

# YOU AND YOUR PET

## Hunter says: 'Please give me a chance!'

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Self-pity is not pretty, desperation is ugly, homelessness is sad, being unwanted will kill the very spirit of your being.

My spirit is in an endless struggle to keep from being extinguished. I tore at my legs until they bled at the Shelter, and screamed my frustration and anguish. But then Foster Mum offered a temporary shelter to me together with companionship and love which has eased the pain in my soul but that permanent family and home is still way out of reach...

I was known as "Hunter" at the Shelter but since being with my loving Foster Mum I am also called "Gunther".

I am a large EXTREMELY handsome, tricolour, young male American Foxhound, approximately 2 years old, roughly 63 lbs, exhibiting medium energy except when excited to see you. I am leash-trained but as a hound my nose is my entertainment and

I love to sniff, sniff, sniff....so stimulating.

I wish I could stay forever at Foster Mums but due to her own circumstances I cannot. I understand the situation but I do feel that I am caught in a revolving door because in two short years no one has ever given me enough time for me to trust and love them.

Shortly I will be on the move again through no fault of my own. I will share with you that I am VERY sensitive, old tapes play of yelling and aggressive behaviour and if I hear loud voices and sounds, I cannot help it but I do a little pee pee because I become so upset. I think it is because of this lack of any security in my life that I just react. However, I am a quick learner and Foster Mum thought I barked too much, so she shook a can with pennies in it which startled me and now when I see the can I know what to do!

I am learning to come when called by voice and also by hand signals which I find fun, and because I like it here I

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home might be good for me as I would get more attention which Foster Mum thinks I need. My leash walking is improving and

I can be let off leash now because I am getting much more reliable on recall. We go for long walks and I love it!

I would like an adult-only home, or with teenage young adults because babies and small children make me fearful and uncertain with their loud voices and sudden moves.

I have cute little ways and like to bury my treats in hidden places in the furniture, oh and I love to recline in comfort and style, sometimes I become so happy that I roll and kick my legs in the air while vocalizing, this makes Foster Mum laugh she knows that it means I am happy and content.

I also like to play "Stalk my Foster Mum" games and

it seems to be something we both enjoy! Foster Mum also boasts that I have the most gentle mouth ever...it seems that's good!

Sadly even in this "looks are important society" and constantly declared handsome, I have not found my very own permanent family yet. They love me here, and I have shown that given the right direction I can be such a good boy.

There is more work to do, of course, but I have so enjoyed not being in prison at the Shelter where I was going berserk. Thank you dear Foster Mum...I will never forget you as you are helping me towards my future.

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