

Rain's World



Her world was an 8 foot circle. Tethered to a tree, she could explore no further than the heavy chain could reach. She hoped someone would remember to come by and feed her. Sadly, for more than two weeks, this did not happen. Her owner had gone to the hospital and Rain was forgotten.

But, Rain's situation was about to change in a big way! A neighbor noticed how thin she was getting and called No More Homeless Pets KC. Our Pet Uplift Team jumped into action.

Rain was relinquished to NMHPKC and was brought to our clinic for some badly needed TLC. She's been kept warm and comfortable and has put on much of the weight she had lost. While she's had multiple litters of puppies during her years on the chain, she's now been spayed and won't have to worry about that any more. She tested heartworm positive and we've been very fortunate to find a donor to cover the heartworm treatment. The only piece left is to find a loving home to make Rain's new world complete.

Rain goes to school !!

For the last 9 months we've given you periodic updates on one of our first rescues from the Pet Uplift Program. Rain is a 9 year old pit mix dog that was found nearly starved after her owner had gone to the hospital and left no one to care for her. Rain's world consisted of the 8 foot circle around the tree she was chained to. A neighbor noticed how thin she was getting and through the course of events, Rain came to No More Homeless Pets KC. That is where our journey with Rain began.



As an older pit bull dog that was positive for heartworm, had little to no socialization and in generally poor health, the prospects for Rain were limited. But still, there was something about her that touched the hearts of all of us at NMHPKC and we have been determined to make a better world for this girl.

The first few months were focused on treating the heartworms, getting the weight back on her and getting her spayed. Through this time, our attachment to Rain continued to grow and we began the search for a new home. But, Rain proved a bit unpredictable which limited the options for adoptive homes. Our search for the right home for her led to questions about what situations would and would not work. Over the months, most of us at the clinic gained her trust and she became a central figure in our daily lives. Still, she remained at the clinic.



We knew we had to find out just exactly what would and would not work for Rain and that is where Sean and Kristyn from Canine Curriculum came into the picture. Sean and Kristyn train dogs. In some cases, they actually take them into their home. When Sean and Kristyn met Rain, they knew she was special, but they also realized she needed some work. Rain needed to learn how to be a regular dog. Rain had to go to school!

During the last two months, Rain has lived with Sean and Kristyn and has learned how to interact with their dogs. She's learned her basic obedience skills such as a sit-stay, down-stay, leave-it, come and has really improved with her leash walking skills. Rain has gained so much confidence in meeting new people and she is able to go on walks very comfortably now.

Yes, she's still learning and she'll continue to learn the rest of her life. But now – more than ever, Rain is looking for that new home. She'll need to be in a home that can maintain a structured relationship with her and maintain the obedience skills she's learned. Rain will not be able to go to a home with cats or other small animals and would not do well with small children. Teenagers or older would be the best option for her. She would probably do OK in a home with one other larger dog.

As you can see from these pictures, Rain is settled in well. With a structured and controlled environment, Rain will make a wonderful, dedicated pet. If you have room in your home and your heart for a very special girl, please come and meet Rain. She really just wants to be your lap dog!

Rain (far left on a down – stay)



Rain getting a belly rub from one of the NMHPKC staff

