

Hello Volunteers -

Thanks to a devoted Outreach group, we had the best weekend in quite a while. Here is a recap....

Friday morning we were at our usual Farmer's Market set-up in Flagler Beach. Dana, Bob, Nicki & I had 4 dogs up for adoption. By days end we had alot of meaningful conversations, but no adoptions. \$55 was collected in donations.

Saturday and Sunday it was the same group plus Dana's boyfriend, Stephen, who were willing to take dogs on a trip all the way up to Seminole Town Center Mall in Sanford (I guess we really will do anything to stay indoors this time of year). All the dogs werre a **HUGE** hit and by the end of Saturday, "Jake", a Golden Retriever mix was snapped up by a family with 2 teenagers and senior golden retriever who came to see us at a "meet & greet" before they all left together. Later on, "Lily-Ann", a very shy hound that Nicki has had at her home for a long time to get her right with the world again (she was most likely abused) caught the attention of a young guy that spent at least 2 hours getting to know her. It was clear he wanted her and promised to come back the next day to take her home. It seemed right.

After a long day, we returned at about 4:00 p.m. to return the unadopted dogs back to the shelter only to find that "Spaz", a dog we had with us both that day and the day before at the Farmer's Market, had a family who saw him there and was now anxious to adopt him. The volunteers waited around the shelter a little longer to see him off.

Now it was Sunday back at the mall. First up, the guy who had promised to come for Lily-Ann was already waiting on us (I knew I liked this guy). He was quiet and kind of matched Lily-Ann's personality. They spent some more time together with us but not long after he was taking her home.

"LuLu" was a pitbull X we had taken the day before and got alot of attention & so I felt I should take her again for Sunday. Turned out to be a good decision. Three people, who were walking together past her had all almost immediately thought she needed to be part of there family. They took out a hold that they said would only have to cover enough time for them to finish the rest of the shopping they needed to do and then would come immediately back for her. Once again, as promised, they were true to their word and soon came back for her. The adoption form said she would have teenagers to live with and that sounds like a good place for this happy dog.

Although these were the completed adoptions over the weekend, all the dogs got plenty of attention and some even wound up with holds (I'll provide a follow-up). One of these dogs, "Malinda", might very well have had a completed adoption, but unfortunately, we noticed a sore on her foot that we felt should be looked at before we would be willing to release her. We topped it off by collecting nearly \$100 in donations. & for me personally, I had some time to spend with "Sadie" my current favorite, who is being treated for heartworm while being fostered a Nicki's home (she looks very healthy and happy).

I hope this all reads well to you and might have you consider coming out with us to future adopt-a-thons ... we need you !

Thanks Again to my fellow volunteers who were willing to devote an entire weekend and at least a tank of gas to make these days become such a success...

-Howard T.
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