



The High Sierra Barker

2024 Fall Newsletter

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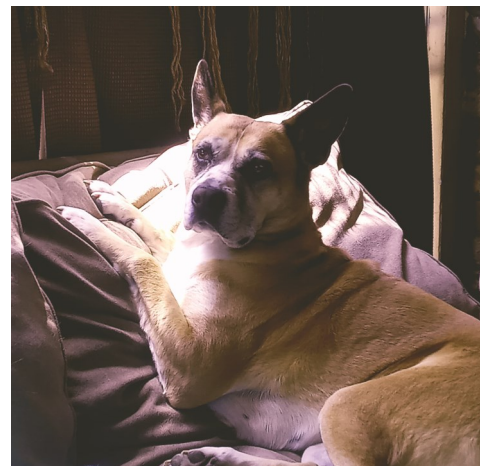
Jezzy's Forever Home: A Testament to Patience and Love

Jezzy, our beloved Boxer mix, became a familiar and cherished member of the HSAR family. As the years passed, her fuzzy chin might have grayed and her eyes aged a touch, but the joyful spirit that stole our hearts never dimmed. Jezzy wasn't just another rescue dog; she was a constant presence, a friendly face with a cheerful song, and a dear companion to so many.

She was a happy dog in her kennel environment, seemingly content with the routine and the love she received from our team and our volunteers. But deep down, we knew she deserved a home of her own. After years of searching for the perfect fit, the right person finally walked through our doors.

A kind woman, recently heartbroken by the loss of her senior dog, stepped forward. Jezzy's potential future hip surgery and need for joint supplements didn't deter her; she even had leftover supplements from her previous canine companion. There was an effortless connection, a heartwarming sight after so much waiting. Jezzy, sometimes particular about people, had finally found her match.

The next thing we knew, Jezzy was happily loading into the car, ready for her freedom ride home. It was a bittersweet moment, but mostly sweet. We at HSAR take our lifetime commitment to the dogs in our care very seriously. Jezzy's story is a testament to the power of perseverance, and a reminder that every dog deserves a chance at happiness. As we watched our best buddy fade into the distance with tears in our eyes, we knew that this time it would be her forever home.



More Happy Endings to Come

While Jezzy found her forever home, HSAR is still home to other long-term residents who, like her, deserve a loving family. We believe the right people will find them. A home environment is the best place for these incredible dogs, and we work tirelessly to prepare them through training and socialization to make those connections possible.

Ivory, for instance, has been with us for over a year. One of our most social and friendly dogs, she thrives on field trips with volunteers and enjoys meeting new people and dogs on walks. She has multiple play buddies at HSAR and would do best in a home with other dogs to pal around with. You can learn more about Ivory and all our adoptable dogs on our website, highsierraanimalrescue.org.

Gracie: From Kennels to Happy Pastures

In June of 2022, a young Maremma guardian dog, Gracie, looked up at us through her kennel doors at Plumas County Animal Control. We recognized Gracie's special qualities immediately, but we couldn't have predicted how easily she would embrace her natural guardian instincts.

Gracie initially needed time to open up to some people, which is common for guardian dogs who are protective of their spaces and the individuals or animals they bond with. She met her first adopter and quickly took on the role of protecting her goats. Unfortunately, through no fault of her own, Gracie found herself back at our rescue. The same hopeful eyes looked up at us, but now we had a better understanding of where she truly belonged.

We reached out to numerous local ranches and contacts, and Jenna Gatto of Sierra Valley Yaks even issued a special call for help. Our Volunteer Trainer Hannah and staff members, Jazmine, Kylie, and Marissa, introduced Gracie to various ranches and farms to find the perfect match. After several months, we were thrilled to discover a suitable home for her.

Gracie has seamlessly integrated into her new environment, thriving as a guardian dog. Her initial wariness around men quickly faded with patience and understanding. Gracie has recently been granted the freedom to roam the expansive goat pasture, where she immediately assumed her protective duties, patrolling the perimeter and forming bonds with the herd.

We extend our gratitude to our dedicated staff members, including Jazmine, Marissa, Kylie, Volunteer Trainer Hannah Tomatis, our board members, and the community who rallied behind Gracie. Thank you to everyone who shared her story and helped spread the word about this remarkable dog. We are delighted to witness Gracie living a fulfilling life as a loyal and vigilant protector. She is exactly where she belongs.

Thank You for Your Support

We know many of you have followed Jezzy and Gracie's journey with love and support. Your kindness – sharing their stories, making donations, and being heroes for all our dogs – is deeply felt and appreciated. A special thanks goes out to John and Barbara Whiteman for their generous donation to cover a potential future hip surgery for Jezzy, should she need it.

Their stories are a heartwarming reminder that with patience, dedication, and the kindness of a community, every dog can find their happy ending. We are incredibly grateful to our supporters, volunteers, and staff members who played a crucial role in their success. Their dedication and compassion helped these dogs thrive during their time with us. Please consider making a one time or recurring donation to help us provide love and a sanctuary for dogs like Jezzy and Gracie.



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