

The story of Ralphie

Life had not been good to Ralphie.

We don't know anything about his life before he ended up in a rural animal control facility. He was not a young dog but should not be considered a "senior" yet.

Ralphie could barely stand on his own and his coat, that should have been a luxurious black coat, was a dull, shaggy, matted mess. Ralphie's demeanor caught the loving eyes of a Rescue person who pulled him out for foster. He was brushed and bathed, taken to a vet and found to be heartworm positive. Ralphie was very sick.

Medications, healthy food and a loving foster home provided Ralphie with a place to heal and heal he did! Ralphie's story got the attention of a family who had always wanted a Newfoundlander. It was actually love BEFORE first sight. They saw a photo and read the little bit of a story that was known about Ralphie and they simply could not get to him quick enough!

Ralphie was adopted and went to the most loving home possible. Love is the best medicine and his healing began. He learned about toys and he really liked them, LOTS of them! In fact, Ralphie selects a toy each day and carries it with him for a walk. He is known on Ocean Isle Beach as the huge black, hairy dog who carries a toy in his mouth on a leisurely walk around the island! He greets everyone with the same loving demeanor and it is impossible not to fall in love with Ralphie.

There are so many dogs like Ralphie who will never find the special home that heals a damaged dog. His new family thinks they are the lucky ones to have found Ralphie! He is just happy to be able to bring such joy to his new family.