

Gracie (aka Goldie) 08-012



Gracie came to live with us at the end of February and has been our pride and joy ever since. At first, Gracie was very shy in meeting new people. When we first met her, her foster mom gave us some small pieces of ham to offer her, and we quickly learned how to overcome her initial shyness. By the time we got in the car for the three hour drive home, she was comfortable with us and spent much of the drive with her head in my lap. At our house, she wasted no time in making the place her own. We have many dog toys from our previous Golden Retrievers, and she set right to work sorting through them and picking out the ones she likes best.

Gracie continued to be shy with strangers and we got in the habit of asking each new person if we could pop a treat in their hand to give to her. No one ever turned us down and slowly but surely Gracie gained her confidence. Now she approaches people on her own and no longer hides behind us when new people come to the house. It's been just a joy to watch this sweet girl come into her own.

We've had several Golden Retrievers before but all the others we've gotten as puppies. We weren't sure what to expect in bonding with an adult dog. Of all the Golden Retrievers we've had, Gracie has the gentlest heart and most loving, eager-to-please spirit of them all. It took us only a few minutes to fall in love with her and I think she knew very quickly that we were her people. She's been with us almost three months now, and it's hard to remember a time when she wasn't part of our family. Together, we have completed Beginning Family Dog Training – and Gracie has the diploma to prove it. She did great in her training – highly motivated to do what we want her to and also highly motivated by delicious treats. Our only issue is that sometimes in her eagerness, we ask her for a “down” and she throws herself on her back with her legs in the air. Very entertaining, but not exactly what we were looking for.



Gracie has done her first Meet and Greet for GRRoW. She went with us to a local PetSmart and spent part of the day being one of the spokesdogs for GRRoW. This was a huge step for her, with lots of people coming up, petting her and telling her what a wonderful dog she is, and she did a great job. We expect she'll do a lot more of this in future.

We were on the GRRoW adoption list for several months, waiting for the right dog to be a match for us, and it was definitely worth the wait. Gracie is a perfect dog for us.