

## **Comet's story from rescue to foster to his forever home:**

I found Comet at the Shelter this past winter when he was six.

Comet was part of a dog team that had been seized due to severe undernourishment and neglect and he had been recuperating at the Shelter for close to a year (maybe nine months? a long time).

His chances for a forever home were quite slim due to his extreme timidity and slightly advanced age.

He came up for adoption on my birthday (Winter Solstice 2009),

I asked to foster him through AKDPR (Alaska Dog and Puppy Rescue) and they agreed.

Comet and I spent one month in socialization mode until he met his new parents at an adoption fair at Pet Zoo in Eagle River.

This couple is just amazing!

They are completely committed to giving him the life he needs, for as long as he needs it, understanding all-the-while his history of neglect.

Comet's new lifestyle comes complete with bike-jouring equipment, a large fenced in and forested yard, indoor quarters, and lots of outdoor activities like hiking and camping.

I just couldn't be happier about this little guy ;)

The following is a letter that Comet's new mama wrote on his behalf soon after he was adopted... needless to say, Comet hit the jack-pot with them.

A "Letter from Comet" to Holly his foster "Mom" letting her know his progress:



*I'm doing GRRRREAT! My new people are a bit silly, but they're trying really hard to make me feel comfortable. I've found a couple of favorite places to watch them like by the kitchen table and behind the couch.. but don't be fooled... when they aren't looking, I come out and sniff their hands and feet and enjoy it when they scratch my neck... even if I play hard to get.*

*Last night was a little rough. I don't think Mr. Tony slept too much, but he was nice about it. Their automatic/motion sensor light on the porch scared me. I liked the woods in the back yard and wasn't sure if I was more scared or wanted to play. Finally, Miss Karen came out and lured me inside. I chose to sleep beside their bed, which was nice.*

*Today was fun so far! Miss Karen's off work, so she's working with me and my leash. She got a tie-out rope at Walmart so when they (Tony) shovels snow, I can stay out front with him. Yay! Oh yeah! On the way to Walmart, I rode in her jeep and loved it! I was a good boy the whole time!*

*I can't wait for Tony to come home for another walk. It's good practice for all of us. Maybe tonight I'll be too tired to scratch out all the living room window screens like last night. ::whispers:: I bet they didn't notice!*

*Thank you for working with me to make me a better dog for my new people. They aren't replacements for you but I feel it's a very happy, special home.*

**Comet @.**