



Hi Kate -

I thought I would send you some pictures of Mister - now known as Scout. When he first came home, he checked things out slowly, He ate well right away and the after being introduced to the backyard, he went right into his crate and took a long nap (with his new family smiling proudly nearby). He tested out the waters by chewing up a newspaper and stealing a video tape. Once he was told no, it never happened again. He's about 40 pounds now and is doing fabulous. He's so smart and well behaved that we never have to worry about him getting into things that dogs shouldn't be into. Scout loves to entertain himself if we aren't able to play with him. He takes all the toys (and blankets too) out of his crate and takes turns playing with each one. If he's lucky, Lucy is in the playing mood (instead of her other mood - the sleeping one) and they roll around together and even lick eachother clean. When he's gotta go make a potty run, he runs downstairs and scratches at the door and waits (sometimes not so patiently) for us to come down to relieve him.

After he does his business, it's usually time for him and Lucy to run laps around the backyard. Scout is the champion of fetching and will tirelessly bring the ball back to you and drop it on command. He loves to run around in the back yard and unfortunately likes to roll around in the dirt and mud. But what can you do - he is a dog!

He's also nobody's fool - he sees Lucy on the bed and knows that he wants to be up there too, where it's warm and comfortable. He's made it up there on his own too!!

Scout's still a little skittish when it comes time to put on his harness and go somewhere. Sometimes he even leaks a little, but he's beginning to associate his harness with fun things and not just the scary unknown. He's definately one to hang out in his favorite spots, but when he's out and about, he shines and behaves perfectly.

We made it through his teething with no casualties besides his toys and bones. No furniture or shoes chewed on and nothing shredded up! Thank goodness for that! Now he's got a set of beautiful, big dog teeth.

We are starting Obedience School this month and I just know that Scout will do very well.

We are so happy to have Scout in our lives and seeing him and Lucy run, play, sleep and cuddle just makes everything complete. Scout is a wonderful dog who knows how to please and how to melt people's hearts. Everyone who's met him thinks he's a wonderful dog and we couldn't agree more. I wish that we could take home 10 more just like him from CARE - maybe someday we can.

Thanks again for doing what you're doing!

Take care,

Lyndsey and Ryan

