



Ayla 08-092SN

Ayla came into GRRoW in October, 2008. It was known that she has hip dysplasia. I expected she would need surgery to correct this. It was discovered that she has a mild case and does not need the surgery at this time. If you saw her running around the park you would never know she had hip dysplasia. I have been medically managing her condition with supplements and by keeping her lean. The only time you can tell she has it is when she has been laying down for a while; she seems to be a bit stiff when getting up.

She is so much fun. I call her Aylabutt because of the way she wiggles her back end onto the couch so I will rub it. When it got warm I took her swimming which she loves! You would think

after all the running and swimming in the park she would be tired but when we get home she is still so excited she runs around in circles. I am still getting to know her. I was pleased to discover she is not afraid of thunderstorms or firecrackers. However, she did not really like the porta-potty at Dogfest earlier this summer, but I can't really blame her for that.



I got a new kitty in January, Gilly who was 4 months. Ayla could not have been happier. I initially tried to separate them with gates. That lasted about a minute before the kitty went flying over them. He had no fear of the dogs which was good because Ayla just wanted to chase him. He does run away from her sometimes and gets up on the furniture out of her reach but he never seems too concerned, he just needs his space. Sometimes when Ayla is just laying there Gilly pounces on her head and

bites and licks her face, which she loves. He definitely helps keep her occupied, kind of like a highly interactive dog toy. They are great friends.