

Suffield Veterinary Hospital November 2012 Patient of the Month

Winkee, a darling 3 year old neutered male beagle owned by our head veterinary technician, Liz Gokey of Enfield. This adorable picture of Winkee was taken by photographer Lori Radke of Enfield.

Winkee was brought to our office as a 6 week old puppy to check his eye. He was born with a shriveled left eye, which caused his eyelids to droop. The breeder felt that he wouldn't find a good home and was considering putting the tiny fellow to sleep. Liz, who was assisting Dr. Huntington in that appointment, took the puppy, popped him in her front pocket, and right then offered him a new home with her family. The breeder gratefully accepted.

Liz lived with her parents at that time, and this is the way she describes the homecoming: "My father was not too happy when I brought him home. I asked my dad if he wanted to hold him, and got no response. I placed Winkee on his chest and Winkee just slept there in a ball. When my mom asked my dad if she could pick Winkee up, dad said 'Not right now, we can't disturb him when he is sleeping.' From then on he had my whole family wrapped around his paw!"

Our veterinary technicians are all animal lovers and tend to be softies for animals in need. Winkee shares Liz's heart with a one-eyed hamster, a bunny, and a one-legged African grey parrot who asks "Winkee, do you wanna go out?" or "Bad dog Winkee" when his bird food is threatened.

Liz says that Winkee enjoys clothing and costumes. Well, it is certainly true that Liz loves dressing him up, and tolerant Winkee is her perfect runway model. This will serve Winkee well when he gets dressed up as one of the groomsmen in Liz's wedding next May!

For proving in an adorable way that nobody needs to be perfect to be precious, we are proud to make Winkee our November 2012 Suffield Veterinary Hospital Patient of the Month.



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