

Toby (Lucky) 03-361 and Tango (Tago) 08-021

Our boys “Toby and Tango” have been such gifts to us, and we wanted to share our story of joy and success in adopting both of them from GRRoW.

Toby (Lucky W03-361) came to us 4 years ago. We had a lab retriever mix, Harley, for about 6 years, but had always thought of adding to our “furry family”. We were referred to GRRoW through a friend and found the whole interview and adoption process easy and thorough. We are truly blessed to have been able to adopt “Toby”. His background was sketchy as he was fostered by Brad and Lisa, who knew little about his background other than he had been hit by a car or abused. He had an extensive leg operation and was recuperating with them.

The minute he came into our home, he came downstairs and jumped up on the love seat in our family room, and that has been “his” special spot ever since. We were a little hesitant about how young he was and were a little worried about his leg healing. We started him on walks the very next day and soon he ran and caught balls and Frisbees as well as his brother Harley did. Toby is the sweetest dog in the world. He is so loving and so, so gentle. He gets a smile on his face that just melts you.

Sadly, our special “Harley” died March 5 in his sleep. We believe he had complications from a tumor that had been removed on his stomach. Toby was heartbroken from the very first hours after Harley was gone. They had become such good buddies and Toby had learned so much from Harley. We knew immediately that we had to get another pal for our Toby. We immediately started the process again and GRRoW offered that if we were willing to foster a dog, our wait time might be less. Tango (Tago 08-021) came to us about a month later. He had spent most of his 2 years in a basement, in a kennel for the majority of each day. He is a big guy - very tall and lean, with a beautiful golden coat. He was a little rambunctious the first day or so, but given the kind of life he led up until that point, it was understandable.

He and Toby bonded immediately. They are such good buddies now and Toby took over the role of teacher and mentor, as Harley had done for him years earlier. They are both snugglers, with us and each other. They spend their days with at least 2 walks a day, and play time in the yard. They have the roam of the yard and house and happy to snuggle in bed with us. All Tango ever wanted and needed was to be loved. Sometimes he still thinks he is a lap dog. He just can't get close enough to you and would spend every minute of every day getting his ears and belly scratched.

We think they have given more to us than we ever could to them. We hope you can see the smiles on their faces in this picture. Tango is on the left and Toby on the right. Our hearts have been filled and our lives enriched by these two. We are so grateful to GRRoW for giving us the opportunity to adopt such wonderful dogs.

Tom & Debbie

