

DOLLY

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Hello. My name is Dolly Johnson and I was born 4/27/06. I was rescued by BARC (Bernese Auction Rescue Coalition) in 2006. On January 11, 2007 I got to meet my new mom. She drove to southern Illinois to pick me up. I was so scared that when we got home, I didn't want to get out of my crate in the back of the car. My mom had to take the crate apart around me to get me out of the car. I was too scared to go anywhere that night so I stayed in the garage. My mom brought me a nice warm blanket, and some food and water and spent most of the night in the garage with me. The next morning mom and dad coaxed me out of the garage and I got to meet my new brother Eddie. I found out later that Eddie was also rescued by BARC. That next morning mom and dad and my brother went for a big long walk through the fields and the woods. At first I didn't want to go, but when I saw how much fun my brother was having, I decided it must be ok. Then mom and dad and Eddie tried to convince me to come in the house with them but I wasn't so sure. It took me a couple days to realize that the house was a very good thing! Mom says I am slower at accepting new things than my brother is, but he's always there with me so if I get scared about something, I look to him for guidance. I guess because I was born in a puppy mill, I didn't know about all the strange new sights and sounds. Just the other day, I got brave and went upstairs in the house all by myself because my mom was up there. When it was time to go back downstairs, I didn't know how! So, mom brought Eddie upstairs and together, the three of us made our way back downstairs. Now I go up and down all the time by myself. I found out stairs weren't such a bad thing after all. There are lots of things I'm not sure of, but mom and Eddie are helping me build up my confidence and get braver. Eddie's taught me all sorts of things (like poking mom in the butt when she's not looking) and he and I like to make a "Bernese Sandwich" with Eddie on one side, mom in the middle and me on the other side. I do know that I am so lucky that Eddie and my mom rescued me. Thank you mom.

Love,

Dolly