

11-012R Sonny

Note from Jan: Sonny 11-012R was surrendered to GRRoW January 22, 2011. Due to his age and condition Sonny is a "Forever Foster".

When Sonny came into GRRoW he could barely stand on his own or maneuver stairs. He could only take a few steps outside and had problems with his bathroom needs because he could not stand. The feeling was he would last a few weeks at most but at least we could make him comfortable.

See below what a loving home and the will to live can do for this old Golden. It's inspiring... Thank you Cheryl

Note from Cheryl...
Saturday, March 26, 2011



Up until about two weeks ago Sonny didn't care about coming upstairs. He would curl up on his bed in the living room at night and that was that. Couple weeks ago he started his Woof!-ing at night after we all went up to bed so I carried him up and closed the bedroom door. He was soon snoring. The nightly routine usually took about 20 minutes. If I went to bed too soon, I'd shortly be awakened by his Woof! So I usually turned off all the lights, went up to my office and answered emails, watched TV, whatever and in 15-20 minutes I'd hear Woof! And I knew he was ready to come up.

After carrying him up a few times he started putting his front paws on the first step and as long as I held his butt he would make his way up the steps. Coming down was the proverbial controlled fall with me holding onto his collar and standing in front of him. He'd always wait until I got there to help him. Well, lo and behold two days ago I shut the lights out and went upstairs to await the Woof! Half an hour passed and no Woof! So I went to see what was up and here Sonny was, sleeping in his place in the bedroom already! So he's been getting up the stairs on his own for the last few days. And yesterday I went down for just a minute and here he comes down the stairs. It's so cute! He puts his front paws on the first step and sits down. Then he moves to the second step and slides his butt down one. He does this for 2-3 steps then gets up and does the last 3 normally. He is in total control and does just great!!!

Who'd a thunk a 14 year old would actually get better?! He's so happy and LOVESLOVESLOVES the backyard! He just sniffs away and even after the other dogs are back in the house, I'm still waiting on Sonny. Then he looks up and looks around and realizes everyone else is in the house so he lumbers across the yard and back in.

What a guy!

