

# Good Deeds

For the past couple of months, there were no Bulldogs needing Love-a-Bull's rescue services, but the lull is officially over. We have a Bulldog in rescue and her name is Helga. She is being fostered at the Guthmiller home. Helga is three and a half years old, She is spayed and in good health. She was purchased from a breeder when she was a puppy by someone who traveled a lot for his job, so Helga spent a lot of time her first year of life in hotel rooms; not the best life for a puppy. A retired couple took her in and they were expecting a lazy, "couch potato" dog. However, Helga prefers to play tug of war and fetch rather than sleeping her days away on a sofa. Her recent owners were also traveling more themselves and hated putting Helga at a boarding kennel all the time, so they thought a breed-specific rescue group could find Helga a better home than they were able to provide and called us.

Helga will do best in a home where her family will give her the attention she craves, but also exercise and some discipline. Helga needs to be taught boundaries and patience as she can be a bit pushy when she wants to play. She hasn't been around other dogs much in her life, but so far she has been fine with her new doggie friends. As you can see, Helga loves toys!



Two other dogs will be coming into rescue soon. Daisy is seven years old and is having problems living in a third floor apartment. She is having house-training accidents because it is difficult for her to navigate three flights of stairs. Hopefully, a better living situation in home with easier access to a backyard will resolve this problem, given enough time and patience. Daisy will need to be spayed before she can be rehomed. She also suffers from

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"dry eye" and will need daily eye medication for the rest of her life.



Pearl is a pretty two year old female Bully from Iowa. With no breed-specific rescue volunteers in Iowa, her owner called us hoping we could take Pearl. Pearl is having some behavioral issues, so she will need to be in foster care while we evaluate the seriousness of the problem. Pearl will have to undergo some training before she can be placed. She will need to go to a home where the new owners are committed to working with her and they must be

Bulldog-knowledgeable. Considering her young age, we are hoping her bad habits are not too firmly set and that she can be rehabilitated.

People who adopt a rescue Bulldog must be aware that many times these dogs have not had the best of training and some dogs will need serious, consistent training to modify their behavior before they can become model doggie "citizens". People who adopt a rescue Bulldog should not be considering a rescue Bulldog just because they want a \*cheap\* Bulldog. People who adopt a rescue Bulldog should be aware that these dogs come with varying degrees of "baggage" and they must be willing to put in a little "sweat equity" to get their rescue Bulldog to reach its full potential. We have had great success in matching dogs to homes, but it takes work on the part of the rescue volunteers and the new owners to realize a successful outcome and a forever home for each Bulldog -- something they all deserve.