

ADOPTION ALERT: Could this be your new best friend?



Ziggy – All-American Mutt

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Ziggy is looking for his forever home

If you are in the market for a new family dog, your search may be over.

Meet Ziggy. According to his DNA test, he is a mixture of Poodle, Collie, Boston terrier, and Schnauzer.

Okaaaay.

All I know is that although he had a rough start (he ingested something toxic at 5 weeks of age and was turned over to an animal hospital; the prognosis wasn't good) he has blossomed into a sweet, goofy, loving, oddly contemplative 6-month-old dog.

Ziggy came into my care at 8 weeks old. Because he missed out on those critical developmental weeks learning how to "play nice" from his littermates, Ziggy had to learn these life skills from my pack. His primary influence was Huge, my deaf English bulldog. Huge taught Ziggy how to play without hurting, and the ins and outs of being a dog in my



house. Sierra, my sometimes-cranky herding mutt, taught Ziggy the value of "personal space".

My family and I taught, and are still teaching Ziggy how to properly channel his puppy energy and the difference between "inside" and "outside" play.

Ziggy is ready to find his forever family. If you think this wacky-eared wonderdog is for you, read on for more details about Ziggy and for application instructions.



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Ziggy's Profile

Ziggy is an all-around sweet dog. He loves to cuddle and play with toys. He is happy to sleep in his crate at night, or go in during the day with a raw beef knuckle or bully stick. He's cute as all get-out and loves to meet new people and dogs.

Ziggy has learned basic obedience commands sit, down, drop-it, wait. Ziggy is well-socialized with people, kids and other dogs. He is still learning to walk properly on a leash. He is potty trained and only makes mistakes when he doesn't have access to the outdoors. When inside, he'll go on a potty pad if one is present.

Most importantly, Ziggy has been indoctrinated into the concept of Leadership and his proper place in our family "pack". He responds quickly and eagerly to reward-based training.

Age: 6 months

Sex: Male/Neutered

Weight: 50 lbs. (will likely grow to 60-65 lbs.)

Breed: mixed (Poodle, Collie, Boston terrier, Schnauzer, possibly more)





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Ziggy's Requirements

At 6 months old (May 2009), Ziggy is about 80% "cooked" as far as what he needs to fulfill his full potential as an ideal family pet.

Ziggy needs to live in a household where owners understand and practice the concepts of dog leadership.

As with any family dog, the adults in Ziggy's forever family will need to continue socializing him with new people, places, and dogs.

Although Ziggy is pretty mellow, the old adage still applies: a tired dog is a good dog. He is young and energetic and needs daily on-leash walks and vigorous off-leash exercise. He loves to play with other dogs, so he's an ideal dog park candidate.

His ideal doggy playmate is a medium-to-large sized dog. He has been around cats infrequently, but seems to show no more than a passing interest.

Ziggy, like most young dogs, will not do well in a home where he is left alone all day. This is why I won't consider placing him in a home where he'll be alone most of the day on a regular basis. This wouldn't be fair to him, nor would it be fair to his owners; like with most dogs, loneliness and boredom manifest themselves in bad behavior, like destructive chewing, digging,

inappropriate barking, or an over-developed sense of territory.

Ziggy loves children and displays typical excited behavior when they're around. Owners will need to stay on top of Ziggy's training to maintain appropriate behavior (like not jumping up), and kids will need to be taught not to over-excite him.

Ziggy's vaccines are current, however new owners will want to see a vet within the next 30 days to get him on a heartworm prevention plan.



Ziggy at 4 months old on his first journey to Folsom Lake. Definitely a mud- and water-loving dog.

Adoption Process

1. Email me at info@compliantk9.com for adoption application. Or call me at 916.221.8833.
2. Complete and sign application and submit *via email* or *US mail* to:

CompliantK9
683 Lakecrest Drive
El Dorado Hills, CA 95762

3. Once I've received and reviewed your application, I will get in touch to conduct a placement interview.

Note: adoption fee for Ziggy is \$165

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