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Tomball collies now are happy, quirky puppies

Some of the 11 collies took no time at all to look around, unpack their bags and declare, "I'm home!"

CASSIDY, age 4 or 5 and the mother of many litters of puppies, adjusted right away to life with her adopter, Jackie, and three other dogs in Rio Rancho, NM. Formerly called Lady, she's intensely curious and wants to meet every human she sees.

LOUIE, age 2 or 3, "has always been an affectionate guy and he tends to follow me most of the time," says Laurel, his foster in Phoenix. "He loves to curl up with me on the sofa."

And **EVA**, age 1, began going to work every day as soon as she landed with her adopter, Grace, who owns a dog grooming shop in Phoenix.

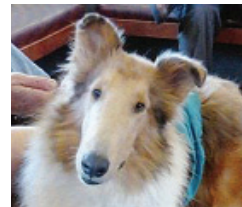
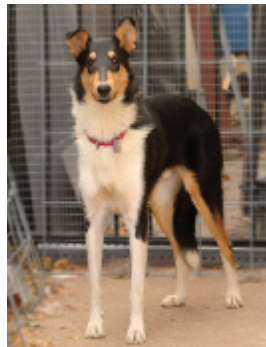
Still, a few collies did arrive with some emotional baggage, which they're gradually putting down.

ZORRO, age 1 or 2, at first ran from people and had to be caught. When he was leashed, he'd sit down and refuse to budge.

Now he "walks beautifully on a leash/harness combination." If he's carried to a family member who's sitting down, he'll "stay indefinitely being stroked and loved," says Damon, his foster in Albuquerque. Recently Zorro climbed onto a chair and into a lap all by himself — a breakthrough.

Similar breakthroughs are starting to happen with

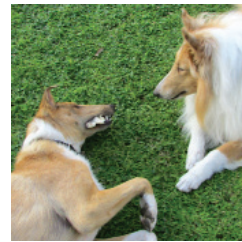
More than two months ago, SWCR took in 11 collies who had just been rescued from a hoarder in Tomball, Texas. The collies had lived amid filth, garbage and debris. They were starving and plagued by parasites. They had never been in a real home with loving humans. We thought you'd like to know how they're doing now.



Tucker, formerly Sampson, loves food & cooking smells.

Zorro is gaining confidence and has the makings of a lap dog.

Cassidy watches everything around her and loves to meet new people.



Chance teases Cisco, the resident collie at his foster home, with a rawhide treat. Chance later gave it to him.

RONNIE, age 3 to 5 (formerly Shadow); he now "volunteers for scratches" and "will let you kiss his nose if you are fast," says foster Nancy in Roswell. Like many of these collies, Ronnie is enjoying a delayed puppyhood: He "doesn't walk but gallops with glee."

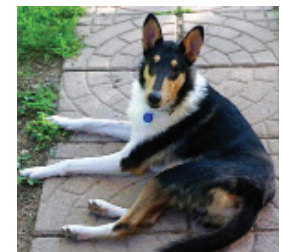
PRINCE, age 2, is another new puppy and an avid counter-surfer. "He is a sweetheart who doesn't understand how big he is," says Beverly, his foster in Amarillo. "These dogs are like having a deer in one's house," she adds, quoting Jackie.

CHANCE was emaciated and covered with mange when he arrived. Now the mange is gone and he's a big guy who likes to chew things. "He is a puppy in every sense of the word ... He chewed up a wicker wastebasket in about 5 minutes," says foster Linn, in Phoenix.

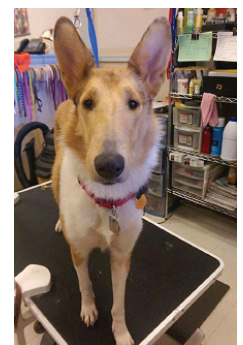
TUCKER, age 2 or 3, goes wild for new smells — coffee, pot roast, and once, "the heavenly smell of spareribs roasting," says foster SuAnn, in Phoenix. "He kept running through the house, head up, sniffing the air and barking, barking, barking."



Prince is a pro counter-surfer.



Ronnie is having fun being a puppy for the first time.



Eva goes to work every day.

Our other three collies, **Rhett**, **Luna**, and **Livvy**, are adopted and happy.

Normal collies? Not quite. But as they enjoy the puppyhood they never had, they're happier, more playful and more loving.

What more could you wish for them?