Sugar

Written by Lucie

Sugar is one of the Missouri 11 dogs - and sadly, the most traumatized. Sugar spent the first six years of her life in a cage bearing puppies and based on her reaction to people especially men she was mostly definitely abused. She was terrified of everyone and everything. Though Sugar has made great progress with love, patience and medication she still has a long way to go. Sugar will be visiting a Veternarian who specializes in Behavior Modification next month.

She was introduced to squeaky toys which made her feel more secure. I would watch her sneak by Casey(when he wasn't looking) and steal all the toys and bring them up to my room and put them on my bed. She now feels more secure and does not have a need to hoard all the toys anymore.

Sugar's fears of pretty much everyone but me have proven to be a challenge. While she learned to not fear me as much, she often runs away when I walk near her. Poor little thing runs so fast down the stairs that she will fall and bump into the wall. I hope and pray that she does not hurt herself. However, Sugar has really made some progress. Instead of running from me, she will lie down in a submissive pose and let me approach her. She follows me wherever I go in the house and sits right next time when I am on my computer. When she first came to me she would never come when I called her. I started to call her name while squeaking a squeaky toy and she slowly started to come to me. Now, she will slowly come to me when I call her and put a treat on the floor. A few weeks ago, she started to take a treat from my hand occasionally. She's still working on being able to trust, and it's heartbreaking to think she's been so traumatized by her previous life.

After visiting the Veternarian who specializes in Behavior Modification, we are hoping to learn more about her fear and ways to help her to continue to progress to live a happy and secure life. Sugar has been with me now for 3.5 months and will I will continue to foster her until she feels secure, safe and less traumatized.

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