

Looking for Love



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There are loads of dogs languishing in shelters throughout North America and beyond. Some have been abandoned, others picked up as strays or rescued from an abusive situation. The dogs included here are just a small selection of the countless sweet souls out there in search of some love and a place to call home. In particular, big black dogs, seniors, Pit Bulls and Pit Bull crosses and large, strong dogs like Rottweilers and Dobermans have a hard time finding a good family, in part because of character misperceptions. The cuties on the following pages are available for adoption through the Vancouver Animal Shelter (VAS), a pro-adoption facility providing refuge for lost and abandoned animals. For more information on the adoptees, go to petfinder.com and search Vancouver Animal Control Shelter & Services. Or check out your local shelter; there is no shortage of wonderful adoption candidates looking for love.

Glory

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Breed: Labrador Retriever/Husky mix
Gender: Female/Spayed
Age: approx. 8 years old
Arrived at VAS: January 31, 2009

Glory is a big ol' sweetheart, a genuinely friendly and approachable dog who enjoys playing with tennis balls. Although she has a bit of "senior stiffness" in her bones, Glory would enjoy a low to moderate exercise home with people that like to go for slow strolls like she does.

Lily

Breed: German Shepherd Dog
Gender: Female/Spayed
Age: 3 - 5 years old
Arrived at VAS: February 16, 2009

Lily is a purebred German Shepherd with a "classic" Shepherd temperament—outgoing, loyal, intelligent, a little needy on occasion, and talkative. Lily seems to have had some basic training already, and she's pretty easy to handle, so we think she'll fit well into a lot of different types of homes.

Emily and Charlotte

Breed: Pit Bull/Labrador Retriever mix

Gender: Females

Age: Emily (approx. 8),

Charlotte (approx. 6)

Arrived at VAS: September 25, 2008

Will you open your heart and home to two lovely dogs who so deserve someone to call their own? Sweet and easy to manage, these two little ladies, Emily and Charlotte, are a dog owner's dream. They are really nice, easy-to-handle dogs—housebroken, well socialized with all people and dogs, trustworthy off-leash, low maintenance, and quiet in the house. We think the only reason “Em and Char” haven't found a forever home yet is because there are two of them; they were found together and are very bonded to each other. However, even as a pair they are less work than one dog!







Shrimp

Breed: Bull Mastiff/Rhodesian
Ridgeback mix
Gender: Male/Neutered
Age: 1-1/2 years old
Arrived at VAS: February 24, 2009

This big, strapping super-handsome guy knows a few basic commands and came to us already neutered, so he was someone's pet in the past. He is "goofy" with a side order of "needy for attention," so we suspect he's just dying to become someone's 80-pound lap-dog. Shrimp loves toys and is playful and fun, so people used to "big boys" would really enjoy having him in their family.



Nikki

Breed: Rottweiler
Gender: Male
Age: 4 years old
Status: Adopted

Though Nikki has found his forever home, his affectionate personality, intelligence, and impressive obedience show that, though some potential adopters can be scared off by the size and strength of this breed, the Rottweiler is a lovely, smart, devoted dog that would make a great companion for an active, experienced owner looking for a loyal friend.