

The 2016 Run For The Animals is dedicated in memory of Ryder

Ryder

By 2010 I had been doing greyhound rescue work as a volunteer for about 15 years - fostering dogs, doing transport, interviewing adopters, etc. and I was the treasurer of Greyhound Friends of New Jersey. A few days before a scheduled board meeting I got a call asking if I would take a foster - a 5 year old male dog had "bounced," meaning that his adopter was returning him. Seems the young child in the house had provoked a snap from Ryder so he was returned. Since I had no children and no cats (Ryder had cat tested poorly), I was a logical choice.

What a surprise I got when I met him at the board meeting - whopping 80+ lbs and very active - he never lay down during the entire evening but was very social greeting all the board happily. I helped him hop into my Explorer (lifting his back half) and we were on our way home up the Garden State Parkway in New Jersey. Suddenly, while I was doing 60 MPH, there was Ryder in the front seat with me attempting to sit in my lap! I spent the whole hour ride holding him back with an arm across his chest. First purchase the next day was a gate for the truck.



