Liz

**Age:** 5

**Breed:** Maltese and Yorkshire Terrier Mix

**My Personality:** Curious, Good natured, playful.

**My Favorite Toy:** Squeaky squirrel.

**My Favorite Game:** Fetch and hide the squirrel.

**What I Like:** Chasing deer, going on walks, playing fetch with Jason and Liz with his toys, watching TV, visiting with family, chewing on rawhides and eating treats, wearing cute sweaters and handkerchiefs.

**My Special Talent:** Dancing on hind legs

Buster's parents tell us his story: *"Buster was brought to a local rescue by his first owner, neglected and with a really bad eye infection. His foster mom did a beautiful job cleaning him up, and clearing the infection in his eyes. He requires eye drops for life, but he does not seem to mind getting them. Liz found him on petfinder.com, and immediately fell in love and contacted the foster mom and arranged a meeting. Jason and Liz knew he was the one to bring home. Buster brings joy to his Ann Arbor home and to everyone he meets. He loves hanging out with his doggie parents, Jason and Liz, and acts like he has lived with them all his life."*

November 2018



Ryder

**Pet's Name:** Ryder

**Proud Parent:** John & Katy

**Age:** 7 ½ years

**Breed:** Great Dane

**My Personality:** Loves mom and dad, and one other person. That's it! Not typical for a Dane. But he loves to snuggle, and we love him!

**My Favorite Toy:** Kong ball. Ryder loves to chase and run with a giant hard rubber ball with a handle. He's had it ever since we got him, and it's still not completely torn up.

**My Favorite Game:** Running with, fetching and having us chase him with his Kong ball. Even though he is getting older, he still loves to run and jump on the ball!

**What I Like:** This is easy; Ryder loves ice cubes, peanut butter and walks! Even with a big yard (2 acres), Ryder would still prefer a walk on the leash around the neighborhood.

**My Special Talent:** Balancing food/treats on his nose until we tell him it's "okay" to eat them. It makes for good pictures.

Ryder's dad tells us his adoption story: *"Our last dog, Jake, a Rottweiler/Doberman mix (and absolute pussycat) had passed away a couple years before. We were in no hurry to adopt, as we own a dog walking business, and see dogs every day. But we felt it was time. We went to the Humane Society of Huron Valley to check out a dog they had on their web site (we were looking for an adult, bigger dog). But, having 4 cats, we had to make sure the dog would be okay with cats. He was not. We had also seen another dog on their web site (Ryder), but he wasn't in the general population. We asked, and they took us to him. He passed the "cat test" (and still gets along great with our cats), and before you knew it we were taking him home! We are glad we did. He has his issues, to be sure, but we love him! And the cats don't seem to mind him either."*

October 2018



Jackson

**Pet's Name:** Jackson

**Proud Parent:** Neil & Wendy

**Age:** 18 month

**Breed:** Golden retriever

**My Personality:** Always smiling and ready to play!

**My Favorite Toy:** Any stuffed toy with a squeaker!

**My Favorite Game:** Chase! Jackson loves to have a toy in his mouth and be chased around furniture or the yard!

**What I Like:** Chewing on marrow bones and playing chase with my "girlfriend" Trixie!

**My Special Talent:** Jackson performs a 5 minute "happy dance and song" anytime family or friends come to visit.

Jackson's mom relates his story to us: "*Jackson was ear marked for the breeder's brother, but in the end he decided that he was not ready for another dog and we just happened to contact the breeder on the same day that this decision was made. We bonded with Jackson immediately and knew it was a good decision for us! Jackson's breeder named the puppies after characters in Grey's Anatomy and Jackson's initial name was Avery, after the character Dr. Jackson Avery. We decided to call him Jackson instead because it kept with our theme of naming pets after cities in Michigan. Our previous dog's name was Dexter.*"

September 2018



Quinn

**Pet's Name:** Quinn

**Proud Parent:** Denise

**Age:** 10

**Breed:** 55 pound shepherd mix with gorgeous piercing brown eyes, shepherd eyeliner and a shepherd beauty mole

**My Personality:** Serious, loyal , energetic love bug

**My Favorite Toy:** tiny squeaky stuffed animals

**My Favorite activity:** car rides, and going for a million walks a day, especially with Mom, Carol, John, and Katy

**What I like:** the winter season, cream cheese with my pills, pureed pumpkin for dessert

**My Special Talent:** Security guard: monitoring all of the windows in my house 24/7 BARKING....

Quinn's mom tells us his story: "*Quinn (formerly Bear) was adopted from HVHS last year at 9 years old. He had been surrendered by 2 different owners in his little life, once for dermatological health issues and the second time for moving reasons. He was left alone in yards most of his days and was known to be a fence jumper.*

