



## *RAISING SUNNY*

*3/17/17 TO 12/7/18*

I was wandering the aisles at the local shelter, not really planning to adopt, just looking...! Into the lobby walks this golden lab mix with a person who says he was found wandering - although her questionnaire revealed she knew way too much about him! The look in his eyes revealed a look of confusion, his body revealed years of neglect. Something told me, "You're not adopting today, you're rescuing!"

I went home and didn't waste a moment in calling Patti, one of GRRoM's foster coordinators. I sent her pictures and said, "He needs help, can I pull him?" Without hesitation, Patti made a phone call and as they say, the rest is history.

I began fostering Sunny on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018. At 12 to 14 years of age and after so much neglect, our only goal was to make him as comfortable as possible with medication and feeding him a high-quality dog food. He basically had no fur and his back hips and knees were bone on bone with no tendons left.

With the help of GRRoM and many vet appointments later, we determined that Sunny wouldn't be a candidate for adoption. He would be a Hospice dog and I would be his caregiver. With tons of TLC and medication, his fur grew back, his allergies went away and his pain was minimized. I had this sweet boy for a year and a half and in that time, he was loved and cherished. Whatever his past, he never had to look back. He now knew what a great home was, what a soft bed felt like, what toys were for, ... how being spoiled felt!

I'm thankful for this organization that goes above and beyond to give dogs the life they deserve. We are their voices in times like this! It's a huge commitment and it takes a village to give a dog the dignity he or she deserves. Thank you, GRRoM for this wonderful adventure I had fostering Sunny! I showed up that day with no plan, but Sunny didn't have one either! It's amazing what love can do.

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