

Jaeger Schmidt

In 2005 we lost our 11-month old male Berner. After months of researching breeders we found a wonderful breeder and adopted another male and I thought our house was once again perfect with the sounds of the pitter-patter of furry Berner feet! After all, one Berner was enough, right?!

Then one day I was reading the Berner-L and saw a posting stating the need to find a home for a recently rescued 1 ½ old male in our area. I inquired about him and found he was the product of divorce. The husband had gotten custody of him, but when the man's job changed, the dog ended up spending 15-20 hours a day in a isolated and lonely in his crate. Realizing this was not life for his beloved companion, the gentleman finally made the difficult decision to find a new home for his friend.

He was placed in a foster home that hopefully would end up being his forever home, however, he was returned to rescue a couple of months later due to yet another divorce situation. Unfortunately, his rescue host had two females in season and the boy once again found himself isolated to a degree while awaiting yet another new home.

My husband and I had talked about rescue before, but were afraid of putting our children at any risk with unknown temperament issues so we had decided to wait until our children were older. For some reason, when I read the post, something made me want to know more about the boy. After talking to rescue there was a constant tug to my heart. I knew we needed to give this boy a home. Unsure of how the boy would behave with our children and Guinness, rescue asked if we would consider fostering the boy – giving us a chance to get to know him and see how he would behave with our children and our pup, and letting the boy have a reprieve from the two girls in season! We did just that and fell in love!

He was wonderful with the children (and still is – becoming our 8yr old son's best pal!). Our Berner pup, Guinness fell in love with him as well and the feeling is still quite mutual! Jaeger (his new name after we officially adopted him!) and Guinness now are quite inseparable! They lounge on the floor together and share bones and toys! They will even roll and apple back and forth and wait patiently as the other takes a bite! They touch feet when they sleep and behave in a way that is simply heartwarming to behold.

I now know why hearing about this big beautiful boy tugged at my heart. He was meant to come to us and complete our family. He has a bond with Guinness that I have never before seen between animals. His facial expression is gentle and loving. When he looks into your eyes instead of the anxiety that we first saw; they are now just big brown, gentle, and loving Berner eyes. He has found his forever home and he knows it! I am not sure who is more grateful, Jaeger, or Guinness (he worships Jaeger!), or us! It doesn't really matter I guess, all that matters is that he is home and he is our Rescue Blessing!

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Guinness & Jaeger

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