

Gunnie's Story

By Nicole (Gunnie's adopter & best friend)

In December 2015, I adopted a senior dog from RCHS. Formerly known as Boris, the second I laid eyes on Gunner I knew it was meant to be. Your guesstimate on his age was 8.5, and with some age already showing through, around his (handsome) face, I'd say that was about right.

Gunner was my best friend. 2016 was the darkest year of my life, and if I did not have him by my side I truthfully do not know if I would have made it.

We started our life together living in Masontown, WV, but eventually made our way back home to Canada. Gunner spent his last years living in Niagara Falls, Ontario. Sadly, in March 2019, his time here on Earth came to an end. My husband and I had to make the gut-wrenching decision to let him go... as I type this the tears are now freely flowing. I miss him so.

He was my first introduction to having a dog. He was a perfect dog. I will say that again (and again and again) Gunnie was perfect. He was clean, had great manners, never barked, was friendly with everyone, and most of all he loved his mama.

He would follow me everywhere, and even in his final weeks when it was clear that he was tired, I had to tell him to lay down and, "you don't have to follow me everywhere, baby, I know you love me." Still he was at my feet.

Gunner was privately cremated and is now with me forever. He sits atop my dresser so he is one of the first things I see in the morning and one of the last before I go to sleep at night.

I just wanted to thank you for giving me the gift of love by way of the most amazing dog I have ever known. I wanted you to know the impact you had not only on me and my family but Gunnie as well!

You gave him the opportunity to be loved by a new family when so many shelters would have just put him down because of his age, overcrowding, the medical procedures he needed, etc. You are angels for what you do.

Gunner cost me \$25 to adopt and it was the best money I've ever spent in my life. He will always be my dog. Whether or not we have ten more dogs in this lifetime, he will always be my favorite.

Thank you.

--Nicole