*Last autumn, the west side of Ann Arbor had a rash of burglary attempts in my neighborhood. It happened to me as well, one morning at 3am. Someone desperately tried to enter two of the doors to my house. I was terrified. Several neighbors reported similar events, yet having the benefit of being alerted by their barking dogs. So I decided I needed a barker. The rest is history*

*My Mighty Quinn perches at the staircase windows and monitors the perimeter of his house most of the day. He alerts me when someone pulls in the drive, or walks past the house or those who come on the porch without an invitation.*

*Quinn herds me from room to room, always keeping track of his mom. He knows exactly when I am home from work, always at the door with kisses. He reminds me when it's past his dinner hour or his next walk, by staring straight in my eyes with his tail wagging vigorously. (So cute and polite)*

*When I cry, he licks away my tears. He is my companion on the couch and my space heater in bed at night.*

*I do not want to remember life without my Mighty Quinn. He makes me laugh, he brightens my day, he forces me get exercise, takes away my loneliness, and provides me with unconditional love.*

*Who rescued who? I think you know the answer to that."*

August 2018



Lucy & Lola

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

**Proud Parents:** Ed and Mary

**Ages:** Lola--3 1/2; Lucy--maybe 7 or 8

**Breeds:** Lucy: Maine Coon Cat, most likely; Lola: long haired dilute torti

**Our Personalities:** Lucy has never met a stranger. If the doorbell rings, she's the first one at the door and loves to be around people. Though she's not a lap cat, she always hangs out with her human family.

Lola is a bit more skittish initially, but once she knows the situation is safe she's sweet and affectionate and a real lap cat.

**Our Favorite Toy:** Lucy loves her little red Santa, and always carries it around the house. We frequently find it on our bed in the morning. Lola is a little more serious, preferring books to toys.

**Our Favorite Game:** The late evening chase. Usually around 11 there's a need to chase one another through every room in the house, flying over furniture and occasionally leaping up onto the rafters in the great room.

**What We Like:** In the winter, curling up together in front of the fireplace and birdwatching through the window. In the summer, finding our special square of sunshine and birdwatching through the window.

**Our Special Talents:** Lucy can hear the can opener even with ear plugs in; Lola can leap tall buildings in a single bound.

The girls' mom tells us their adoption story: *"For the first time in our married lives we were catless and thought we'd remain so.....until the fateful day we saw the photos online from a shelter in Maine, where we were vacationing. Lola, a one year old single mother, had been given up by her owners, and Lucy, who was called Nadine when we first met her, had been brought in as a stray. The two had become inseparable and the shelter would only adopt them out as a pair. After our first meeting, and without a lot of deliberation, we determined we'd never again be catless."*

July 2018



Meeka

**Pet's Name:** Meeka

**Proud Parent:** Stacy and Adam

**Age:** 2

**Breed:** Australian Shepherd

**My Personality:** Sweet and loving, but many things still scare me.

**My Favorite Toy:** Squirrel on a fishing pole.

**My Favorite Game:** Chasing the squirrel!

**What I Like:** Being held and petted.

**My Special Talent:** Agility. I can leap over all the furniture in the house and go from 0 to 60 in two seconds.

Meeka tells us her adoption Story: *"I was originally adopted as a puppy by a couple who had two very young kids. Their home wasn't stable, and I didn't get a lot of attention or training – I spent a lot of time outside on a lead. After living five different places in a year and a half, I was finally given back to the shelter that had adopted me out as a puppy. Stacy and Adam, who lost their previous Aussie, Sara, to cancer a year earlier, found me online and arranged to meet me – and when I came to their house, I immediately felt at home! Although I have some "behavioral issues" – strangers and strange dogs sometimes really scare me - I'm getting better and more confident every day. I REALLY love going for walks, so I always look forward to my visits from John and Katy!"*

*June 2018*



Winston & Pearl

**Pet's Names:** Winston and Pearl

**Proud Parents:** Mike and Sayoko

**Ages:** almost 4 years old

**Breeds:** we don't know, probably just tabby.

**Our Personalities:** *Winston:* He is like honey badger. He never gives up until he gets what he wants. At the same time he is super affectionate and very clingy, sometimes too clingy. Super friendly. Very predictable. When we pick him up, he just hangs without resistance. He flops anywhere everywhere and stretches. The smell of Icy Hot drives him crazy. He is always looking for something to eat. Very entertaining to watch.

