

Success

STORY



Bill

When we asked Bill's adoptive parents whether he had a favorite toy, Julie laughed. "Lou, they want to know if Bill has a favorite toy." Lou chuckled and said, "Did you tell them about the laundry basket?"

Bill's laundry basket full of toys is a big part of his life in his new home with the Sangers, but the love he is giving and receiving these days is what really stands out when talking with his new family.

Bill was abused and hesitant with men, so they wondered how he would respond to Lou when they came to Chicago Canine Rescue to meet him. He ran right up to Julie; but as they expected, he wasn't so sure about her husband. Lou wasn't concerned. He liked Bill right away, and he started slowly by giving him treats. The rest, as they say, is history. Bill went for a home visit, where he looked around inquisitively and quickly made himself at home on the kitchen floor. They knew at that moment that it was going to work out.

And work out it did. Bill is the Sangers' "shadow" and constant companion. When not sitting on their laps, he may be found sleeping between them in bed at night, his head on the pillow. He has one special dog toy he always keeps under his pillow at night: a stuffed dog bone. He keeps an eye on it at all times.

The Sangers knew that they would need to work with Bill, that he is not one of the dogs out there without a "history," without a tortured past. But Lou said it best, "The investment is well worth it. To know you can keep such a beautiful creature alive simply dwells somewhere beyond where words live."

