

India – Foster Failure Extraordinaire

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India has taken the long way around to happiness. It appears she may have started her life as a backyard breeder only to be surrendered to the Oakland shelter when her usefulness was done. India was 10+ years old when she finally found true happiness in the home of a “failed” foster.

When India was dumped at the shelter she was in



India's “Sid” look

horrible shape. She had maggots, hot spots all over, severe ulcers in her ears and several teeth that had to be removed. This is the picture that was sent to potential foster Zina asking her to care for this poor girl. As Zina said, “How could I say anything but yes?!!”



Poor India's “before” picture

Zina jokes that she looks like Sid from the movie “Ice Age” in this picture that was snapped between India's treatments. And those eyes, they speak volumes.

It took India six months to heal. Zina faithfully took her to the vet multiple times for treatment as well as caring for her medical needs at home.

Once India was well enough to be spayed and put up for adoption, Zina knew she could not part with her and became a “foster failure.” The best kind of failure.

India is a happy girl attuned to her surroundings and her people. She is cautious with strangers but warms up when she gets to



know them. When she came out of the shelter she didn't even know how to play. In her ever-expanding world, she happily rides along in a pickup truck and now even has some cat friends! India loves traveling and has become quite the road companion. She has journeyed from Kansas to Pismo Beach and everywhere in between!



Day trip to Gran's—
Perfect set up for India

On the way to Kansas

India will live the rest of her life happy and healthy. Zina says she is an “incredible companion”. Seeing dogs like India find her furever home is what rescue is all about.