

“Hopeless” Higgins

We first learned about the dog we would ultimately name “Higgins” via email from Texas Alaskan Malamute Rescue. His circumstances were tragic to be sure, and he was literally doomed. He was a handsome three-year-old Alaskan Malamute/German Shepherd mix who had been at an overcrowded shelter for too many days. He was placed in the euthanasia room. The author of the email referred to the circumstances of the dog in the euthanasia room as “hopeless” and wondered if somehow, someday, someone could, at the last minute, save his life.

We contacted Rescue and agreed to adopt him. His life was thus spared. He had been saved at the last moment. But there was much work to do on his behalf. He was in a southern Texas animal shelter and had received no veterinary care. He had ticks and fleas, worms and other health issues including kennel cough – none of them seemingly too severe. We paid to have him examined and vaccinated as well as neutered. We paid to have him boarded for several weeks until it was determined that he had no parasites, injuries or infectious or serious diseases, and that it was safe to bring him home to our other dogs.

Higgins was a gentleman from the get-go. He was beautiful with lovely wide brown eyes and a kind expression. He was gentle, and our vet staff called him “White Fang” – the wolf in the Disney movie of that name.

In personality, Higgins most closely resembles our Caesar. He is friendly, demonstrative, and very affectionate and will not leave our side. His best friend of all the dogs is our lovely little Klee Kai, Cassie. More about Cassie next time...

Higgins is well mannered, well behaved and gentle. Having come from such a rough background, he has made great strides and brings us; much joy and happiness. Everyone is his friend. The word “hopeless” is no longer in his vocabulary.