

LESTER

Thursday, December 10, 2015

Lester was abandoned beside a dumpster on Caney St., Wharton, TX, along with a wire crate, a bag of dog food and a leash. Wearing a collar and obviously a family pet due to his good physical condition, he was left for the owners of the property to handle. That same day, he walked over and claimed the front stoop of one of the nearby duplex apartments as his own and didn't budge.



One of the owners of the rental property contacted Christine Stransky to find out if SPOT could help. After discussion, SPOT agreed to take in the animal rather than have him turned over to Wharton Animal Control.

Friday, December 11, 2015

Lester went to Wharton Veterinary Clinic (WVC) for his initial exam and tests. He was a 6 month old Great Dane mix puppy, in good physical health – no fleas, worms and heartworm negative, and just as energetic and loving as could be!

Since there was no foster home available, he was boarded at WVC until alternate arrangements could be made.



After a short video showing him dog-friendly was taken, Transfer Partner Kitsap Humane Society, WA, agreed to take him. Arrangements were made to fly him the following week via our Alaska Airlines special rescue rate.



Thursday, December 17, 2015

Lester was transported by Gregg Flores from Wharton to Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH), and then from IAH to Seattle International Airport (SEA) by Alaska Airlines.



Molly Colleen Clark, a volunteer with Kitsap Humane Society (KHS), transported Lester from SEA to KHS. She posted this on her Facebook page:

Lester was a pup I brought in from Houston on a transfer Thursday night. I saw a post from his rescue in Houston on Facebook. I commented and they told me his story. Lester was tied behind a dumpster and left with a bag of food. Thankfully he was found before anything hurt him and he was brought to S.P.O.T. (his rescue) then flown to us here at Kitsap Humane Society. It's been a rough time for this big guy. When I arrived at the Alaska cargo to pick him up the place was so crowded I had to park in the parking lot for another building. At the front desk the woman asked how she could help me. I told her I was with KHS and there to pick up a dog. Everyone stopped what they were doing and stared at me and listened. "Do you mean this dog?" She said pointing at a crate. I looked at it and said "not sure all I know is he is from Houston." And everyone started talking at once.

"That's him!"

"He is the best dog!"

"Can we pet him?"

"Is he yours now?"

"Where's Silverdale?"

I smiled at everyone and told them I wasn't allowed to remove the dog for safety reasons. Bummed, they wheeled him over to me and I saw that he had had an accident in his crate.

"I'll clean it!" A man offered.

"We have scissors to cut the ties and we can put more on. He can pee outside in the grass."

"We have a leash he can use too!"

Realizing I really didn't want to ride home with that smell, I let him out and everyone was so happy. And they really did clean the crate. It was amazing. I gave three people the address to the shelter and Lester impressed everyone with his ability to walk across five peoples' laps at once. He even decided to lay on one man and refused to leave him.

There's so many yucky stories but there are also so many good ones. And so many good people. And also so many good dogs. If you're interested, Lester is available for adoption at KHS today. He was neutered yesterday and is ready to meet his new family. He adores humans and the two other dogs he met there were his best friends they just didn't know it.

Saturday, December 19, 2015 – ADOPTED!

Monday, December 21, 2015

Hi Natalie!

Lester, now Axl, is doing great. The first day, he was too excited to really get a grasp on what he knows. The second day was a lot better as far as hyperness. I believe he is loving all the room he has in the yard to run and play with toys. We are signed up for puppy training classes. I appreciate the check up and will let you guys know if we need any advice with training. My little family is so happy to have such a loving dog and I cannot wait to get to know him even more and give him all the love and attention he deserves!



Happy holidays!
Nikole and family

Thank you to everyone that made this a Happy Tails story for Lester, especially the ASPCA-Subaru grant who helped fund his transport.