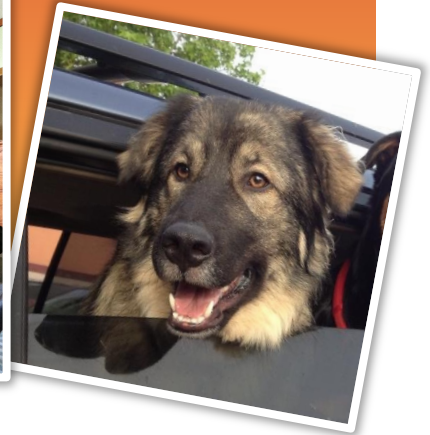


# Help Sherman Find a Home



I am reaching out for help with a broken heart. Our little boy Sherman has been with us since we adopted him in April of 2012. Our best bet is that he was six months old at the time. We don't know what kind of dog he is, but our best bet is a Shephard/Husky or Keeshond mix. Sherman was found in the desert, thrown from a car, and suffering from parvo. We adopted a very scared little boy. With a lot of socialization and even more love, he thrived.

After a few months, we adopted another dog, a Rottweiler, about his age. We did this because he seemed to love being with a friend, and we thought that would help his anxiety. Everything was fantastic for the first six months. After that, the dogs started fighting.

We immediately sought help from a behavioral Veterinarian, Dr. Patrick Melese. We worked with both dogs on calming techniques, training, we bought thunder vests, we tried medication, and for awhile it worked. In late summer 2014, our family was blessed with a baby boy. Sherman was an incredible fur brother, he was the first to know when the baby was awake, and would open the door to his nursery to check on him.

He loves being everywhere his people are. The one thing that never went away though was moments of aggression towards other dogs. In June 2015, there was another dog fight and we knew we needed to separate the dogs. As an only dog, Sherman has



*Sherman loves to sleep on pillows and blankets, especially ones that belong to his people.*



*He LOVES hiking. Even if there's something exciting, he will always listen and stays right by us. We can walk him off leash. If it's snowing he's even happier.*

thrived. He loves to snuggle with the adults in our house, he tolerates life with a toddler, and he loves cleaning up after a baby who loves feeding his dog. We have come to realize that as long as Sherman is an only dog, he is the lovable, cuddly, couch potato we adopted four year ago.

The reason we are reaching out to rescue organizations is because we have another baby on the way and my husband is being deployed for a year. We also need to bring home our other dog. Between the two dogs, Sherman is the only one who was ever aggressive. That said, he was only ever aggressive to other dogs, and even then it was rare.

If we thought that there was no way he could safely live with another family, or if he was a dangerous dog, we would have made the awful but necessary choice and put him down. The reality is that is not true. He is a wonderful boy and has a lifetime of love to give. He would do better in a home without small children, only because they would not be able to understand his anxious moments.

Sherman does still get nervous with new things. He was diagnosed neophobic (fear of new things) and with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder by our behavioral veterinarian. This is most seen when you bring something new into the house, like furniture or when boxes are delivered. He becomes very excitable when you come home or when new people come over. After 5 minutes of hugs and attention, he will calm down and return to normal. He loves to run and prefers to just GO in a straight line. He sometimes is afraid of his gentle leader, but will continue walking if told "leave it." He will bark and growl when getting into a car, but he was thrown from one, so that is to be expected. Once he's inside, he loves car rides.

Because of his past abuse, we are convinced that a shelter would be extremely painful for him. He does not do well with other dogs, and needs to be around people. We are hoping to find him a foster family who will love him like we do until he can find a forever family. All of our friends would have taken him in a second, but they have other dogs. Please help us, he is our baby and he deserves the best life possible.

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Please help us. We want to try to keep Sherman out of a shelter. He is so kind hearted, and despite his large frame (80-90lbs) he couldn't be sweeter. If you can help us, or if you have any ideas of someone who can, please let us know. We are in San Diego, but for Sherman, we are willing to do whatever it takes. He has a favorite bone, a stuffed bunny, a few squeaky toys, and a custom bed with built in pillows and "The Shermanator" embroidered on it that will come with him wherever he goes. You can reach us at:

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