

good deeds

We have two Bulldogs this month that are in foster care and waiting for new homes. Brewster has been staying with us for the past four weeks and he has come a long way from the extremely shy, timid fellow he was when he first arrived. He was so frightened that he wouldn't willingly let anyone closer than a few feet to him that first week. Brewster spent only 4 days at his last home. The surrendering owner did not have a fenced yard and Brewster was too timid to potty while on a leash, which led to accidents in the house. He also did not eat, or even drink water for the first three days he was there. This family realized that they were not going to be able to make it work with Brewster, so they called rescue in the hopes that we could find him a more suitable home.



Brewster was not well socialized as a youngster, and was said to have come from a puppy mill where he spent most of his life in a crate and so he is slow to warm up to people. It takes awhile, but once he has decided you are worthy of his trust, he is quite affectionate and loves to be petted. Fortunately, Brewster gets along great with other dogs and as long as he is allowed to exercise in a fenced yard, does not have accidents in the house.

Since Brewster had no current medical history, his first stop was at the clinic to have a thorough veterinary examination. Aside from a mild ear infection and a spot on his chin, his health was deemed excellent (although a bit too thin) by the veterinarian who checked him over. He was vaccinated and checked for heartworm disease and given medication for his ears and skin. Once he had spent a few weeks in foster care to build up his confidence and put a few pounds on, he went back to Inver Grove Animal Hospital to be neutered as all rescue dogs must be spayed or neutered before they can be rehomed. Brewster was posted on the BCARN website and a great home was found for him. Hopefully, he'll be all settled in within the next week or so and on his way to a great new life.

Not long ago, another rescue Bullie came to our home to foster. Her name is Lizzie. She is four years old, quite sweet tempered and in perfect health. Her situation was even more desperate than Brewster's though, as she had been brought to a veterinary clinic to be euthanized. The owner said they had moved recently and Lizzie would not go potty outside and hadn't done so in over a week. She said that Lizzie was too anxious and afraid to go potty outside and that they couldn't deal with it any longer. Fortunately for little Lizzie, she had been taken to our vet, Dr. Greg Miller who knew I did breed rescue. So he called me up to see if I could take her.

Lizzie was very frightened at first, but within minutes of bringing into our backyard and introducing her to our dog, Kate and fellow rescue dog, Brewster, she was relaxed and having no problems "doing her business". Before long, she was playing with Brewster and Kate and seemed to be as happy as a clam. However, we have discovered that she is easily frightened by men. So that is something we are going to have to evaluate further before allowing her to be adopted.



When Lizzie is comfortable in her surroundings she is very playful and outgoing. She loves to play fetch, especially with squeaky toys. She also likes chewing on Nylabones. Like Brewster, Lizzie is going to need a home with a family that is willing to work with her to get her over her insecurities. But we are confident that with a little patience and perseverance, she will make someone an excellent companion.



Love-a-Bull MN Bulldog Rescue would like to thank everyone who participated in the October Wrinkle Time silent auction, whether it was in the form of donations or bidding on the auction items. It is because of this kind of generous support that we are able to continue to rehabilitate Bulldogs and take care of their physical needs before they go to new homes. Although adoption fees cover some of the expense, veterinary expenses can add up quickly, even with a generous discount. So a sincere "Thank You" to all who support Bulldog Rescue...every little bit helps. A total of \$120 was raised at the October Wrinkle Time for Rescue Bulldogs!

- Rita Guthmiller, Love-a-Bull MN Bulldog Rescue Coordinator...and foster "mom" for Brewster and Lizzie

Check out pictures, gathering dates, and more at www.wrinkletime.org ! Nov 07