

Rita


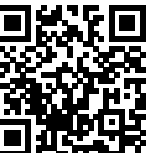




Location **Vermont**  
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Rita, Rita, oh lovely Rita--Rita, Rita, oh sweet Rita. Rita has a sleek mostly black coat with a unique accent patch along her chest and neck of white with black-merle-like spots. Sweet, calm, faithful, curious, observant, eager to please, affectionate, well-behaved, playful, and shy . . . these are some of the words use to describe Rita. Rita tested positive for heartworm while at a shelter, and soon began treatment. Her fourth week of treatment is nearly complete. Rita's activity level must remain restricted for another month while she continues to regain her strength. Once her treatment is complete, Rita will need to be on a monthly heartworm preventative medication year-round, beginning in March. In addition, she will need to be re-tested in 4-6 months for the heartworm anti-body. Rita takes turns going to work with her foster parents, so they can monitor her activity level. Rita loves to ride in the car. She also enjoys the outdoors, even the snow.

At her foster home, she has nine foster-siblings in her pack. She is friendly and well-mannered with the other dogs who range in age from approximately 15 months old to 15 years old. She just isn't allowed to play much while she heals. Rita is eager to please, and is pleased to know: sit, come, and no. She also walks well on leash--keeping her eye on her person and staying close to their side. Rita enjoys chewing--and is learning which items are appropriate for that. Rita is curious about children and welcomes kind respectful displays of affection. But, Rita is a little unsure of some adults. It takes Rita a little while to assess people and decide if they are trustworthy. It is best to allow Rita to take the lead and set the pace for becoming friends. Once she accepts and trusts someone she is friendly and affectionate. Did I mention, Rita is adorable?

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