

## Gem Update 12/15/2008



When Gem came into foster care, she was timid, had absolutely no self confidence, and was terrified of everything. After 6 weeks with the Rosenau family (her foster home), Gem had made lots of progress but was still very timid and fearful of any new situation. The progress she has made since then is absolutely amazing. When we took her to the Dog Walk at Lapham Peak in October, a few people who remembered her from when she first came into GRRoW couldn't believe how much she

had progressed, and she's come so much further even since then. She walks freely on our hardwood floors (which used to terrify her) and frolics and "romps" with the 1 year old golden next door as if she were still a puppy too. She still can't get enough attention, hugs, and pets, but luckily she gets tons from our three kids.

The kids adore her and she is so great with them. Gem is the sweetest, most gentle natured dog imaginable and the perfect addition to our family! By the way, I realize this isn't the case for all GRRoW dogs, but as an added bonus, Gem has been so easy to train!

She essentially came "trained" already with all the basic obedience commands. We have a large wooded property, so we sometimes let



her run off-leash while we're playing outside with her, but if I call her to "COME!" she will stop mid-stride from chasing a squirrel and run full speed back to me. Every day when we watch our neighbors deal with the chewing and "accidents" with a puppy, we think about what a good decision it was for us to get an older dog, and we are SO grateful to GRRoW for matching us up with the PERFECT dog for our family. Some pictures of Gem and the kids are attached.



Thanks GRRoW!!!

The Dempseys

Pat, Rania, Grace, Sophie, Johnny, and Gemma Lulu