

Roxy



We fostered Roxy in February of 2013. Roxy came to Dal Rescue from Louisiana. I don't know her full back story, but she was probably about 2 years old. She had just been spayed, and was still dealing with intestinal worms as well. It was obvious that she had had a couple of litters (at least) already at that age, and one very recently.

I met her previous foster mom in Broomfield to pick her up on a cold, sunny Feb day. She was skin and bones. I could literally see every single bone on her body. And she was cold and shivering (having come to Colorado in Feb from Louisiana)! I had tears streaming down my face, and sobs caught in my throat as I helped her into my car. I was heartsick that she was that skinny. And as I found out on that first car ride with her, she gets carsick. Poor thing - we had about an hour ride home to Castle Rock.

And we knew going into this that she had tested positive for heartworms. But besides being so thin, and finishing up with treatment for the intestinal worms, she was very energetic, spunky, friendly, and robust. She gained weight gradually, but easily. We live out on 35 acres and she loves to run and run. So she was loving all the space to run and chase her brothers and any little critters. She loves to run, and run fast!

After treating her for about a year and half using the "slow kill" method for the heartworms, we realized that we were losing the battle. She started coughing up blood. So we worked with our vet here in Castle Rock and began the "fast kill" method. Roxy is such a strong and hearty girl. She went thru the "fast kill" method without any problems at all. We followed all the rules to the letter (keeping her from running was the hardest part).

We had her tested at the 6 month mark after the treatment, and she was still showing the microfilaria in her blood stream. So we waited and had her tested at the 1 year mark. That was this past July. And she was CLEAR! Hallelujah! She has had no problems at all, and she is still the spunky crazy girl she always has been.

In case you're wondering, we have failed as fosters. We had to admit that Roxy is here to stay! She is just such a character with a great sense of humor and a huge joie de vivre. You can tell from her pictures that she is not a Dal, but a Dal-wanna-be. She loves (and I mean really loves) people. She engages with everyone she meets, and just cannot get enough of people. She's super-playful, but also very lovey and cuddly. But she is not a girly-girl. Definitely a tomboy, and does everything with gusto! You should see her eat - she vacuums up her food. I'm guessing she maybe had a rough life on the streets before she landed in rescue. And BTW - this girl can SNORE! We are totally in love with her, and we thank Beth and Dal Rescue for allowing us to help and keep this fabulous girl!

Tanya H.



Her favorite spot in the house to catch some rays!



Told ya. You can find her here napping in the sun!