*Pearl:* She is quiet, but very alert. She is the cutest when she meows. She can be very affectionate when she wants to be. She is a chubster and sometimes have difficult time rolling. She does not move once she gets situated. She is independent. She doesn't like close-up. Her favorite spot to sleep is on the top of the dresser or on my pillow next to my head. Her tail is always standing up and curled.

**Our Favorite Toy:** little balls, a red twist tie, a pink sock

**Our Favorite Game:** chasing a red pen light or chasing each other

**What We Like:** Food. Winston loves cheese. They like to sleep by the vent where heat comes out in the bathroom during the winter. They love to sit on Mike's legs while watching TV. They love their friend, Luigi, our neighbor's black cat. They like to run around in the backyard and eat grass like cows (then Winston pukes afterwards). They like to look out the window watching birds and squirrels.

**Our Special Talent:** They can eat very fast.

Pearl and Winston's mom tells us their adoption Stories: *"In the spring of 2013 our first cat, Fenfen passed away after almost 15 years with us. We were so very sad for a long time. But after while a home without a cat was rather lonely. Then in the spring of 2014 I saw a flier at a yoga studio giving away kittens. We went to this lady's house and got two kittens, a brother and a sister, the last two, and they were gray tabby just like Fenfen. They turned out to be very good-natured cats. We believe that Fenfen came back to us through reincarnation as Winston and Pearl. We love our cats."*

May 2018



Ella & Rosie

**Pet's Names:** Ella Fitzgerald. Miss Rosie.

**Proud Parents:** Fritz and Monica

**Ages:** Ella is 12, and Rosie is 11.

**Breeds:** Both are Domestic Short Hair. Ella is a gray tabby, and Rosie is a black & white.

**Our Personalities:** Ella meets us at the door most days and follows us all over the house while we're home. She's a buddy cat - very playful and curious. Rosie is very sweet, quite demure - though wears a little too much eye liner. Rosie respects our house guest's space, while Ella will visit their rooms and check out their things. Both are loving, cuddly kits.

**What We Like:** Ella likes to eat, chase Rosie, and purr in our ears every morning to get us up for breakfast. Rosie likes to find a quiet and warm place to nap - preferably in the sun - and can do this all day. We both like our tummies rubbed.

**Our Special Talents:** Ella will sit for her treats. She's also very talented at getting tangled in your feet at feeding times. It's exhausting! Rosie will also sit for her treats, and is a talented high jumper.

The girls' mom tells us how they got them: *"Ella and Rosie were both adopted from the Ann Arbor Cat Clinic. We adopted Rosie one year after Ella, to provide mutual companionship. Ella's given name was Xena, Warrior Princess. Rosie was named Router. They both were about 7 months old when we adopted them, and both had previous families who no longer wanted them. Lucky us!!!!!!!!!!"*

April 2018



Hester

**Pet's Name:** Hester

**Proud Parents:** Cathy and Alex

**Age:** unknown, approximately 3

**Breed:** I'm a 20 lb. mystery dog!

**My Personality:** I'm full of energy and zoomies, but I love to sleep in on weekends.

**My Favorite Toy:** My friend Lisa (Buzz's mom) got me a stuffed dinosaur named Rexy. I love to sleep with him and carry him around. I've kept his his stuffing inside him for almost 6 months now.

**My Favorite Game:** One way fetch -you throw something, I go get it, then you chase me

**What I Like:** I love treats! I am also very good at keeping my humans safe by barking at newcomers in front of my apt window.

**My Special Talent:** Couch renovation. Sorry humans, I was very nervous when I first came home with you.

Hester tells us how her mom and dad brought her home: *"I was a pregnant stray surrendered to K9 Stray Rescue League in Oxford sometime in November of 2016. Cathy and Alex came to visit one of my roommates there in January 2017 but fell in love with me instead! They must have been impressed with my dazzling smile-I love to show off my bottom teeth. I've had the greatest year ever! I went to my first baseball game in June, traveled to New York for summer vacation, and met Santa Claus a few weeks ago! My humans call me the "downtown hound"-I love to go out to dinner with them in nice weather. I sure hope all of my shelter friends are getting as much love as I am."*

