

# BEST FRIENDS FOREVER

## Summer and Tess, so happy together

Four years ago in late October, we rescued a beautiful collie mix puppy who'd been a stray in Thoreau, NM, a small village located within the boundaries of the Navajo Nation.

The little girl was way too thin and had Giardia, but she soon got lucky: Two weeks later, she was adopted by Kris and Madeline in Mountainair, NM. They named her Tess and gave her all the love and pampering she'd missed during her seven months of life.

Fast forward to October, 2016. We asked Kris and Madeline to foster a gorgeous girl named Summer, age 5, one of the Phoenix Seven collies (see page 1).

Summer, too, entered a new world. For example, she's still learning how to play with toys and how to walk on uneven terrain.

But her new best friend is Tess, who helped her learn the ropes at her new home. Playing together also includes herding each other. Tess grabs an ear or a hind leg; Summer uses a hip check maneuver to redirect Tess.



*Summer, left, and her pal Tess play "let's herd" on a lovely golden day in Mountainair, NM.*

Have we mentioned that Kris and Madeline fell in love with Summer and adopted her?

"Summer is very sociable and is interested in everything. She wakes up ready to play each morning. Sometimes when we brush her or touch her precious paws, she has to bark a bit and pretends to get feisty with us," Kris says. "We are proud to be a 'foster failure.' "

One of many — in fact too many to count.



*Here's Tess at age 7 months. Hard to imagine a more pampered pup!*

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