

Moritz Carol Ganz

In 2004, Sierra West BMD Club was contacted by Moritz's owner as she wanted help in finding a new home for him. She was going to be doing extensive traveling to Europe so Moritz would face long periods in a boarding kennel. Moritz had previously not done well while boarding so she realized that he needed a better situation. Sierra West rescue contacted Elke Adair, who lives in the Reno area where Moritz was located. Elke is my good friend and the breeder of my other berners, so I happened to be at her home when Moritz' owner brought him to her to be evaluated for placement. Shortly after that it was decided that my husband and I would foster Moritz while a new home was found. Obviously, we were not cut out to be a foster home as once Moritz walked into our house, he was not going anyplace. He was home.

Moritz was imported from Germany by his owner who had plans to breed him but it was soon discovered that he had severe orthopedic issues. To her credit, she neutered him and tried to keep him comfortable with regular Adequan shots and raw diet. Since coming to us, Ritzzy has had gold bead implants and prolotherapy as well as regular acupuncture and chiropractic treatments. His mobility and comfort level have improved greatly.

I wish this was all to report about this sweetest Berner boy ever but he recently started coughing and even refusing food—unheard of for Moritz. I had called him my galloping gourmet because of his dancing frenzy whenever food was on its way. X-rays and ultrasound have revealed cancer in his chest and at least one abdominal lymph node. It is suspected Histio. We are trying an alternative therapy to keep him feeling well, improve appetite and possibly even shrink tumors. We know it is only temporary but, at this point, Ritzzy is doing quite well and we treasure every good day we have with him. Moritz was 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ years old when he came to us and is now 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ so he has only been with us for three years. We love him as if he had always been here.

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