

REBEL WITHOUT A HOME

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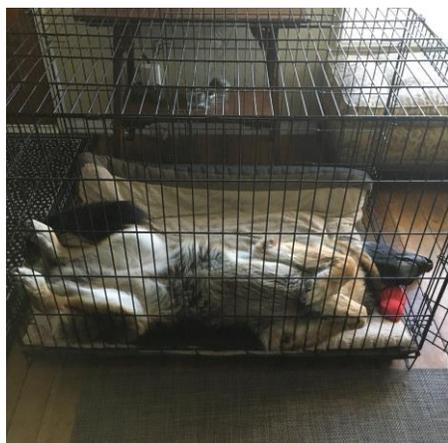
Most dogs coming into the GSRNC program have a rocky start in life. Sweet Rebel was born into the program so his path was a bit smoother. Rebel's mama was only one year old when Animal Control seized her from an abusive situation and GSRNC came to her rescue. She was treated for an embedded collar and shortly after gave birth to two pups. Rebel was removed from her care when she proved to be a danger to her own puppies.

Long-time volunteer Kim F. had lots of puppy experience and offered to take him in. Caring for a newborn is demanding work that requires lots of bottle-feeding multiple times a day. Rebel thrived under Kim's care.

After investing so much time and love, Kim could not part with him, and he joined her pack.



Rebel's AdoptionDay!



Favorite Chill Pose

Rebel spent five happy years with Kim but when the family's rental home was found to be infested with mold, they were forced to move out. They looked for another house, but it seemed no one was willing to rent to a couple with three big German Shepherds. Kim and her husband moved in temporarily with a family member and Rebel was placed in a boarding kennel until they could find a home for all of them.

Separating the pack was supposed to be brief but then the unthinkable happened. Kim passed away suddenly, sending the family into stunned turmoil. Shock waves passed through GSRNC as well--Kim was a member of our Rescue Family too. She had been with GSRNC since the beginning and served a vital role in our day-to-day operations. GSRNC reached out to the family to

offer support and to remind them of our commitment to every dog rescued. With this unfortunate turn of fate, the family made the difficult decision to return Rebel to GSRNC.

With Rebel back in our care, we set out to find him the best possible home. Long-time volunteer Terri H. had lost her beautiful boy, Anson, in January. This left a terrible void for her and kitty Claude. When they were ready, they offered to foster. Since Rebel grew up with cats he seemed like a good match for Terri and Claude. But would Claude agree?

About a week into his stay there was an “incident” ... Rebel showed interest in Claude's food bowl. The cat flew in from out of nowhere and landed on Rebel's back! What a scene! There was screaming, howling and fur flying! Claude chased Rebel into the next room, where he cowered and whimpered in the corner. Ever since, everything's been fine between them and he defers to Claude in every way. With the kitty seal of approval, Terri knew he had to stay. He was formally adopted and was renamed Revel.



Discussing Protocols with Claude



Helping Organize Poop Bags

Revel knows he's home, barking at the mail carrier and anyone coming near the front door. He welcomes visitors once they pass muster, and he loves meeting neighbors on walks. His confidence grows every day and Terri and Revel have plans to attend formal training classes so he can become the best canine citizen possible!



Guarding the Back Door