

Happy Tails



Little Camden with her new forever family.

Our little "bear cub", Butter Bean was just the sweetest girl, full of spunk and happiness. It was just a matter of finding the perfect forever family for her. Along came Time and Liz, and Butter Bean (now Camden) was off to a wonderful life with her new family:

"Just wanted to drop you a line and let you know that so far everything has been going extremely well with the puppy. We have named her Camden and she has been having a lot of fun playing with her new big sister. Again, thank you so much for working

with Tim and me this weekend. We are really loving the newest addition to our family! Camden is still doing really well. She's still working on the bladder control and has had a couple of accidents, but she hasn't pooped in the house yet, and seems to have learned very quickly from the other dogs where she needs to go to do her business! She has made it through both Sunday and Monday night without needing to go out and without going in the house. She has also been working on sitting on command. While Camden seems to struggle with it while her puppy energy is high, she seems to be mimicking the other dogs and trying to do it as best she can. Chris and Joanna have more or less moved into our house during the day, and all three dogs are getting lots of playtime in. All in all, Tim and I couldn't be happier with our decision with her. She has quickly become a member of our family and even though Kaya our other dog may try and tell you a different story, even she has become more playful the past few days"

Liz

When you adopt a "pet without a partner", you will forever make a difference in their life and they are sure to make a difference in yours. •

Cats and Dogs

MOTION SICKNESS IN DOGS

Motion sickness is not something that is only seen in people. It is also a common phenomenon observed in dogs. For some dogs, car rides produce a great deal of anxiety. A combination of fear, not understanding, and an inner ear problem may cause drooling, shaking, or even vomiting. A recent study showed one in six dogs suffer from motion sickness.

Motion sickness is caused by the stimulation of the vestibular apparatus that is located within the inner ear. This vestibular apparatus helps the dog process head position and movement. A dog suffers from motion sickness when excessive signals from the vestibular apparatus are sent to the vomit center in the brain called the chemoreceptor trigger zone (CRTZ). This triggers the vomiting sensation, which is one of the main symptoms of this problem.

Young dogs are especially sensitive to motion sickness. Some dogs will outgrow this problem, however others may need conditioning or medication to overcome the nausea from motion sickness.

To condition your pet to traveling get your dog used to the car environment. Get in the car together and have a treat. Do not have the car running. Make it a positive experience by talking and be happy. Repeat this a number of times on different occasions. You may want to feed your dog in the car. If your dog is afraid of even getting into the car try feeding or giving a treat close to the car.

Now it's time to start the engine. Repeat the steps above without moving the car. Once your pet is used to the car running without any fearful reaction, back the car to the end of the driveway, then forward again. Give them a treat and praise. Repetition is the key. Gradually increase the distance you travel. The more you do this the more confident your

dog becomes that cars are not a problem. In fact, to your pet, the car becomes a great place for attention, praise, and even treats.

If you are unable to condition your pet to travel, don't give up hope. There is medication. Over the counter medications, such as Benadryl, Bonine and Dramamine can be used for motion sickness in dogs, but remember they can have a sedating affect that can last several hours. Also, there are some dogs that cannot take these medications due to an illness. Check with your veterinarian for proper dosing and to see if you pet can take these medications.

Phenothiazines, such as acepromazine, have been prescribed for decades by veterinarians to prevent motion sickness in dogs. It is safe for most dogs but usually has a strong sedative effect that can last all day. In fact, I prescribe it more for sedation than I do motion sickness.

In February 2007, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the prescription drug, Cerenia. I have found this drug to be very effective in preventing motion sickness in dogs without the sedation often seen in other medications. Another benefit of Cerenia is its long duration of action. Nearly 24 hours. In fact, it can even be given the night before an early trip. This drug should be used with caution in dogs that have existing liver disease. Your veterinarian may want to run a simple blood test on your dog to check for liver problems prior to prescribing it.

Also, do not give Cerenia or any other antiemetic (anti-vomiting drug) if think your pet has eaten anything poisonous or toxic.

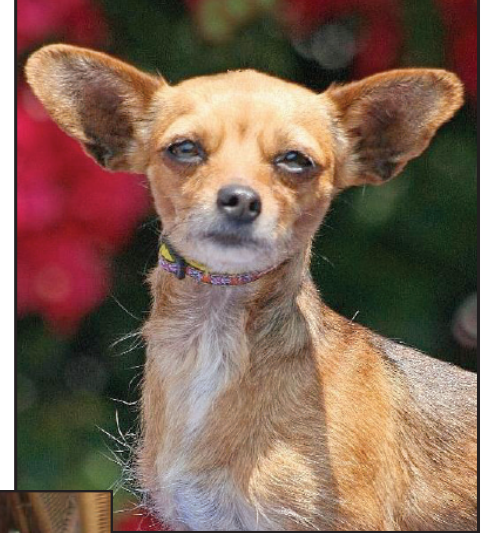
Dogs make excellent traveling companions so it is well worth the effort to help your pet enjoy the ride as much as you do.

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Pets Without Partners



Charlie



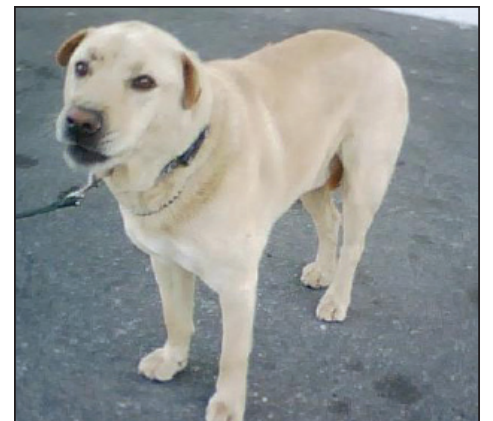
Coco



Leyla



Kiera



Riley

Lots of love is waiting for you when you adopt a "pet without a partner."

Coco is a sweet pup who was found in a grocery store parking lot; her owners were never located. With her sweet, friendly personality, you will love her when you meet her. CoCo gets along with all the dogs here at the rescue and is cat-safe as well. She is a small little girl at seven pounds fully grown and is estimated to be under a year old. Coco loves to be on your lap or snuggling up to you at night. This is a very nice, sweet Chihuahua mix. CoCo is current on her vaccinations, spayed and microchipped.

Kiera is everything you would be looking for in a dog. A Doberman/Rottweiler mix, she is a dog who is the best of both breeds. Kiera is the happiest dog in the world. She has a very friendly temperament, her tail is always wagging and she loves everyone she meets. Kiera loves to play with her toys, has good play manners with dogs her size and is wonderful with children. She is being fostered with four children and is great with all of them. Kiera is around four years old and weighs 65 pounds. She is housebroken and cat-safe. Kiera is current on her vaccinations, spayed and microchipped.

Riley was found roaming the streets by a homeless man who was trying his best to take care of him, but realized he wasn't able to feed Riley. Riley is such a nice dog and is good on the leash. We estimate he is about three years old and weighs 65 pounds. Riley is neutered and current on his vaccinations. Please help Riley find his forever home. You can read more about him under "Private Adoptions" on our website.

Charlie is a beautiful, golden, wirehaired Terrier mix--maybe with some Norfolk or Norwich Terrier in him. Charlie is two to three years old and weighs only 13 pounds fully grown. He is housebroken, dog friendly, loves to go for walks, and rides great in the car. He is also a total snuggle-bug and loves

Please Give Us
A
Good Home



When you know all your neighbors, the bad guys stand out.

