

The Rescue Safety Net

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Life doesn't always go the way we expect. The year 2020 can certainly attest to that! When someone adopts a dog it's always with high hopes and the best of intentions. Sometimes fate has a different idea. Because we know life can be precarious, we include this clause in our Adoption Agreement: ***You agree to notify us immediately if at any time you determine that you no longer want to, or no longer can, keep the Dog, so that we can take the Dog back.*** That clause is a "safety net" for every dog that GSRNC rescues. Regardless of age or health situation, we will take any dog back.

That safety net caught Myla....twice. Myla first came to GSRNC when she was about three years old. One of our volunteers pulled her from the Fresno shelter in 2012. She was adopted and after four years she developed serious medical problems. Issues with her paw required two costly surgeries and ongoing treatment. Her family realized they just couldn't afford to care for her anymore. Myla also suffered from separation anxiety so her adopters decided to return her hoping she would find a life with someone who was home more often.



Sweet Myla

Myla was adopted again one month later that same year (2016). She was cared for and loved for five years. Then life interfered again for poor Myla. Her adopter was facing some serious medical issues. It became impossible for her to take Myla for daily walks or give her the care she deserved. When Myla developed some medical issues of her own, her adopter reluctantly made the heartbreaking decision to return her to GSRNC. The Rescue Safety Net caught Myla for the second time. Our Transportation volunteers jumped into action and picked Myla up.

She went straight to the vet for an intake exam. Everyone at the veterinary hospital fell in love with Myla. She proved to be a very sweet and cooperative patient. Other than a large cyst that needed to be removed, Myla was deemed to be in relatively good health. By this time, Myla was 12+ years old, not a prime age for re-homing.



Myla living the good life

We contacted GSRNC volunteer Patrick who is a true hospice dog superhero. He has lots of experience in this regard and at one point he was caring for six dogs at the same time! Myla was introduced to King, the resident dog. They hit it off and are now pals. Myla has



Myla & King

some anxiety issues so Patrick is patiently helping her to adjust to her new surroundings.

GSRNC dogs will always be welcomed back, regardless of age or health. Volunteers and donations are what help us keep dogs like Myla safe. If you'd like to join our team, please [click here](#). If you can help with a donation, please [click here](#).