

# pap-RIKA

aka Emmie

Nancy Marshall and Tom Hartmann

Rika was rescued from a backyard breeder situation in south-eastern Ohio. She was eight weeks old and one of seven pups of the litter. She was rescued by Vilma Briggs and Karen Bell. Rika found her home through Thirtyme Rescue. She lived with Karen Bell for several weeks in Harrison, Ohio before she went to her forever home with Nancy Marshall and Tom Hartmann in Indianapolis, Indiana.



Rika came to rescue as a very shy and frightened little girl. She had issues with submissive urination and did not appear to have developed many socialization skills. I was concerned about her ability to rehab when she first came home with me because she was truly a terrified little girl. As the days soon past, Rika made a beautiful turn-around and became outgoing, mischievous, smart, and much more friendly toward humans. Still, things that were new for her, caused her to show worry and apprehension. When Rika found a wonderful forever home with Nancy and Tom, she became known as Emmie. She joined the family when they still had an aged and ill Berner named Bernie. Rika took great comfort in Bernie's presence. It was evident from their first meeting that Bernie was a good match for her. Over time, Bernie did lose his struggle with Lymphoma and Emmie regressed. With help, Nancy and Tom were able to help her gain confidence and make fresh progress.

Just recently, it was a pleasure to help Nancy and Tom find a second Berner for Emmie's companionship. On the weekend of February 10th, Huck (a 2 yr old BMD who needed a new home) was adopted into Emmie's family.

submitted by Karen Bell