

Can a cat adopt a dog? Ask Marvin!

Marvin is a cat. He adopted his family almost 10 years ago and over the years, he became king of the castle with this family. When the family lost their dog, they began fostering for a rescue groups. Marvin thought it was important to establish his place in this changing family picture. After all, he was “King”! Each foster who entered this home shared their stories with Marvin but he quickly made sure each one knew immediately who was the boss.

Then a foster named Ginger arrived! Humans have something called empathy, something Marvin did not understand, but Marvin seemed touched by Ginger’s story. Marvin seemed to understand the pain and fear Ginger had of absolutely every person, every noise, of everything. Worst of all Ginger feared Marvin. Ginger’s foster family is convinced that Ginger confided her fears in Marvin, the Cat. Confided a story of horrible conditions she had survived. Ginger had lived for years in filth, fleas that bit her constantly, hunger, and worst of all being afraid for her life. Marvin, the tough guy, became weak and actually appeared to feel sorry for this little dog. Marvin took it on himself to make sure Ginger would feel safe. Marvin began to protect and watch over Ginger. Marvin even began sleeping in the kennel with Ginger so she could rest peacefully. Marvin’s mom and Dad saw changes in this tough cat and realized Marvin wanted to adopt Ginger. Marvin is still king of the castle, but now has a friend to share that throne with. Marvin and Ginger now watch over each other and best of all, they have each found a BEST FRIEND.

Ginger is learning what it means to foster other dogs in need of temporary homes and is becoming quite good at it! It is almost like she tells the new arrival that things will be ok now.