

YOU AND YOUR PET

Bailey and Ginger are young at heart

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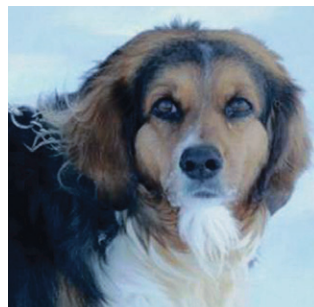
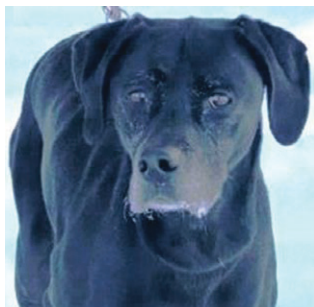
Bailey and Ginger are an engaging pair of bonded mature dogs who have been together all their lives and were surrendered because their family broke up and no one could be found to take them. They have been well loved and are healthy and in good condition for their ages. It was very poignant to see the huge box of toys that came with them and their own bedding (they love those comfy beds) to try and make them feel not so abandoned. These dogs had been loved.

There is something about older animals that just grab your heart, and these two are charming. Ginger is an 8.5-year-old female border collie/beagle cross, tri-coloured but with the longer border collie coat, even a little beard, portly at 60 lbs. and she is low energy and needs encouragement to participate in more exercise. Bailey is a 9-year-old female lab/Catahoula cross, 50 lbs, black with white on chest, slimmer, so she proudly sports her purple jacket on outdoor forays on cold days.

Ginger and Bailey like their walks and forages, need a fenced yard, can be left alone in the house and enjoy having their loves and tummy rubs during quiet times. Ginger presents as mellow, falls asleep in the car on drives, gentle, generous with her kisses. Bailey displays medium energy, also loves being taken for car rides, if she can have

beach time and the chance to play in water that is a bonus. She is gentle but a little unsure in some situations, but as long as Ginger is there as her rock, she calms down.

Bailey and Ginger are good with other dogs and used to cats, would be great with an adult-only family, older couple or with a family with children 8+ who would respect their ages and space.



Bailey, left and Ginger, right

They are used to walking together using a coupler so they can walk side by side, with only one leash for both. Both dogs are very clean in their kennels, and present as very sweet natured and friendly, tails wag at your appearance.

To be adopted TOGETHER is in their best interests because to be separated at these ages would cause further undue hardship and stress on this lovely twosome. Ginger and Bailey adopted together will be given a "special arrangement" to be discussed with the Shelter Supervisor. Interested? Call the Shelter at 519-833-2287 or e-mail adoptions@uppercredit.com to fall under their spell.

King is ready for a home

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King was discovered during last winter's ice storm, wrapped around a car exhaust. When the vehicle was started his cries alerted people from the town house complex to his location and plight.

He was pried off the muffler—stiff from the intense cold and unable to move his back legs. His owners were not looking for him and the people who discovered him tried but were unable to surrender him to a shelter. NHKR had space so King joined Popsicle, another frozen cat already in foster care (previously posted on the You and Your Pet Page and adopted).

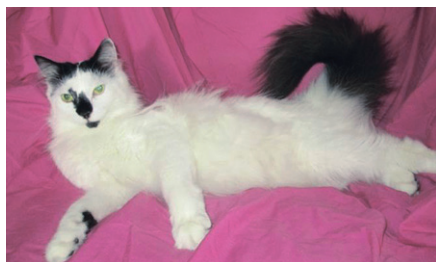
When King recovered from his frozen ordeal it was evident he had "issues." There were indicators he was an abused cat, when approached he cowered or was defensive and he strongly defended his beautifully plumed tail. After a year in therapy he has learned to communicate his feelings and

no longer lashes out at people. He gives clear messages when he would enjoy being petted, has had enough brushing or would appreciate quiet time. He absolutely loves to be picked up and carried, he ambushes people brushing their teeth and climbs on shoulders to go for a ride. At night he sleeps snuggle beside people or if able to, stretched out on top of them. Television time is an opportunity for him to sprawl across a lap for a comfortable nap.

He enjoys cat carrier rides and willingly occupies unattended carriers for naps.

King's new home will have cat knowledgeable adults able to interpret his language and enjoy his quirky personality. He accepts dogs easily and enjoys young cats, is not good with older cats and he is uncomfortable around children.

King and other young cats will be available for adoption on Saturday at Pet Valu, 365 Guelph St., 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info: www.NHKR.ca or Barb, 905-873-8547.



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