

Foster Dog Waits Years for a Forever Home 🙄

Frankie had the habit of marking in his foster home. Would anyone take a chance on adopting him?

Frankie, a Chihuahua/Italian greyhound mix, had a rough start in life. As a puppy, he found himself in a kill shelter in West Virginia. Thankfully, Gateway Regional Rescue of New Jersey stepped in and arranged transport for him and other at-risk dogs at the shelter.



At first, Frankie looked like he would have a happy ending. He was adopted by a loving pet dad, but disaster struck three years later when Frankie's owner became ill with cancer. Unable to care for Frankie, he was returned to Gateway.

"We had a lot of people interested in him, but when they found out he was a marker and wore a belly band, nobody wanted to take that on," said Leah Jacobson. "His foster family loved him and was happy to have him. But the goal is to find the perfect forever home for all of our pets."

Enter Katie and Gary Noll, who were looking for a playmate for their Chihuahua mix, Bean.

"I fell in love as soon as I saw his photo," Katie Noll said. "When I read that he urinated in the house, it gave me pause for thought. But I kept getting drawn back to his profile. After talking it over with my husband, we put in an application and decided we could work with him."

Once Frankie settled in with the Nolls, the marking stopped. He's best friends with Bean and gives so much love and affection to his new parents.



"This goes to prove that the right home is out there for them all!" Leah enthuses. "Frankie was with his foster moms for more than two years before being adopted. A big thanks to Jeanne and Lara for fostering and letting go -- it's not easy!"

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