



He was our baby for many years, when we had our son Myles everyone worried that Kalel would act out. My husband and I knew he would be ok, in fact the first time he saw Myles he walked over to the car seat and gave him a puppy kiss. Now 18 months later those two do almost

everything together, Kalel even walks into Myles room at bedtime to say goodnight.

We don't know what breed he is, and we really don't care. We call him The Hough Breed. He is one of the family, goofy, moody, loves us with all of his heart and would die protecting us if he felt he needed to.

—Sarah Hough

My sister-in-law knew we wanted to rescue a black lab when we moved back to the Midwest, and she had found a beautiful rescue 'lab' at the groomer's, Canine Grooming Center...who also is involved with Dakota Animal Rescue. Libby had been picked up by Yankton Animal Control, running the streets with a bunch of pit bulls, and had been in foster care a few days.



However, we hadn't moved yet! Basically, my sister-in-law rescued our 'lab' sight unseen to us...and oh, what a beautiful match it is.

We fell in love with Libby the minute we laid eyes on her! And just out of curiosity, we decided to have a DNA test done on her, because she just didn't look like a lab to us... Anyway, when we got the test back, she is ANYTHING but a black lab! She is 25% Pit Bull, 25% Rottweiler, 25% German Shepherd and 25% a mix of about 9 other breeds! LOL!!

It matters not to us...we love her with all our hearts...and she is just the best dog in the world...wouldn't trade her for anything! There are so many good dogs in the world...to me, the best way to find a pet is to rescue it!! We've tried to figure out what kind of life Libby may have had prior to us, but we just don't have much to go on. We do know she hates anything in your hand outside. For example, if you're outside with a shovel, or a broom, or anything that you're moving with, she attempts to attack it! So she must've been abused in some way in the past in the fashion, and we think it was probably a guy, cuz she's pretty skittish of men initially... especially with facial hair!

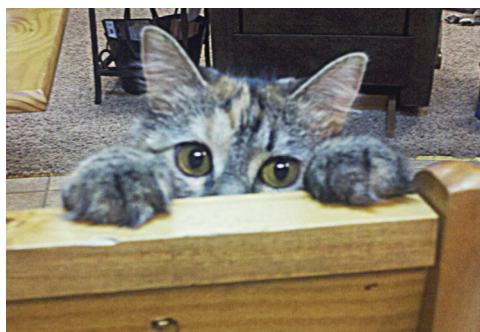
Lib just turned 2, and now weighs in at 90 lbs. And the big girl sleeps with us every night, along with our 4-pound Yorkie...and we just couldn't love that girl anymore than we do!!!

—Caryn Chappelear

Gilly was found wondering around Omaha most likely gnawed off a chain that he was chained to outside for long hours. No one wanted him so he went to foster care at the Little White Dog Rescue in Omaha and then I adopted him. Gilly now lives with my aunt Brenda (Willcuts).

—Heather Steffen

Meet Scrat! During the summer of 2010, my parents found a



litter of three stray kittens outside their home. At the time my parents lived on the edge of a very busy highway and we suspect the mother of the kittens was killed by traffic.

Hungry, skin to the bones, and alone,

we decided to play "hero" and save the kittens from starving to death and/or being eaten alive by some wild animal.

We didn't want to take in all three. My parents already own a dog so taking in three more pets would have proven to be too much of a frustrating challenge. So we gave two away and kept one. My sister and brother in-law received one while my aunt and uncle received the other. What we were left with was a playful kitten with ears the size of a dump truck (poor little thing could probably pick up radio signals if she wanted).

Because of her large ears, we were going to name her Yoda, but for some reason my mom thought it would be "cute" to change her name to "Yodel." My dad cringed at that idea so at last her name was changed to Scrat (derived from the famous jittery squirrel on crack from the movie Ice Age).

To this day, "Scratty" is a healthy, playful adult cat who is obsessed with string, pestering the dog, and being lazy.

—Rob Buckingham

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