

This is Kansas's Story

Back in 2003 Kansas was born in a puppy mill in Illinois. At the age of 8 months she was sold at auction to another mill in Missouri. She existed at her second mill to the age of 2 ½ where she was put up for auction again.....this time to be rescued by Bernese Auction Rescue Coalition, also know as BARC.

Three weeks later my husband and I were the lucky adopters of this beautiful berner girl. When Kansas arrived into our care she was a frail 56 pds, terrified of her new world. She walked with her tail tucked between her legs, crouched close to the ground almost as if she didn't want to be noticed. She had found a couple of safe spots in our house; this is where she felt most secure. Outside she had another fear...this was of the open space. She would pace continuously along our fence line; she would have done it till exhaustion if we would have let her. She was also very unsure of humans, and terrified of men.

One thing that was familiar to her from being in a mill, was other dogs. We are very lucky that we have another berner, since she took to him from the moment they met. She became his shadow and learned from him. She learned everything by watching him. She learned how to master stairs, how to play with toys, how to walk on a leash, and she learned that she was finally safe.

A 1 ½ later Kansas today is enjoying her re-birth. Now a healthy 84 pds, she walks with a prance in her step, tail held high. When excited by either the word walk, or if she hears the lid on the peanut butter container being spun off knowing a treat is next, her tail starts to spin like a propeller on a helicopter. She is no longer scared of the human hand, but now loves the pets and treats that come from it. Instead of running from my husband, now she runs to greet him when he returns.

**She starts her day with a thump, thump, thump of her tail.....
She knows that another day of freedom has arrived.....and we are so lucky and fortunate to be sharing these days with her.**

Kansas has learned and grown so much in this past year and a half, and continues to do so.....as we have also learned and grown with her. She has taught us so much, most importantly that when a spirit that was once broken... can be healed.

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