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'BREWSKI'

8 YEAR OLD, SPAYED, FEMALE HOUND MIX



OWNER'S NOTE

“MY BELOVED DOG BREWSKI”

My Beloved Dog Brewski (with pics)

It is with a heavy heart and a guilty conscience that I am contacting you. I am trying to find a new home for my dog Brewski. She is an 8 year old blue tick hound/pit bull mix, from what I was told, and is beautiful, extremely smart, obedient, sweet and playful. However, she also has a few issues that have made it impossible for me to keep her. I am hoping that you will listen to my dog Brewski's story and consider our circumstance, so that she may get the chance that she deserves.

I inherited Brewski when she was 8 weeks old from a roommate that could not keep her. Although she was my dog at that point on, she surely did not know it initially as we moved six times and went through many roommate situations within the first two years of her life. It was nearly impossible to give her any kind of consistency with so many living situations and people coming in and out of her life, who all had very different ideas of what obedience training is. She was unfortunately attacked by another dog in my home while I was at work when she was still very young. I believe this was one of her first “lessons” in how to interact with other dogs. Shortly after that Brewski and I moved into a living situation that was just the two of us, and although we became very good companions, I don't believe she ever really saw me as her alpha. She became protective of me and would lash out at other dogs randomly if they ran up to us without her approval.

Her aggression towards other dogs has progressed over the years, but remained very unpredictable. She has dog friends whom she loves playing with. She can also meet certain dogs under the right circumstances and interact well with them, but will attack other dogs without warning. I seem to be the catalyst for much of this behavior. She is great with people and seems to have much less of an issue with other dogs if I am not around to defend. It seems as though I am the common denominator to the dog attacks in most of the circumstances. When she is with other people, especially men or people with a strong leader presence, she seems to feel much less of a need to be territorial. I live in a very dog friendly town where it is difficult to avoid other dogs running around freely off-leash, which makes all our walks and hikes very nerve wracking and I'm sure only furthers her feeling of needing to be protective. Brewski loves the outdoors and now must wear a muzzle when we leave home to avoid any aggressive altercations with another dog. Although she does not like it, the muzzle does seem to put her in

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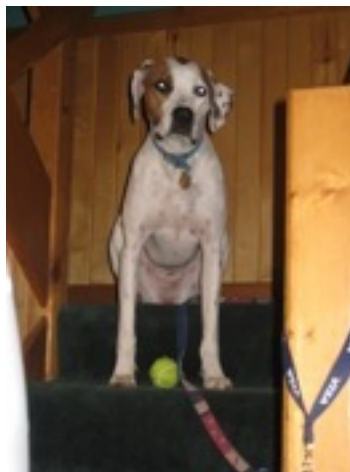
check. She knows that she is helpless to defend herself, so therefore rarely tries to provoke another dog while wearing it.

I would have no problem dealing with it if my issues with Brewski stopped there, but these days my number one concern is my young son. When I became pregnant I worried how child friendly Brewski may be, having not spent much time around small children. So, I brought her to Suzi at the Canine Psychology Center where she stayed for two straight months. During the training program Brewski never went after another dog. Suzi described her as more of a nervous dog than an alpha one. Non the less, a year home from this program and her behavior around me has not improved, even with all the efforts towards lifestyle change suggested in her rehab training. My son is nearly 1 year old now and Brewski has in fact been displaying signs of aggression towards him. We keep them separated the best we can, but our son is becoming very mobile and his safety is now more of a concern. My husband has put his foot down. Brewski cannot stay. I agree that if anything happened to our boy I'd never be able to forgive myself.

I'm sorry for carrying on. I feel so sad and helpless over this situation. I realize that it sounds like I'm making a bunch of excuses, but I do except all responsibility for what has become. I have failed Brewski and I just want to make a strong case for a very good dog with some unfortunate quirks. I know that if she were to end up in a shelter, the likelihood of a dog her age, with her history, becoming adopted is not good and her potential for being euthanized is high.

I would go to great lengths to find a good situation for her. I love this dog. She is a goofy, sweet, smart dog who has been my number one companion on countless hikes, road trips and camping adventures. Brewski deserves a wonderful life, and I know that in the right hands she could bring as much joy to someone's life that she has brought to mine. Any consideration for helping her become adopted would be so very appreciated.

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