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### Letter From Home

### Musings from a First-Time Foster Mom

Tears filled my eyes and my heart was pounding as I drove away, but somehow I still had a smile on my face. I had just delivered Roxy, my very first foster dog, to her forever home. I knew I had done a good thing, and that the lives of three souls were forever changed.

I won't lie. I was terrified to foster at first. I had many questions and doubts that gave me every reason to say no. How would the dog relate to my dogs? Would it destroy my house? Would it be aggressive? Am I capable of letting go after becoming attached? Luckily I had Joyce Smith, an angel disguised as an HRI volunteer, to talk me through it. She made certain that Roxy would be a good fit for my family and counseled me through the entire process. For that, I am forever grateful!

Roxy arrived a lonely, shy little dog that wouldn't play and



Hello Everyone!

It's me, Rascal. It's been almost a year since I've been with my forever family. I can't believe how the time has flown!

Let me tell you a little bit about my mom and dad. Well, they started out as my foster parents - little did they know I had other plans. I loved my new home so much that I decided to have them adopt me. If you ask me, it was the best decision they've ever made!

I have a little sister, her name is Ellie. She is the best toy sharer. She will go and dump out our toy box and bring me toys she wants to play with. She loves to play tug, and she taught me how. She was a really good teacher, because I win every time!

I also have other brothers and sisters. They have no idea

wouldn't let anyone touch her. Within a few days, she was playing like she'd been part of my family all her life. It took a few weeks, but she eventually let others hold her and learned how to be loved without fear. She was forever changed.



A woman named Marilyn applied to adopt Roxy. She wrote that her husband had recently passed away and that she was looking for a "little buddy" to share her life with. My heart melted. After speaking with Marilyn, I knew instantly that this was a match that was meant to be.

Roxy has been with Marilyn about a month now. Marilyn checks in with me every once in a while to let me know how well they are doing. She tells me that Roxy has brought new life to her home and that Roxy gives her purpose. She says she's most grateful that Roxy gives her a

how to play. I bark at them, and chase them but all they do is hit me with their paws and yell at me. Mom calls them cats, but let me tell you what I call them - useless! They have the best food ... and they don't even have the sense to finish all of it. I can't let it go to waste, you know, so I clean it up for them. Mom tells me it will give me worms, but if that is what worms taste like, I'm in heaven! I've made good friends with one of these useless cat things. I'll clean his fur and he'll clean mine.

There's this big cage inside that has two toys Mom won't let me play with. They look like squirrels, but someone must have chewed their tails off. Mom calls them guinea pigs. They talk to me, and I try to tell them to come out of the cage and play, but they never listen. I sure would love it if they would ... they smell like they would taste great!

I might be 11, but I'm feeling and acting younger every day. I love my forever home, and I'm so glad I found my mom and dad. I've gotta run, Mom just said the "walk" word. Oh Boy! Thanks for giving this old man a

reason to smile every day and that she has someone to talk to again. Marilyn is forever changed.

I can't believe I helped make that happen. Even though it was hard to let her go, I couldn't help but smile through the tears. It was worth every minute. I'm looking forward to the opportunity to open my heart to foster again. I am forever changed.

Meredith Muller

\*Please consider volunteering to be a foster family. You are needed more than you know.



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The journey of every dog that comes into our rescue begins with loving arms, a warm bed and full tummy.

After careful emotional and medical evaluations while in foster care, the next step is to find the perfect forever home for every dog, one at a time!

**We did just that, 155 times in 2011!**

**Won't you please send an item for our Silent Auction/Raffle on July 12th?**

Be sure to join us for a complimentary dinner and join in the fun of bidding on your favorite must have item in our **Silent Auction/Drawings!**

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## There's a (Doggie) App for That!

Did you know there are apps, both Android and iPhone, for all sorts of dog related activities?

There are apps that provide training tips, apps that make sounds (whistle, barking sounds, etc.). There are apps that provide info on the sport of Rally Obedience, and also on clicker training, including one that makes the clicker sound, so you don't have to carry a clicker...just your phone.

Another type of pet related application is available to track your dogs (or cats) health records, including vaccination dates and medications, and yet another gives tips and information from veterinarians about pet care and health.

There's even an app that makes a high frequency sound to "interrupt" a barking episode, although at the current time it has poor reviews. Hopefully an update will improve the quality.

One app provides recipes for home-made dog food and treats. Another has 450 photos of 92 different breeds, in case you're trying to figure out "what kind of dog IS that?"

Very useful, is an app that helps you locate "pet friendly" places while travelling. Find hotels, dog parks, and nearby pet events with this one. In case of emergency, you can even find a local veterinary office.

Inevitably, there are also doggy games, wallpapers and ringtones. If you haven't visited the iPhone App Store or Google Places Apps for dog related goodies, check it out. You might find some fun and useful apps. Many are even free!

Be sure to read the user submitted reviews for each app which will give you valuable information on which ones are good quality and those which are best suited to your situation and dog.

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