*March 2018*



SweetPea

**Pet's Name:** SweetPea

**Proud Parent:** MaryEllen

**Age:** 7 years

**Breed:** Domestic Shorthair

**My Personality:** laid-back, talkative, and affectionate

**My Favorite Toy:** handmade catnip-filled fleece toys from my grandparents

**My Favorite Game:** stalking pens and batting them across the room

**What I like:** fresh fish, soft blankets, being pet, collars with bells, cardboard scratcher

**My Special Talent:** Beating MaryEllen in races up and down the stairs

SweetPea tells her own adoption story: *“I came to MaryEllen after having been through two other homes. My first owner passed away, leading to me being brought to the humane society. I was then adopted, but unfortunately due to family allergies I was brought back to the humane society. MaryEllen had waited a long time to get her first pet, but was unable to due to a student budget and schedule. When finally graduating and moving out to the Midwest for her first job, first non-apartment, she was ready for her first pet....me. The humane society was very good to me, but MaryEllen's whole family has adopted me (even if just MaryEllen's name is on my adoption papers) and has vowed that they will be my forever family.”*

*February 2018*



Phoebe & Justi

**Pet's Names:** Justi (male) and Phoebe (female)

**Proud Parents:** Lars and Joe

**Ages:** 10 going on 11 (both)

**Breeds:** American Burmese (Justi) and dilute tortoiseshell/mix (Phoebe)

**Our Personalities:** Justi: exceedingly laid back and seems grouchy but has a loving soul when you get to know him. Except he will always remind you that he is the superior life form. Phoebe is super lovey-dovey and will follow us around the house like a dog, even greeting us at the door at the end of the day.

**Our Favorite Toys:** Justi: a sparkly ball or a mouse with a rattle inside. Phoebe: a chili-pepper-shaped, catnip-filled toy, or a fuzzy round toy with googly eyes.

**Our Favorite Games:** Justi likes to leap onto the bed in pursuit of a sparkle ball thrown high. He also likes to carry his mice and sparkle-ball prey back to the food bowl and drop them in for safe-keeping (pictured). Phoebe likes to play fetch with the googly-eyed toy or tries to rip the chili pepper to shreds.

**What We Like:** Justi: Full-body massages (no exaggeration), including his pads. Phoebe likes to hide under the covers and pretend that no one knows she's there, the better to attack a wayward finger.

**Our Special Talents:** Justi: Unbelievable and graceful leaps that show his muscles and agility. Being too cute for his own good. Phoebe: Looking into your eyes and grabbing then embracing your soul. You know she's really connecting with you!

Justi and Phoebe's dad tells us how they came to be part of their family: *"Got Justi from a breeder in Lexington KY. The breeder used to raise horses then switched to cats. He slept all they home for the 6-hour drive. Phoebe: we found her at Pet Supply Plus when Planned Pethood from Toledo was doing one of their regular Saturday morning adoption things. Fell in love immediately!"*

*January 2018*



Kirby, Eppie and Kya

**Pet's Names:** Kirby (right), Eppie (left), & Kya (center)

**Proud Parents:** Paul and Becky

**Ages:** 11, 7, 5

**Breeds:** English setter, Terrier mix, Cairn terrier

**Our Personalities:** Lovable, highly excitable pack dogs who love to cuddle inside and run outside.

**Our Favorite Toys:** Kirby: No toys, I prefer running around in the woods and stalking small animals.

Eppie: Balls!

Kya: Balls, balls, balls!

**Our Favorite Games:** Kirby: I enjoy stealing my sister's toys and having them chase me...and then I like to bury their toys.

Eppie: I like catching tennis balls, but not returning them.

Kya: I love playing catch with any and everything, all the time...even when mom and dad are sleeping.

**What We Like:** Kirby: I like frog and chipmunk hunting at the lake house, chasing after rabbits in the backyard, checking out the neighborhood from the dog perch and cuddling with mom.

Eppie: FOOD (especially stealing Kirby's food), balls, barking at every dog that walks by the house, and meeting new people.

Kya: Balls. Balls, balls, balls, balls, balls...and eventually cuddling and full body scratches.

**Our Special Talents:** Kirby: Skunk killer, power to make mom feed me or let me outside with one bark, can survive a below freezing night alone in the Michigan wilderness.

Eppie: Guard dog extraordinaire, knows 10+ verbal commands, can play dead, can make anyone fall in love with her.

Kya: I don't have any special talents, I'm just cute.

The pups' parents tell their adoption stories: *"Kirby was found in Georgia as a young lad by Above and Beyond English Setter Rescue and was placed in foster care with a family in Pennsylvania. We had driven up just to "check him out," and found an insanely energetic dog, running circles in the backyard. He eventually took the time to come say hi and sat right down next to Becky and rubbed his muddy nose all over her leg. We were sold! Eppie was adopted a year later after serving her time as part of a medical research project. Kya recently came into our lives as a foster, but quickly won Becky over with her sweet face and affectionate face rubbing. She's not going anywhere."*