

Cecil

Cecil was found as a stray on May 1, 2019 on Cecilia Street in San Antonio Texas. The San Antonio Animal Care Services that found him named him Cecil after the street where he was found. Cecil is a Dalmatian and Chocolate Labrador blend and they estimated he was about 2 years old. He was undernourished and weighed only 30 lbs when he was found. For the next 6 months he moved around Texas to several rescue facilities.

In November 2019, the **Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado** brought Cecil to a foster home in Colorado. In January 2020, his foster mom Edee, brought Cecil on to the Denver 9News Petline9 Program. When we saw him on TV he was so timid and scared but we had an immediate connection and something clicked between us and Cecil. Within two days we visited Cecil at his foster home. Cecil was so scared and timid to see anyone new and it was over 20 minutes before he could be coaxed over to come near us, then we spent the next hour on the floor with him. A week later we visited Cecil again and this time it took him only 10 minutes to come see us. What a great breakthrough and we went for a walk with him around his neighborhood.

One week later his foster mom brought Cecil to our home to check out our home and make sure that it was acceptable to Cecil. Cecil loved our big yard. Edee decided we were a great match and left Cecil with us for a trial period. Cecil settled into our home over the next few days and we adopted Cecil 2 weeks later January 19, 2019.

Within a few days Cecil trusted us and wanted to be with us all the time. We have a small, fenced area for Cecil but we also have a large yard without fences. For the first six weeks we walked Cecil on his leash many times a day to show him his boundary of our yard. In those six weeks he learned his boundaries and he is now allowed off leash in his big yard when we are with him. He knows not to cross over into the neighbor's yards. Cecil is so smart, and it amazes us how quickly he learns and wants to please.



We learned from Cecil's reactions to any of our quick movements that he cowers and must have been abused in the past. He was so afraid of people. We wish we could read his mind to figure out what happened to him in the past so we can ease his fear.

Cecil has now been with us for almost a year. Cecil has brought great happiness to our lives and he loves us both. Cecil has found his forever home.

Betty and Rich,
Colorado



Cecil loves to watch the wildlife outside his window.



And play with all his stuffed toys.



He has been through snow storms and loves to run in the snow. Cecil loves to run around the yard. It's amazing how he maneuvers and runs so fast.



But you know he lived in Texas because he loves to lay in the hot summer sun for hours.



In these pictures you may be able to see that Cecil's right ear is not black but is chocolate brown. That's how we can tell he is a Dalmatian-Chocolate Lab blend.



Cecil sometimes snores so lightly when he sleeps. We smile because that means he's so comfortable and safe in his home.



On our 2020 Christmas day walk in the open space field Cecil met Murphy the donkey. The donkey wanted to visit Cecil and then Cecil just wanted Murphy to play with him.