

FOSTERING and FALLING IN LOVE WITH DUCHESS, THE RESCUE CORGI

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Back in June 2012, I received an email from Sue Geiger, our Rescue Chair, wanting to know if I could foster a corgi from Pennsylvania who lost her home and family as a result of divorce. Duchess was 10 years old and had lived with her family all her life; so, it was quite an adjustment for her. But, Duchess is a brave little corgi and has done just fine!

Duchess wasn't crate trained, but didn't fuss about being in the crate. That is, except for the first night. I made the mistake of putting her crate down the hall in the living room; Quigley's and Wrigley's crates are in our bedroom. Duchess was not happy and cried like a little puppy. So, I let her out of her crate and slept on the floor with her that night. She was just lonely and wanted to be cuddled. The next day, we moved her crate to a spot in the middle of the bedroom; she was happy as a clam after that.



Duchess, the Rescue Corgi



We haven't taught Duchess the "stay" command yet!

When Duchess came to live with us, she was a little roly poly, weighing in at 34 pounds; but she's slimmed down to 29.5 pounds now. She still doesn't like to walk very far or very fast; but we're working on that, too.

Rescue corgis are just corgis who have lost their homes. If you can share your home with a rescue corgi ... whether it's just for a few weeks or months or if it's forever ... I urge you to do it. The look of love in their eyes is so very much worth it!

Bruce and I fostered Duchess while Sue looked for a new home for her. After a while, though, Duchess and I developed such a close bond that I knew this was going to be another "failed foster" ... just like when we fostered Wrigley. We adopted Duchess in September.

Duchess, Quigley, and Wrigley get along fine together. Duchess loves being in the sunroom with Bruce while he reads, watches TV, or smokes his pipe. And she loves cuddling on the couch with me every night when I read.



Duchess, after a bed-time story