



There is a small adoption fee to help cover the cost of the vetting done for our sponsored animals. We do not give out information about our rescue or a particular animal without SPEAKING to a potential adopter. Please leave your number in any email inquiries

Dawn is a three-year-old, forty-pound lab mix that is as close to perfect as a dog can be. She's loyal, docile, gentle, and grateful for everything from a treat to a bowl of water. She's house-trained, leash-trained, and crate-trained. Her only downfall is that it takes her half a day to warm up to people. She acts shy at first. Her absolute favorite activity is a daily walk! The moment her foster family takes her leash out of the closet, Dawn comes running with a tail wagging so hard her butt might fall off. After long walks, she seems perfectly content perching in front of a window or sunning on the deck and watching the world go by. Plus, she's great with other animals, both dogs and cats. PLEASE CONTINUE TO READ ABOUT DAWN'S HISTORY BELOW. IT WILL TAKE A LITTLE LONGER BUT IT WILL BE WORTH IT!

In June 2014, Dawn. was a feral stray living on the streets. No human could touch her. We were called after she had a litter of eight pups under a pile of brush and trash. Dawn walked with her head hanging low, tail tucked, teats sagging. Her coat was dull and ragged. She was covered in mud. Dawn didn't trust humans. We learned that authorities shot and killed the entire pack she ran with. She alone survived. What must it have been like for Dawn during that terrible day? She lost what we would have thought of as our family and was witness to it all.

Our rescue tracked Dawn -- mostly by foot --during a soupy hot Tennessee summer. We tried sedatives, tranquilizers, catchpoles, and nets but we failed each time. Dawn's a supremely intuitive creature. She could read all of us. Our rescue course only lasted six months, gave her 10 more days of making a life for herself. We could have been adopted, rehomed, placed, but we were never able to get our hands on her. On Christmas Eve morning 2014, we trapped her in a humming shade where she had three litters of puppies. Dawn, like winning the Super Bowl every day, we consider rescuing Dawn our greatest achievement yet. Our plan was to get her fixed, then release her back to her neighborhood

Because we never thought she would trust us, we could never socialize her. But at least she would be spayed and have rabies vaccine. But we just couldn't give up on a dog that had already suffered so much. Instead, every body pitched in, especially Dawn's foster family's pack, and taught Dawn that being touched by humans isn't so bad.

Dawn is like a different dog. Her coat is sleek, black, and shiny. Her eyes are happy and thoughtful. She wags her tail, suns on the deck, and walks on a leash just like any other dog. She's still shy, timid even,



Delightful Dawn (a perfect pet)
(Springfield)

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but she will come around once she trusts you. We're not worried about Dawn being the perfect family dog but we will be looking for the perfect home for her. . .Dawn deserves it!