

GRACIE THE CANINE AMBASSADOR IS SEPTEMBER'S DOG OF THE MONTH

My name is Laurel I live in Cupertino California, and I have been listening to your Dog Talk radio show as a pod cast over the last several months. I purchased "The Dog Bible" and am finding it to be a great reference piece as is your show. Would you be able to send me a bookplate with my sweet Gracie's name on it. She is the love of our lives!

We adopted Gracie when she was four years old from our local rescue organization, Furry Friends Rescue in Fremont Ca. She had been surrendered (abandoned) by her family at a humane society due to "hardship". We had a history that she had been raised with children and with cats. While at the humane society she was so depressed she would not eat or leave her cage. The staff really liked her so they called Furry Friends who found her a foster family and got her out of doggie prison and ultimately on her way to her new life with us.

We live in an area where there is a high concentration of kids of all ages and not many of the kids live with any type of animal due to busy schedules, cultural biases etc. Gracie has become the dog ambassador of the neighborhood and over the past five years she has befriended numerous children as well as their parents and has taught everyone what a wonderful gift loving a dog can bring into one's life. Children come to our door and ask if Gracie can come out and play. Gracie has introduced me to not only the kids but also their parents and families. She breaks down all cultural differences / barriers (our neighborhood is multi-ethnic - Asian, northern and eastern European as well as American) and reminds us all that we have more commonalities than differences.

Gracie weighs 105 lbs so you would think she would be somewhat intimidating just by her size (Bernese Mountain dog, Aussie or Border Collie combo), but she is always smiling and such a love that everyone is just drawn to her. So that is Gracie's story and why I am requesting an autographed bookplate with her name on it.

Thank you for all you do. I love your show.

P.S.

We are so honored that you picked Gracie to be September's Dog of the Month. Furry Friends Rescue is also excited that one of their "alumni" is going to have her story shared on your show!

Also, I wanted to let you know that I have successfully purchased a Pets Best Insurance policy for her. She is very healthy but is also nine years old, so I never dreamt that I would be able to afford a pet insurance policy for her, due to her age and size, but for a nominal monthly premium I now have peace of mind that whatever medical problems we will face in the coming years, I will have financial help in meeting Gracie's medical needs.

I have also recently purchased two more of The Dog Bibles to give as gifts to two friends who have recently adopted dogs and I have told several friends about your show's availability through pod cast so they can listen in and hear your advice (not to mention Gracie's 15 minutes of fame!)

Hope all is well with you and that everything will work out with the station.