

Thulani Senior German Shepherd Rescue



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Reggie: A Journey Home



Thulani is a Smile Charity!

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Thulani is proud to announce that we have adopted out over 400 of these "you will never find homes for them" senior German Shepherds. Impossible to adopt out? NOT SO!!

Did you know our biggest expense is medical? A large number of our seniors have had their simple medical care neglected such that they require an outlay of \$\$\$ to get their medical situation under control. Jana T is a perfect example of dogs at high risk without both Thulani & your help.



From Night-Drop to Night Watch

Late night desert temperatures can average in the 40s, and it was such a night when what must have seemed like a fun car ride at the end of the day quickly turned into a dog's worst nightmare...

10-year old Reggie was taken by his owner and dumped in the shelter night-drop kennel—**abandoned, betrayed in the cruelest way!** It was cold. He was alone, scared, and frantically trying to get out to find his owner. Reggie spent three weeks in the back of the shelter anxiously pacing and barking, looking for his family.

He was running out of time when a Thulani volunteer happened to visit, spotted Reggie and connected with him. But Thulani was full; we had no room for Reggie. Miraculously he is alive today- because a foster family stepped up to offer Reggie a safe haven while Thulani searched for his Forever Home.

Beauties like Jana T cost us over \$700 just to bring in.

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Reggie spent four months in his wonderful foster home where learned he would never be abandoned again, where he was loved, cared for and, most important to Reggie, he had children to watch over. Upon arrival, Reggie immediately showed that he adores and had obviously lived with children—not fazed by their antics, quick moves or excited voices. He was gentle with them and watched over them as they played. A benevolent protector, he would keep “his kids” safe while Thulani searched.



Reggie's Foster family saved his life! A rewarding experience for man and dog alike.

Reggie attracted many potential adopters but, after further discussion, they were not the right fit. It took some time. Then the right family asked to meet Reggie and, after initial conversations, the pieces began to fall into place. This could be the perfect fit! But because Reggie was over 350 miles away at his foster home a special meeting and transport had to be arranged. It began early one morning, when Reggie made the long trip from the southern California desert to the Central California Coast, staying the night in a hotel - likely for the first time. Throughout, Reggie demonstrated his beautiful temperament and manners—at

the hotel, he walked in like he owned the place, sat quietly while waiting to check-in, and graciously accepted compliments from all who walked by telling him what a handsome dog he is.

But the best was yet to come. Next morning, Reggie awakened sensing something important was happening, and continued his journey to another Thulani family home offered as a meeting place.

Reggie arrived only moments before his prospective new family did. Aloendra and Joe C. couldn't get out of their car fast enough to meet him, and Reggie had barely set paws on

the ground when his big head was being held and rubbed, and hearing the words, “Hey there, are you ready to go home?”.

Yet, there was more to do... Introducing a dog to a family with children takes planning. Aloendra had to feel comfortable with Reggie before introducing her three very young children to him, but it didn't take long. Soon, accompanied by their father Joe, three little ones came through the gate and made a beeline for Reggie to pet him, calling him “our dog”. Reggie immediately

relaxed. He saw his new kiddies and understood he would have another family to watch over. He demonstrated that he was just fine with little fingers poking and prodding, hugs, kisses, and happy shrill little voices, and he laid down on the patio and sighed. A decision had been made. Reggie would have his Forever Family.

It was with happy tears that we watched Reggie drive off with his Forever Family, Aloendra and Joe C. and their three young children to their home in Seaside. Congratulations Reggie and happy-ever-after!

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