

# Bella Bell

Bella was rescued from a shelter in Louisville, Kentucky in January of 2007. She was listed as being 5 yrs old and had been in the shelter for one month. She spent most of that time in isolation because of an upper respiratory infection. When we got her, she dutifully made all the dogs in my home sick as well. But it was really ok, she needed to be out of the shelter and I don't know that she would have recovered while staying there.

When Bella came to us, she was one of the skinniest berners I had ever seen. The time in the shelter had taken it's toll on her body. It took her three days in our home before she fell into her first restful sleep. Bella's biggest issue was that she was plagued with submissive urination when anybody looked directly at her or touched her on the side of her face or neck. She was as sweet as a berner could ever be. When she walked into our home, she did a circle around the kitchen once or twice and then hung her hat to stay. It was just that quick.

Because of her upper respiratory infection, submissive urination and weight loss, she has been screened and followed carefully by our Veterinarian. With time, love and medication, she has begun gaining weight, has stopped her submissive urination and no longer is ill with any infections.

Bella Bell...what a name. Bella believes she is staying here at our home forever. She is not planning on going on to another location unless we go with her. She has made her wishes very clear and has worked the system to secure a spot in our pack. In foster work, most come and go but then there are those that just come. Bella is one smart cookie.....and we love her

submitted by Karen Bell

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