

## Cassie the Klee Kai

We adopted our beautiful little girl, Cassandra Catherine (Cassie) nearly two years ago, never suspecting for a moment that she was a Klee Kai. No, that's not Star Trek speak. A Klee Kai is a designer breed of dog (part Alaskan Husky, Siberian Husky, American Eskimo dog and Schipperke. Cassie is a beautiful and dainty girl whom we pulled out of the Arlington, TX shelter.

Cassie is incredibly beautiful, intelligent and agile. We could not think of any reason at all that would land her at a shelter. However, nearly one year after her adoption by Norm and me, the truth has come to the surface. It seems that she was either born with a congenital defect or was blunt traumatized as an infant (under three months old) which cause severe deformity in her left hind leg. Two weeks ago, she underwent surgery to correct the defective leg so that she would not be lame the rest of her life.

It is heartbreaking to think that her original parents left her at a shelter because they could not or would not meet her medical needs. However, she is in great hands now, and it is hoped that she will make a full and speedy recovery.

It has been so difficult and stressful to keep this magnificent two year old athletic and energetic dog crated and still for two weeks without playing and performing agility exercises. It is even more difficult now as her health improves, than it was several weeks ago post surgery. She yearns to play with her siblings – especially her best friend and brother, Higgins. I so long to set her free and let her run, but I know that I will not be facilitating her recovery by doing this.

Cassie is so beautiful – everyone she meets expresses his or her admiration of seeing this glorious creature. She is a joy, a guard dog, and a wonderful companion. I just hope and pray she makes a complete and speedy recovery.

She is featured in my book, OUR RESCUE DOG FAMILY ALBUM, has appeared on several TV shows and in magazine articles. She will next appear on CBS 11 in Dallas. My dogs are so lovely, loving and beautiful. Who better to be stars of the media!

We adore our Cassie. She is so very special, spirited and lovely. She has taught us so much about patience, courage and stoicism!