



Where Happy Endings Begin!



Beatrice and woman with disabilities change each others lives

Beatrice (not her real name, to protect the identity of her adoptive mom) was a puppy mill Chihuahua who had never been outside. She had never felt the earth under her feet. She had to “do her business” in her crate. After coming to Safe Haven, Beatrice’s foster dad said it took him two months to get her used to the ground so she could do her business outside. She was also a submissive wetter, wetting whenever she was picked up. He also said upon meeting other dogs, Beatrice would become snippy, but, after getting to know them, she would romp and play with them.

When Beatrice came to Safe Haven, she was fifteen months old and weighed six pounds. When her foster dad felt she was ready, he took her to the Pet Expo where she was

adopted, but returned two days later. The new owner said that Beatrice, who was afraid of her roommate’s German shepherd, kept peeing in the house.

In the meantime, a woman with sleep disorders and severe mental health issues—depression being the main one—was advised that it might be good for her to have a pet. Two weeks after the Pet Expo, the woman met Beatrice and adopted her. This woman gave Beatrice the time needed to adjust to the new situation, and Beatrice gave her new owner the same patience.

Beatrice’s foster dad told the new adoptive mom that it would probably take her a year or so for Beatrice to adapt to her new surroundings and become completely housebroken. But that was not the case. Beatrice adapted right away and had one accident in the house, only because of her adoptive mom’s sleep disorder—Beatrice could not wake her to be let outside.

When it comes to speaking about Beatrice, her adoptive mom is at a loss for words. Apparently, this is one of those matches made in Heaven—



Beatrice is a perfect fit. The adoptive mom’s therapist, doctors, husband, and friends can’t believe the positive changes in her since Beatrice came into her life.

Sometimes all it takes is love and patience—from human to pet and from pet to human—to change one’s life for the better.



2014 was a great year for many ...

Another year is coming to an end, but for many of these fur kids, it was just the beginning. About 300 homeless Safe Haven feline and canine buddies were adopted into forever homes where they'll be loved, played with, fussed over, well fed, and—we hope—just generally spoiled. These fur kids were all victims of some sort of abandonment situation, and without all the adopters like you, they would be languishing in cages in shelters and sleeping on concrete floors. We can't post all of their pictures here, but these are a few—maybe a picture of *your* new fur kid is below or on our back page.





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Dogs and Suds (oops that name is already taken)

OUR WISH WAS granted for a sunny day during our 2014 Chip and Dip event in August where we offered a microchip and a bath for \$20 and nail clipping for a donation.

Lots of canine (and a few feline) "clients" were micro-chipped and most got nice soapy baths, too.

And to top off an already fun day, we were presented with eight—yes, eight!—chocolate lab-mix puppies.

The pups were bathed, flea treated, vaccinated, and sent home to our puppy-expert foster-mom, Cynde Bruinsma. We couldn't have asked for a more rewarding day.



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