



Rex



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Rex is my second adopted dog from the ARL. The first one, Brutus was my constant companion for 12 years, till he died in 2007. I adopted Rex in June 2008 and his is wonderful pal. He is a very high energy dog which is one of the reasons that he ended up at the ARL. But he is very smart and has successfully completed basic obedience training and recently graduated Canine Good Citizen Training. But this story is not about Rex's achievements. This is about Rex's puppy pictures. I think you will agree that when you adopt a pet from the ARL, you do not expect to ever obtain photos of the animal's early months of life. Their life with you begins when you take them home. Well, that is not the case with Rex. Rex and I had been together for six months and he and I were in my truck when it broke down and I needed to call my mechanic to get off the roadside. I have had the same mechanic for many years and have always been very satisfied with their service. When I called them with my dilemma they sent out their courtesy vehicle to get Rex and me. When the driver arrived I let Rex out of my truck and into the pickup vehicle. Rex immediately jumped into the truck and started to lick the face of the driver. I was not surprised as Rex is a very friendly and affectionate dog and the driver was not taken aback at all. Long story short, I was able to get the vehicle repaired and did not think about the incident again until 3 months later. At that time I had occasion to have an oil change on the same truck and when I arrived at the business the courtesy driver was going to give me a ride home. When we got into the vehicle he handed me a photo of his grandson holding his 2007 Christmas present, a very cute 8 week old puppy. The puppy's name was Buddy, but it was my Rex. I was floored and asked for an explanation. It turns out that due to complaints about Buddy/Rex from neighbors in the apartment house, the family had to give up the dog to other family members. After a few months and after more complaints from those neighbors, Buddy/Rex got loose and the family did not report the dog missing. He was picked up by the Animal Control Officer and taken to the ARL. In less than one week Rex and I became a team. That is our story, I hope you enjoyed it.