

Renzo: the Vets of UC Davis to the Rescue!

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Congratulations to Renzo and his new forever family, Alida and Tom C. of Santa Cruz! Renzo's (formerly Ren) story is special and displays the work we in GSRNC do so well.

Renzo was located earlier this year after being lost from his original home for six months. When he was finally found he was suffering from serious pelvic injuries, most likely having been hit by a car. He was barely able to stand and walk. Unfortunately, Ren's original owner, being disabled, was unable to provide the continued care that he urgently needed.

Ren was saved from euthanasia when his owner signed him over to the hospital related to the UC Davis

veterinary school. The entire veterinary medical staff that tended to him completely fell in love with handsome Ren and his sweet demeanor, and absolutely refused to give up on him. One student agreed to foster him, and the veterinary students, in particular his foster, started calling local rescues to see if anyone could help. They connected with GSRNC and Lani C. checked - we were able to bring him into our program.



Renzo relaxing with his dad

Volunteers and past adopters Alida and Tom had dealt with serious medical issues with their last GSD, Daisy. Alida recalls, "(Regional Dog Manager) Doug G. automatically matched us when Renzo was accepted into the program and it was apparent that he would need medical assistance." As fosters, Alida and Tom took him through water therapy working on a tread mill in a pool and laser treatment. Renzo has largely recovered, but still needs lots of attention and TLC for his impaired mobility.

"It didn't take us long to realize that no matter the outcome, Renzo was meant to be with us," Alida adds. They became another pair of foster failures! His new adoring parents are super focused on rebuilding Renzo's strength and showering him with the big love and attention this handsome boy so greatly

deserves. Alida and Tom are very active and spoil Renzo with endless affection, cuddles, and hugs. Renzo loves exploring his beautiful new Santa Cruz neighborhood, going to the beach, meeting new furry friends, and re-learning old tricks in his new backyard.

For all that appears to have happened to him, Renzo remained friendly and loving to the humans taking care of him. A HUGE thank you to everyone at GSRNC as well as Renzo's rescuer, vet, and medical attendants who made this incredibly happy ending a reality!



Renzo has earned his new life of activity and being a couch potato when he wants to!