

Benjamin



Special Note From Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado's President, Beth White: Sometimes adoptions don't go as planned. This story shows how some people go above and beyond with their new adoptive friends. We are so thrilled that this threesome has settled "in"!

I have waited to tell my story for many reasons. It has taken awhile for Benjamin and I to settle into a "happily ever after." Since August, I have been convinced Benjamin was almost on a suicide mission. First he chewed off the top of a throw toy, aspirated it and when I found him he was breathing through a small hole from the top of the toy. Next, he climbed the counter, ate 4 days of my meds from the cupboard he got into and I had to pump his stomach. (Note: Most of my meds are herbal and didn't even give him the trots.) Every toy and non-toy is trial by mouth! He has eaten and sampled things I never would have imagined! One evening he chewed his blanket and then tried to swallow it all in one piece. Fortunately I was able to pull it out all in one piece... strangest thing! Some evenings Mya (my other dog) and I just sit and wonder, "what is he doing... and why?" Then there was the day he tried my telephone recharger cord and gave himself a small shock! During this time however, Benjamin has become more relaxed and has learned many hand signals. The last month I have been home more due to inclement weather. Benjamin has claimed the Victorian armchair (seen in picture) as his own, and Mya, Benjamin, and I have formed a bond that is unmatched! Snow has been absolute joy... it falls, it rolls, it moves... and we all come back inside exhausted! Benjamin has gained weight and confidence, all the while keeping his spunk, curiosity, and amazing positive spirit! So... today marks our looking forward to our rescue and happily ever after adventure! With our Benjamin clearly in charge of the entertainment, our lives will never be dull!

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