

A Second Chance: Adopting Legacy

Legacy is a miniature pinscher. We first met her when her foster mom, Wendi, brought her to work at the local doggie daycare, where our two other dogs often spend time. We quickly learned Legacy's story: found abandoned in the woods of Wolcott, CT, Legacy would have starved to death without the intervention of local animal control authorities and the persistence and patience of the volunteers from Spotty Dog Rescue.

But could we adopt one more, especially two months after bringing 8-year-old Dex into our home from a different rescue? Dex – later determined to be a mountain cur/poodle/dachshund mix - was still adjusting to his new surroundings, and his trust with his new canine buddy, an 8-year-old Yorkie named Calvin, and his new humans was still developing.

Legacy captured our hearts, though, and the volunteers at Spotty Dog were incredibly patient with our desire to have her join our little pack. After filling out the application and having our vet bless our abilities to care for our pets, we slowly introduced Legacy to our family. At first, the dogs had playdates at the daycare and, later, at our home. These lasted from a few minutes to a few hours as the gang got to know one another. Dex was particularly hesitant to have Legacy near him. Still, he gradually warmed to the point where we could take Legacy overnight and then foster her until we could complete the adoption process.

Throughout it all, Spotty Dog's volunteers were patient and kind. Their knowledge of creating a harmonious pack proved invaluable to the process. My husband, Tim, and I feel deeply grateful to everyone at Spotty Dog for creating an adoption process that puts the needs of adoptable dogs first, helping to find the perfect human-dog match every time, no matter how long it takes.

Legacy brings immeasurable vitality, joy, and love to our lives that could not have been possible without the Spotty Dog volunteers. We thank them from the bottom of our hearts!