

Chief M: Highway to Heaven

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In the summer of 2020, Chief was observed alone, confused and frightened on the side of Highway 152 in Santa Clara County for a couple of weeks... looking lost and hoping somebody would help him. Thankfully, several concerned onlookers saw his plight and brought him food and water. But when a Good Samaritan drove by Chief for a second time in soaring 110-degree heat, he couldn't stand it any longer and picked Chief up and took him home. With no collar, ID or microchip, a friend recommended that this Good Samaritan call GSRNC.

When we received the hotline call, we advised him to take Chief to the local shelter for the standard 5-day stray period in case his owner was looking for him. When no one came to claim Chief, he went through GSRNC's evaluation process (which he passed with flying colors) and Chief's Good Samaritan happily offered to foster him while we searched for his forever home.



Chief's story was about to change dramatically.

While we don't know much about Chief's past or how he ended up on the side of a busy highway, this scary ordeal never seemed to damage his positive, happy attitude! Chief was resilient, waiting patiently for his forever family.

It just so happens that Jennifer and Brian, GSD lovers and repeat GSRNC adopters, got to know Chief well since he was being fostered right next door to them! After joining Chief and his foster on walks and observing his sweet personality, they knew they

wanted to welcome him into their own home!

These days, Chief happily spends his time getting to know his kind neighbors, going on as many walks with his parents as his heart desires, basking in the seaside sunshine surrounding his new home, and of course receiving endless praise and love for being such an all-around "Good Boy"!

We are incredibly thankful that such a deserving GSD found his forever home after enduring such hardship and uncertainty. It's only with the help of loving community members that this happy ending was possible.

