

Meet the Antioch Puppies

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On July 3rd, GSRNC received a call on the hotline from Antioch Animal Services asking if we could help with five GSD puppies who were very sick with mange. The puppies were found in a car storage facility near the waterfront. Their parents were thought to be in the area, but had not appeared. The puppies went into our foster care the same day. The first couple of days were a challenge. The puppies did not feel well, weren't used to being handled and were scared. When they were not being fed or bathed, they spent the first days in a puppy pile sleeping with each other.

Like puppies do, they acclimated to their new situation quickly and started adapting to their routine of bathing and feeding, but slept most of the time during their first couple of weeks in foster care. They made their debut at the Danville adoption in July, but they slept through it completely! As the days went on, the puppies got stronger. They started to play and show some of their individual personalities. Most importantly, they started to get well and grow some hair. With their personalities beginning to blossom, we were able to learn more about them:

Meet Carroll! Carroll was originally the biggest boy with the most hair, but he was also the shy one that played hide and seek. His foster parents could never find him unless they started banging some dishes around to make noise. He didn't seek affection or play for a few weeks. He would wrestle if someone started it with him and he would sit quietly to be scratched, after which he would run off to hide. Now he's still the quietest of the five, but that's not saying much. He likes to run around and chase after one of his foster brothers, but he is also the first to settle down after dinner and go to sleep. He's also the only one of the pack that enjoys swimming!



Meet Hamilton! Hamilton is a party puppy and an instigator of trouble. He is a stellar redecorator of shoes! He can be a pushy little guy, too. When the big dogs have indicated they are done playing, he will keep at them until he gets a correction. With a big yelp, he comes running to one of his foster humans for cuddles, but then bounces back quickly and goes to try again with the big dogs.



Meet Hancock! Hancock is the most affectionate of the pack, and seeks human companionship first thing in the morning. His favorite place is being on the couch in someone's lap getting scratched. However, he will leave the cuddles if he sees a game of chase happening without him.



Meet Franklin! Franklin is not the smallest of the pack anymore! When he first arrived, he was so tiny and weak to the point where he could not stand up on his own for more than one minute. His foster family held him up so he could eat and drink the first week. He loves to wrestle on the stairs and chase his brothers. His favorite game is taking everything out of a bag and sitting on it. He also enjoys a game of "this shoe must die."



And last but certainly not least, meet Dolly! Dolly is loud! She is the best barker of all the dogs! She can also be a bit pushy and likes to play “Queen of the Mountain” by standing on the highest thing she can find and yaps at everyone who tries to get on her throne with her. However, she has learned to share both her food and her toys. She can definitely hold her own with all her brothers!

