

I Am A Shelter Dog



I was left behind, cast out, forgotten, neglected, wandering or just lost. I am a mystery, a mix, or I may even be a full breed. Now I am a shelter dog.

My first day here was confusing, loud, and frightening. Although the routine and smiling faces have helped, it sometimes has not been enough. I dread the dark nights punctuated by whines and whimpers. I dread the long days of too much noise and strange smells. I dread being passed up for a walk today. I hurt, I hope, and sometimes I feel like giving up. I curl up tight and refuse to rise, refuse to eat, refuse to wag. But I do look forward as well, to the one who makes my messy kennel clean and leaves me a soft mat to rest on. I look forward to the bouncing tennis balls and extra treats that come my way. Most of all I look forward to leaving with someone, and never coming back. I hope today will be the day and my nights will be quiet and calm, and my body and mind will be at ease. I hope to awaken to the same smiling face every day.

It took Ferguson 3 years to get adopted and I have been here 3 days, 3 weeks, or 3 months, and I wonder how long it will take for me to find my forever home. I am still a puppy or an adult all grown up, but hopefully I am not old. Old dogs don't get as much interest, though old dogs have the least amount of time to spend waiting and a greater need for comfort. If you come and see me in my kennel at the shelter, I might be sitting, smiling, and flirting, but sometimes I might be spinning, jumping, and drooling – this is when I need you the most. So when you are thinking of buying or breeding, remember me, the shelter dog. Big, medium, small, black, yellow, red. I have a mysterious past and an uncertain future. I need you to choose me, to allow me to show you how much I can love and express gratitude.

I dream, I wish, I hope, I get lonely and sad ... but I can play, and love, and make you laugh. I am a shelter dog, and you have the power to help me -

Donate, volunteer, adopt.

... ***Meghan Giacobelli***