

Lily



When we lost our last rescue Dalmatian after only 3-1/2 years, our house not only was a lot quieter, but it also had a large hole in it, and we knew we had to get another Dalmatian to fill that hole. We looked on the internet in vain for the “right” dog. At the same time our daughter got us in touch with Dalmatian Rescue of Colorado, and Beth White immediately went to work to help us out. She made sure she knew what we were looking for and spent a lot of time trying to find the right dog. Nothing seemed to pan out and we became discouraged, but then she told us about a Dalmatian being advertised for adoption that met all our requirements, and it was only 300 miles away. We immediately called about Lily, and she sounded like the perfect fit. The owner had rescued Lily from a situation where she had been neglected, but she found her work made it impossible to give Lily the time the dog needed, since Lily is young and energetic.

We went over to see Lily as soon as we could – three long days after we first talked to her owner. When we walked into the house we immediately looked at each other because we knew that we had hit the jackpot. After discussing Lily’s habits, both good and bad, Lily hopped into our car and slept in the backseat while we made the drive back home. When we got to our house she pretty much ignored our cats, who were wondering what was going on, and eventually settled down on her bed in the bedroom, but only after exploring our back yard and house. She adjusted to our routine immediately, and now expects not only walks but attention and lots of love, which we give her. She sticks to us like glue and seems to think eye contact is code for “take me for a walk!” We are also working on enforcing the rules of the house, which provides no end of amusement.

One of our concerns was that she had to get along with other dogs. We have a cabin in the woods, and my brother and wife live nearby our cabin with their Dalmatian. In addition, many of the other cabin owners have dogs, so we needed a dog who would socialize with them. Although she immediately got along with my brother’s dog, she has been overwhelmed by all the people and dogs at the cabin. We are confident that we can work out her concerns by gradually introducing her to everyone up there. We like walking in the area, and plan to have her run to her heart’s content and to play with the other dogs who live near our cabin. Thank you, Beth, for spending so much time with us to make sure we got our “forever” dog. She is more than we could have hoped for.

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Lily napping in her comfy new bed.



I know there's a squirrel up there in this tree... If only I could climb this tree, too.



Smell the flowers, or find the mouse? Such tough decisions I have to make!