

Coco Chanel (the dog, not the Designer)

Coco Chanel is a beautiful, agile, elegant standard size Dachshund. Slender and graceful, she possesses a remarkable hunting ability. To her pride and our dismay, she has caught many a squirrel, opossum, lizard, rabbit, mouse and other critters with which I would just as soon not have encountered up close and personal. Once she has caught her prey, and killed it, she shows little interest in it. Apparently, the challenge and the fun are all in the chase. She is also remarkably swift and an excellent chaser of all manner of birds – from ducks and geese to herons and egrets. She is not intimidated by the size of her prey. She is fearless!

Coco was a puppy mill dog – and unaccustomed to human attention, interaction and affection. Now she demands all of these. She is very well-mannered, even-tempered and absolutely beautiful. Her black, tan and white coat is glossy and her eyes shine with joy and gratitude. She sleeps on our bed with us and the other doxies and happily licks our faces.

She still bears both the physical and emotional scars of abuse, but they have become decreasingly obvious as the years go by. She is quiet, gentle and full of love. She is dearly loved, respected and appreciated. She lives in peace and comfort – surrounded always by friends and family.