

The Story of Olive

Over the Christmas holidays, Olive was found as a stray and taken to animal control. A little black Chihuahua, she was nearly bald. She suffered with demadex, a non-contagious mange, rotting teeth and crippled back legs, but with a tail that never stopped wagging. Her physical condition meant that her chances of adoption were weak. Olive was sent to be fostered by a family who were off work for the Christmas holidays and decided to help the foster program. Olive weighed barely 4 lbs, so tiny that her foster mom was afraid she might break when they picked her up.

The foster was told Olive would need surgery on her legs and the recovery time would be long. They committed to foster Olive until she healed from the surgery and found a forever home. They were adamant that they had no intentions of adopting but were committed to caring for her until she healed.

The surgery on her legs required hospitalization for several long days. During her rehabilitation from the leg surgery, the foster mom realized that Olive had wiggled her way into the hearts of everyone in the family and they could not bear the thought of Olive leaving them.

They failed to adopt Olive and joined the group jokingly called “foster failures”, one of those people who foster a pet and then adopt it! Sometimes a failure happens because of love and this family was happy to FAIL at this one.

Olive bonded with the family and has become a vital part of their lives. Olive’s family cannot imagine life without her.

Like so many other dogs, Olive deserved better than the life she was living. She now spend her days running on her new legs and making up for lost time in the love part!