

10-025SN Buddy

Foster Home: JS/CS			
Status: New in Foster Care	Age: 1 Year	Weight: 76 lbs.	Color: Gold
Mix: No	Houstrained: Yes	Crate Trained: Yes	
Good w/ Children: Yes		Good w/ Seniors: Unknown	
Good w/ Dogs: Yes		Good w/ Cats: Yes	
Special Needs: Bi lateral Hip Dysplasia			
Reason for Surrender: Needed medical treatment			

July 8, 2010

Buddy had previously been with me on a respite stay and came back as a foster on June 31, 2010! He was excited to see his goldie friend Stella and adjusted well to his new setting in a few days. He continues to be a 100% puppy and is busy every moment of the day! He loves to play with toys, chew on bones, and interact with Stella. Buddy traveled to the cabin over the Fourth of July and hasn't quite figured out how to swim, although likes to get his paws wet and lay in the sun on the pier. He will return to the doctor on the 16th where we will see how he is recovering from his pelvic surgeries and take another look at his hips; I'll be sure to provide an update! As for now we continue to take morning walks and his walking distance is slowly increasing! Overall, Buddy is a joy to have!



June 17, 2010



For those of you following Buddy's story, I am sorry that it has taken a month to get an update out. We went on vacation at the end of May and it has taken a couple of weeks to get back into the daily grind. While we were gone, Buddy had the opportunity to stay with a wonderful family who foster sat for him and did exciting things for the Memorial Day holiday weekend. He even made a new "goldie" friend named Stella during his stay.

Buddy continues to do well during his recovery period. He had his 8 week follow up appointment with the orthopedic surgeon and it was determined at this appointment that for now, FHO surgery will not be required. The pelvic fractures have healed nicely and

the hip dysplasia is not posing mobility or pain issues for Buddy. We were sent home with explicit instructions to gradually increase exercise over the next 6 weeks and monitor how Buddy tolerates this. So far, so good. We are now up to a several block walk daily while continuing water therapy visits each week. The additional exercise has been a blessing for Buddy and us as it seems to mentally and physically stimulate him and also tires him out so he is less prone to mischief while in the house. If things continue to go well, Buddy should be ready for placement within the next month.

We have a busy weekend planned and Buddy will be attending Bark In The Park for those of you who may be interested in meeting this young guy.

May 17, 2010

Happy Birthday Buddy!!! Buddy turned 1 last week!!! We celebrated by stopping at the doggie bakery after water therapy one day to make a special birthday purchase.....a carob cupcake. Unfortunately, Buddy managed to inhale the small treat before I could get a picture.

Buddy continues to attend his water therapy appointments twice weekly in an effort to rehabilitate his pelvis. He is almost 6 weeks post op and you can tell that he is feeling quite fantastic these days. He wants to jump, prance and run. It is especially hard to keep him under control right away in the morning when he wants to go out. He is like a freight train and if you are in the way, watch out!!! I feel so bad that in another couple of weeks, Buddy will have surgery number two and will not be feeling well again.

While attending his water therapy appointments, he has really taken a liking to Karen and the affection that she lavishes on him. He has found a special squeaky toy just for his tank time, otherwise he gets over stimulated with it. Buddy does not always want to go into the water tank, but once in there, he really gets down to business and works hard. He is up to over 20 minutes and is able to increase his time each time we go. For all of his hard work, I treat him to a double knuckle hoove (he just loves these!). This usually keeps him busy and occupied for when he cannot be up and running around the house and has to stay confined to his special area. Stay tuned for more on Buddy as he continues to recover and rehabilitate.....

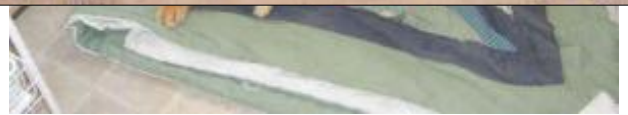
April 27, 2010



HA!!! Buddy is not quietly recovering as expected. Buddy has decided that he wants to be an eleven month old puppy that should be able to do everything that all of the other dogs get to do. He is getting quite disgruntled with his confined area and every day, he keeps me guessing as to what he has been up to while I have been gone. On any given day, it is a toss up between "let's shred my bedding" to "let's shred all the dog toys" to "let's just bark incessantly because I know they will surely let me out then". Oh yeah, let's talk about the toys. To keep Buddy occupied, I purchased a few things at Pet Co. that I was assured were for aggressive chewers and practically indestructible.....they lasted about 15 minutes. He also managed to get his foster brother's favorite hedgehog and shredded it in less than five minutes. We have since replaced the hedgehog and kept it off limits to Buddy.

Now, rest assured, Buddy does not chew people things, just the things that he has been given to chew. He has not been destructible with anything like walls, flooring or cabinets in his special area and that is a really good thing. Overall, Buddy is a great dog that just needs to be able to act like a young pup, despite his health issues.

Buddy was seen last week for his post op visit and things went well. His incision has healed nicely and Buddy is pretty mobile. He will have his first water therapy visit next week. I am looking forward to giving this boy and outlet for his pent up energy.



We will be taking a vacation in May and Buddy will be going to a foster sitter while we are gone. I am sure the change in scenery will do him good. Shortly after our return, we will then be scheduling surgery #2 and repeating this entire process.

April 12, 2010

Buddy arrived late Wednesday evening. By Thursday morning, it was quite apparent that something very serious was wrong with Buddy. First thing in the morning I called the orthopedic clinic to have him seen by a specialist to advise of his hip dysplasia condition. It was also reported by the previous owners that Buddy had been accidentally tapped by the car as it was backing out of the driveway the prior weekend. Upon examination and several x-rays, the orthopedic surgeon found that Buddy's pelvis was fractured in three places. Two of the fractures will heal on their own, but one fracture required plating and screws to fuse the area back together. Immediate surgery was scheduled for Friday morning.



Buddy was able to come home on Sunday evening. Because of the pain medication and the need to keep him quiet and subdued; Buddy is very low key right now. He has been coming around and is more interested in interacting with us. I have converted our 6' x 7' pantry area off of the kitchen/family room for Buddy's special space. This way, he can see and hear us and we can monitor him to make sure he is safe and quiet.

This evening during dinnertime, he gave me an indication that there really is a puppy inside waiting to come out. I had just given him his bowl of food and after several minutes of eating and moving the bowl around, I put the bowl back in front of him again. He began to nudge the bowl several times and then flipped the bowl and its remaining contents out onto the floor. He then looked up at me and wagged his tail as if to say, "You like that? Just wait and see what else I can do when I am feeling better". And so, this foster mom who doesn't typically jump at the prospect of fostering young dogs is waiting somewhat impatiently to see what other tricks Buddy is keeping tucked beneath the fur the surgeon decided to let Buddy keep during surgery.

Buddy will be quietly recovering for the next three weeks and then will begin a grueling five week regimen of physical therapy, most likely water therapy before getting ready for surgery number two. The orthopedic surgeon thinks that Buddy will only require a FHO (femoral head osteoectomy) on his left side since his right looks very good and may never require surgery. We will confirm that once he is fully recovered at his eight week post op appointment. I certainly hope so too because that is a lot of surgical procedures for such a young pup and his combined surgical expenses are expected to be around \$5700. Stay tuned for more updates as Buddy recovers.....



April 7, 2010

Buddy 10-025SN came into GRRoW.

