

## Suzie

**Rescued: 28<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

**Rehomed: 12<sup>th</sup> June 2011**

Suzie was rescued from the pound on 28<sup>th</sup> March along with Jake. The pound that day was full to bursting, so much so, they had doubled up on kennels. Suzie and Jake caught our eye and out they came. Because the pound had given Suzie her first vaccination a couple of weeks ago we took her straight to the vets for her second jab. It was here we had time to give her a good check over. She was severely underweight and was aged at about 7 years old. She was treated for fleas and was then taken into a foster home where she got some much needed rest, and a couple of days later – a bath!



It wasn't long before a couple, Mark and Ange, came all the way from Pudsey in Leeds to meet Suzie.

They were quite taken with her but there was a slight problem...Suzie doesn't like cats and the couple had 5! They decided to give her a fair trial and took Suzie on a temporary foster over the bank holiday.

We dropped Suzie off along with a cage and an action plan on how to try to combat the cat training! That first night showed signs that it was a workable situation. Suzie tolerated Georgie, an elderly cat who sat on the back of the chair, who quite frankly wasn't bothered about Suzie being there at all. The more agile cats however, caused much more of a stir.

Over the next few days Suzie made slight progress. Her tolerance level of the cats went up and Mark and Ange decided to keep her a further couple of weeks to see how she went on. As the updates came in there was a noticeable difference in Suzie and after 1 week she was about 78% there with her training.

On 12<sup>th</sup> June Mark and Ange formally adopted Suzie. She had come along in leaps and bounds with her training, so much so that one of the cats will follow her around and try to rub against her!

Mark and Ange brought Suzie through whilst they signed the paperwork. When it was time to go, it was clear to see that Suzie wasn't taking any chances at being left behind, and got up to follow them out. It's great to see the dogs we have rescued go into a loving home, but even better when the dogs love their owners so much they can't wait to go!

Update (23<sup>rd</sup> October 2011): Here is a picture that will just prove how well Suzie has come along these past few months. Instead of trying to attack the cats, she will now happily cuddle up and go to sleep with them. It just goes to show what a little bit of hard work and training can do.

Well Done Suzie ☺

