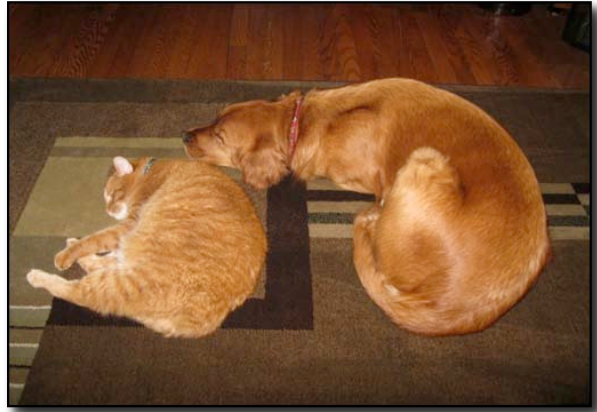


10-020 Eko

We feel we have the ultimate success story! We wanted a great match, and what we received was a perfect match! After 8 months of waiting, we had resolved ourselves to the fact that the "perfect" dog didn't exist. We certainly had asked for a lot!! A dog that could be with us 24/7 and able to behave with young, old, dog lovers and *not so much*, as we would be taking him with us to work every day.

We visited Eko at his foster home and immediately could see what an intelligent, well cared for dog he was. When we went back to bring him home, he jumped right in the back seat and slept the 20 minutes home. As we arrived home we wondered how our cats would adjust to having a dog around again.



(Our Golden, "Tucker," had died 9 months earlier). Our cat Sam had always done tricks for treats with Tucker, and we couldn't believe it when on the first night Eko did tricks right along with Sam just like he knew the routine. We have had many of those kinds of moments with Eko. It seems he has always been a part of our family.



Eko has continued to amaze us- from his love of swimming (*he never wears out*), to no fear of guns or loud noises. He seems to have had some experience hunting!? Since the first day we brought him to work we've said, "If Eko had

thumbs, we could put him to work." Many times when the guys are working on a piece of wood working equipment, Eko will go to the back shop and sit very attentively and watch them as they work- just like he knows what is going on. We truly enjoy him more everyday as his personality shines through. Playing ball could go on all day if we let it. He has a ball near at all times and if you give him the slightest idea you might



have a minute, he looks you in the eye and keeps tossing his ball at your feet until you give in and play.



Eko has made many new friends since his arrival. He loves to get together and play with Lucy, his golden retriever girlfriend. And then there are Grover, Fred, and Chase his neighbor buddies, and Dozer his occasional work pal. Our cats Sam and Steve enjoy Eko, but 17-year-old neighbor cat, Sinatra, is still being worked on. We'll just say that he tolerates Eko's advances.



Without a doubt there is a very special person out there that helped make this dog the very "awesome" disciplined, sweetheart that he is. To that person goes a huge THANK YOU! There are not words to express how Eko has brightened our lives. He is truly more than we ever expected.