

# Happy Beginnings

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Pinky is living proof why you should always eat your vegetables. Several weeks ago we went to Tagawa Gardens in search of some fresh peaches, not expecting to find the newest member of our family. When we arrived, we saw an adoption event was going on at the gardens. Backtrack a few months ago; I had to put down our chocolate lab (Snickers) at the age of 14 years 8 months. She lived a wonderful life and it was her time to fly in heaven. Back to Tagawa Gardens where we thought it would be a great idea to (JUST LOOK) at the animals up for adoption at the event. Our other dog Doughnut has been begging us for a buddy ever since we adopted her from Max Fund Denver.

When we entered the adoption area, we were immediately attracted to Pinky and her beautiful black eye patch. After a few belly rubs and scratches, we looked at each other and had the look of "this is it". We proceeded to buy our peaches and jams and drove home discussing Pinky and if we should adopt her. A few days went by and we talked about her everyday until we decided to call the foster parents and schedule a home visit with Pinky and Doughnut.

The visit went well and we both loved how Pinky acted and her very mellow demeanor. She was very well behaved and gentle for being so young. As we drove away from the foster house, we talked about her adoption more and more. A few more days went by as we discussed Pinky and Doughnut. Finally we woke up one morning and said, "Lets do it". The application went through, and the home visit went very well.

As we sit here with Pinky on her second day with us she has been awesome. She is extremely fun and playful and an excellent walker on the leash. She watches her big sister (Doughnut) intently who is teaching her the do's and don'ts of the household. They have adapted well to each other and absolutely LOVE getting treats for good behavior. We took the sisters for a walk last night as they jogged next to each other and chased frogs in our yard. Pinky has settled in well so far and we look forward to each coming day. What started off as a trip for some peaches, turned into a lifetime companionship that we are very excited for. Hooray for Pinky (now Yoshi) and her FOREVER home.