

Pioneers for Animal Welfare Society, Inc.

Happy Tails Story: Meet Desiree



Dear Friend to Animals ...

Imagine life in a noisy, somewhat chaotic place where there are literally hundreds of other homeless animals that rarely make their way out, not understanding what is happening or why some of your four legged companions are there one day and not the next. That is pretty much the scenario in a high kill shelter where the days are long and hope is scarce.

Desiree, a five-year-old Rat Terrier was on the brink of being euthanized in a kill shelter in the South. She was fearful, overwhelmed and quickly deemed "unadoptable."

Luckily, Kent Animal Shelter believes that every homeless animal should have a second chance and because of you, we can make that happen for thousands of other unfortunate animals in crisis situations. We knew that if Desiree had the chance to decompress, her true personality would emerge. We brought her into our adoption program, but instead of putting her back in a kennel environment, we placed her in a foster home.

Thanks to the wonderful woman who agreed to provide a temporary home, Desiree blossomed. No longer timid and shaking, Desiree transformed into the happy and carefree dog she was meant to be. Her foster mom, Jean, provided us with weekly updates on her progress while we kept searching for the right home for Desiree.

Last weekend, a couple came to Kent in search of a new friend. They'd just lost their beloved Rat Terrier after 16 years together. After searching the kennel, they were disappointed that none of the dogs seemed like the right match. But that changed after a staff member mentioned Desiree. Together with Desiree's foster mom, staff sprang into action and arranged to bring Desiree in for a meeting. Well, two days later, Desiree packed her bags for the last time. Jean drove her to her new, forever home where she quickly settled in.

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