

## Finding a Castle for King

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Every dog has a story before coming into rescue. Sometimes we have clues about their background but, for most dogs, their origin story is a complete mystery. For instance, how does a dog registered as an emotional support dog wind up at the animal shelter? It doesn't seem possible but that's just what happened with King 2.

Around nine months of age, King received his certification to be an Emotional Support Dog. You'd think that would guarantee him a bright future and a home for life, but five months later he was surrendered to an animal shelter.

We can't explain why this happened or what his life was like before, but we can tell you what King is like now. Astoundingly, this good boy has been in a foster home **for a full year!** With all his good qualities, it's hard to understand why he's been overlooked by adopters for so long. Handsome King is 80 lbs. and around two years old. He's in good health, eats well and, unlike many shepherds, has not had any digestive issues. This playful boy loves to fling toys around the back yard and would much rather play ball with his humans than frolic with other dogs.



King loves to go for a walk and is very curious; discovering new things on every outing and taking time to investigate. He has basic skills: "Sit", "Down", "Off", "Drop It", and "Get on your bed". He also has decent leash manners and is house trained. This youngster loves people and can be a little bouncy in his excitement to meet new friends. However, he's easy-going and willingly takes direction and verbal

correction from anyone. King is not comfortable around unfamiliar dogs but will make friends with proper, supervised introductions.

King is a great walking or hiking companion but is also a good pal for a relaxing evening chilling with Netflix; quietly chewing a toy and playing on his own. Like all shepherds, King needs daily exercise with walks and games of fetch. He doesn't have excessive requirements but his busy foster can't provide what he needs. Because of his size, King would probably do best in a home with older children. He could be a second dog but would be happier as the only dog in a household.



This fantastic boy has been waiting a long time to find his forever home. Could it be yours? If King sounds like a good fit for your household, please fill out an [adoption questionnaire](#) to start the process. If you have any questions, please send an email to [newsletter@gsrnc.org](mailto:newsletter@gsrnc.org).

