

Toby

Rescued: 03rd October 2011
Rehomed: 01st December 2011

On 3rd October we received a call from a lady who didn't know what to do with her mum's dog. Her mum had had 2 heart attacks a fortnight ago and was in no fit state to look after her dog, a 10 month old Yorkshire terrier. Although we don't usually take dogs from people's homes, this lady had tried several rescues in the area and as far away as Birmingham!

We went and collected Toby. His owner was indeed ill and hadn't been paying much attention to Toby. He was badly matted and smelt terrible. We took him home and bathed him. The water was like pure sludge. When finished, he wasn't sparkling but looked and smelt better. Toby must have felt tonnes better.



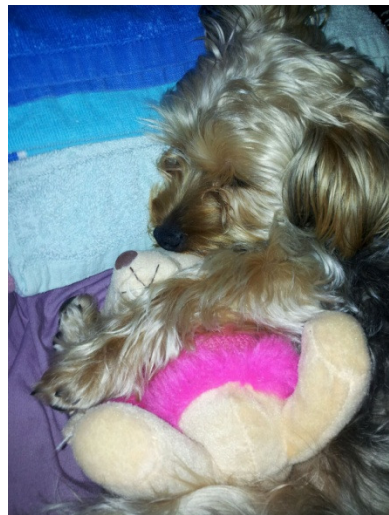
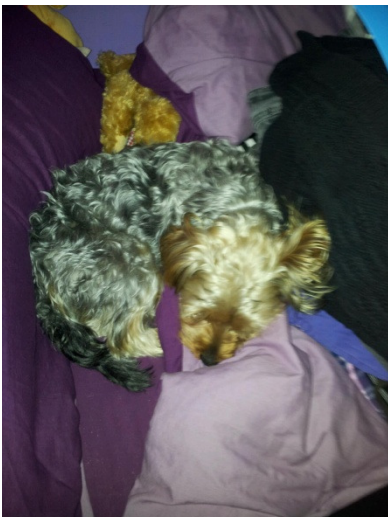
For such a young dog he has had a very poor start, originally belonging to a Kosovo family, he was shut in a room on his own for hours on end while the family worked. Toby endured this from being 8 weeks old to 4 months old. This was when the lady bought him. Her bungalow had open plan gardens so he didn't have a garden to play in and, as her health deteriorated, so did his walks and exercise. When we got there to pick him up he was practically bouncing off the walls and ceiling!

We posted Toby's photo on Facebook and 12 minutes after it was posted we received a text from Carol and Deb's who adopted little Billy. They wanted to give it a go and see how he got on with Billy so they decided to foster him. Billy and Toby hit it off well. They played together pretty much all that night.

A few weeks later both Billy and Toby had a couple of fights. This was to be expected. After all Billy and Toby are two boys the same age going through adolescence. Things have calmed down now and although there is still the odd spat between them they are few and far between.

Toby hasn't had much socialisation as a pup, if any at all, but is coming along really well. He was well and truly tested on the November dog walk where he seemed to be this shy, nervous little dog. I suppose being confronted by lots of dogs of different sizes was quite daunting for him. He coped very well and by the December dog walk there was a huge improvement. The majority of the time he was off lead, running around trying to catch and play with Coco.

Carol and Debbie have now officially adopted Toby so he has now joined Billy in being another Willow success story.





Toby and Billy having a snooze together 😊