

## **Bear Buddy Goes to Doggie Boot Camp!**

Bear Buddy was surrendered by his family to Palo Alto Animal Services because they were moving to a new home that didn't allow pets. One year old dogs, especially large dogs, have a lot of energy and are easily considered "too hard to handle." Young dogs simply need exercise and guidance. It was clear during Bear Buddy's evaluation that he is an affectionate, sweet dog with a lot to offer. Unfortunately, these good traits were hiding under a pretty rambunctious exterior!

At his first foster home with Pam K. in San Jose, Bear Buddy ran roughshod over the resident dog and had to be removed. There were no other appropriate foster homes available, so Bear Buddy was sent to "boot camp" at [Lower Lassen K9 Board-and-Train](#) Facility in Shingletown.

Bear Buddy was there for 6 weeks, learning to walk on heel as well as other basic behaviors. After his time at training, a foster home opened with Allison and Howard in San Francisco. They soon learned that even though his house manners were pretty good, he needed to learn that being mouthy with such big, sharp teeth was not a good thing! In stepped Theo B. from [Refined K9 Dog Training](#) in San Francisco, who had worked with Allison and Howard with previous fosters. His mouthy behavior is now solved and progress has been made on some other bad habits, such as dumpster diving and redecorating!

Extensive training isn't needed for all of GSRNC's dogs, but some "diamonds in the rough" need the kind of help that only professionals can provide.

But there is a happy ending to Bear Buddy's story! He has recently been adopted by a woman in San Francisco who is committed to continuing the training he needs to be a good canine citizen!