



I have always had a soft spot in my heart for rescue animals, so when Tim and I chanced upon CARE one afternoon a few years ago and spotted a tiny tri-colored, 8-week old pup, I knew it was meant to be! The second that we held Tide (his name was Tyler at the time), we fell in love. So that very day we took him home with us to start a new life.

We soon found that he is a wonderful dog that is so smart and loving. He is our baby and we just love him to pieces. He means so much to us! We bonded with him immediately and he still follows Tim or I everywhere we go to this day. He sleeps next to us and even though he is a little bed piglet - we don't mind. I love it when I wake up with my little dog snuggled up next to me.

Since then, Tide has become an integral part of our family and goes with us everywhere. When he was two, Tide was diagnosed with Addison's Disease, but with regular medication he has a full and wonderful life and every penny spent on him is definitely worth it! We took him through training and obedience classes, which he passed with flying colors and we just feel so lucky to have him. His favorite place is the beach where he will run and run for hours chasing Frisbees and sticks and playing with other dogs.

After a while, it became clear that our little Cattle Dog mutt needed a playmate to keep him company during the day when we were at work. After all, Tide has a lot of energy and love to expend every day! Tim and I weren't in a position to get another dog though, so we dropped by CARE yet again and this time came home with a 5-month old tortoise-shell kitten we named Bindie.

We knew that Tide liked cats, but we were nervous about how Bindie would react to him. We introduced them slowly the first day by letting Bindie roam around free, while we held Tide and just let him watch her. Well. Bindie was having none of that and charged right over to Tide and rubbed up against him!

I think from day one, Bindie and Tide loved each other! We were thrilled to find that they bonded with each other so quickly and even took to sleeping in the same doggie bed the first week we had her. Bindie and Tide were soon wrestling together and chasing each other around and having the best of times. You would never know that they are supposed to be archenemies.

Bindie has been a great addition to our family. She is part Siamese and one of her sweetest traits is if you talk to her she will talk right back! Bindie loves to run like a wild woman around the house, but I think her favorite pastime is to chase the odd gnat around the patio in giant graceful leaps.

Tide and Bindie are the BEST! We couldn't be happier with our CARE babies!!

