

Apollo Brings the Light

By Nancy Kvorka, with help from others!

The historical meaning of the name Apollo is “the ancient Greek and Roman god of light, healing, music, poetry, prophecy, and manly beauty”. Our Apollo is sweet, handsome and loves company. He is also almost completely blind, so he cannot see the light... but he is the light. Even after all he has been through, he’s sure to bring that shine to his new home.

Apollo is active for his 9 years and will make a great companion; he just needs a home that can take the time to make him comfortable as he learns to navigate in his new surroundings. That won’t take long; you can tell from reading about how he came to us – he is a survivor.



On October 29th of last year, he was brought to the shelter by a police officer. His owner had been hospitalized and Apollo had been abandoned in the backyard. When the officer found him, Apollo was weak and wobbly. The shelter found a severe flea infestation from head to tail with a thick layer of flea dirt. The flea bites on his hips were so severe the hair was falling out and the skin was thick and scarred. The next day the owner claimed to be coming to pick him up but later called to say she had missed her flight. The shelter never heard from her again.

The shelter quickly realized that Apollo was severely anemic from the flea infestation and rushed him to the vet where he got a transfusion. He spiked a fever after the transfusion and it was touch and go over the next couple of days while he recovered. At this time they also realized that he was blind.

The shelter reached out to GSRNC because they knew it would be difficult to find him a home. Susan H. evaluated Apollo and found him to be sweet and gentle, despite being blind and unfamiliar with his surroundings. He was immediately brought into the GSRNC program.

Apollo’s foster says, “Apollo is a dear doggie and a handsome boy that turns heads wherever he goes! He jogs well along beside me but is still coming to grips with his blindness. When chatting with neighbors he just stands and waits. But walks are about walking with determination from one good smell to another and then peeing copiously!”

Apollo is looking for a loving home where he can spend his golden years. Living with a dog who is blind or going blind is not as hard as you think. [Click here](#) for a Petfinder article on living with a blind dog. If you are up for a challenge with a high reward, please consider [adopting Apollo](#). He has adjusted very well to his disability and remains a happy and loving companion.

