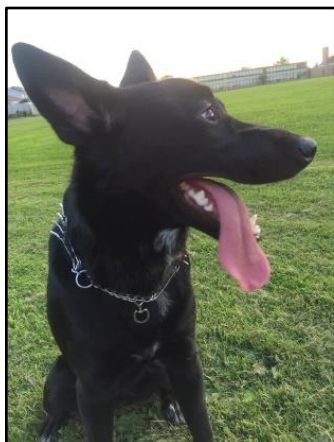


Lakeshore Humane Society Animal Success Stories

Ike



With the occasional airplane flying overhead and the large expanse of trees around, a little black lab mix was found wondering around. His dark brown eyes took in the grassy landscape and his pointed ears jerked at every sound. The young pup, tired from his travels, wondered where to go next.

He was thought to be a stray and therefore, the first few months of his life are a mystery. He could have been a wayward puppy, trying to find his way back home. He could have been left somewhere to try to fend for himself. Or he could have escaped from a violent owner.

None of this is known, but when Animal Control found him in the spring, he was a little thirsty and plenty hungry but still as energetic as any puppy would be.

The stray was held by Animal Control for a short time to see if he could be claimed by a worried owner, frantically looking for their puppy. After a day or so, he was still left sitting there. Luckily, Animal Control had an agreement with Lakeshore

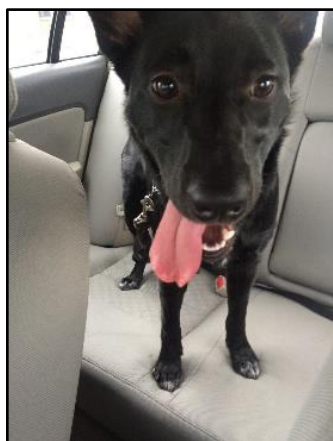
Humane Society, which took in strays so they could eventually find a home.

This puppy, Ike, found a home soon enough. He arrived at Lakeshore and was taken care of for a few weeks. With the care of the workers and volunteers of Lakeshore Humane Society, Ike was given food and water to bring him back to good health. Through Twitter and Instagram, his new owner, Garret saw Ike and started the process to adopt him. Garret had been on the lookout for a dog and when he saw Ike, he knew he was the dog for him. Lakeshore ensured that Garret was a good choice for Ike and then gave the puppy to him.

In his new home, Ike is as rambunctious and energetic as ever. The puppy was always go, go, go and luckily found an owner who could keep up with him.

There were obstacles to overcome, however, but any good story has some. Besides managing his energy, Ike had to be housebroken. As with any active puppy, this process was a challenge.

Ike now lives in Buffalo with his owner and is healthy as ever. He runs around, using more energy than could ever be imaginable, and is friendly to any person he meets. He is in a loving home, a far cry from the cold streets of Dunkirk with zooming airplanes over his head.



Smokey

One day, in the Jamestown was picked up and taken to an remarkable journey towards was given to a few different being returned by each one.

While each placement family dynamics, the reason usually the same; he had a family, it proved to be even had a young son. The in Smokey jumping on beds, and staying there no matter Without a stable home and did not know what each new place he wanted to stay (be it a thought was that he wanted the point that Smokey was to him.

Then the young dog Humane Society, a no-kill had the same issues that had Jamestown. This made it adopted.

When Tricia walked Smokey in his pen. Being an owner, she knew that Smokey to be dealt with and could be some time and effort to feel like she had the time to had to walk away from Smokey, just like many other people visiting Lakeshore.

But the volunteers at Lakeshore would not give up on him. The Dunkirk K-9 sheriff, Brian, came to Lakeshore and would work with Smokey. Because Smokey had spent his early years alone, he was not taught how to be submissive and not guard what he thought was his territory. Through training, Smokey slowly got better and became more respectful. Other volunteers helped to make sure the energetic German Shepard was able to work off his energy. They would walk with him and take him out of his crate as often as possible.

Each time Tricia walked into Lakeshore, her eyes kept going to Smokey. She would hear his moans of boredom above the other barking dogs. She would see his black and brown coat and his light brown eyes. She couldn't help but be drawn to him during her visits. When she saw the progress Smokey had made, Tricia decided to work with him too.

She soon discovered that he knew commands and would follow them if he respected the person giving them. She worked with him for over a month before finally taking him home.

There was an adjustment period for Smokey, of course. He needed to get used to his new home and realize that he would be staying. There were days when Tricia would find him in her kitchen, messing things up. She also had to work with him on his guarding issue. Through hard work and patience, Tricia and Smokey slowly started to build a home for him and a relationship for both.

Now Smokey is around 5 years old and is still with Tricia. While Tricia will have to always watch him with guarding, Smokey is now wonderful, friendly and fun. He has found a permanent home he does not have to guard and a happy life far different from the shuffling of homes he had in Jamestown.



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had different people and for Smokey's return was dominance problem. For one more problematic since they dominance issue would result guarding it as if it were his, what command he was given. consistent training, Smokey house meant. When he saw a bed or a spot in the sun), all he that spot to stay his. It got to be euthanized if no one took

was brought to Lakeshore shelter. Unfortunately, he still proved worrisome in difficult for Smokey to be

into Lakeshore, she saw experienced German Shepard had a dominance issue that had dealt with if someone just gave Smokey. However, she did not deal with it on her own. She

El Greco



El Greco, or Señor Greco, was brought into the Lakeshore Humane Society in September of 2014. He was named after Greco Lane in Dunkirk, the place where he was found, and he soon befriended the volunteer that found him wandering the streets. Greco was emancipated, sick and lethargic—but even through his weakened state he glowed with an inviting warmth and an admirable confidence. The volunteer opened the door and Greco dashed in, ready to be a part of the human world.

El Greco soon became the king of Lakeshore Human Society. He was a favorite; he was warm towards people and dogs, but he cherished individual attention above all else. Forever a fan favorite, Greco won the hearts of dozens, leaving an impact on everyone who met him. A ten-year-old boy, one of Greco's biggest fans before he was adopted, came to see Greco often. One day the boy brought Greco a necklace, one that he made out of string and wood. Greco still has the necklace and boasts it proudly. It has since become a token of his time at the shelter, physical proof that he leaves a lasting impression.

When David Bates brought Greco home it was meant to be. David, who has had cats all his life, knew that Greco was a match for him. Greco was right at home, and in a short time the two became inseparable. While David reads Greco sits in his “office,” observing his friend with admiration and warmth.

With orange fur that glows like fire and playful, energetic eyes, Greco rules any room that he enters. He bounces from chair to chair in a flash of orange and yellow and, when you're not looking, he'll pop up behind you and put his paw on your shoulder. Greco is truly a therapeutic animal, full of empathy and respect towards humans, with a keen understanding of those around him.

With his vigor for life, it's hard to see, at first glance, the hardships that Greco has endured throughout his life. Greco, when he was found, wore the scars of his past. He had been harnessed at one point in his young life, and it had worn down to his skin, leaving sores and scarring the skin beneath his fur. Greco has a strict diet, accompanied with a regiment of steroids and visits to the dermatologist. When looking at him, it's hard to see that he has gone through so much. However, thanks to the Lakeshore Humane Society and his new home with David, Greco lives the happy life that he has always deserved.

