



## Marley's Stay in the Halley Household

The moment I met Lexi I was completely in love and made it really hard for my volunteer walker, Charlotte to leave me at Margaret Greens, Lincoln Farm.

I was really happy when she decided to take me home with my new friend Lexi to foster me.

When I arrived at my new house it took me a while to sniff around the new surroundings then I soon found the sofa to cozy on.

Feeding time was tricky as I have not been used to sharing my food so I ate it really quickly, then my foster Mummy soon learnt that I preferred to eat alone. Lexi was separated from me to eat so I had some peace and quiet and I no longer felt I had to race my food. After my meal times I loved nothing more than to play with my friend, rolling around in



the garden.

Mummy was a little worried at first as she thought I was being a little rough but that is how I like to play. The first night I stayed I was a little worried, but Lexi soon showed me the ropes and where I was to sleep. At night when my foster Mummy went upstairs I started to panic a little and began crying, my foster mummy came and gave me some cuddles to reassure me that I was staying for a little while. It only took me a few nights and I began to relax at night with no crying.



My first few weeks started with early morning training sessions with Lexi, my foster parents and their little girl. They took me on this huge field to work on getting me back when I was off lead. I impressed mummy with my other tricks at first but I soon learnt to get more treats I should listen and come back when called. Lexi already knew this command so she helped me to understand what I was meant to be doing.

I soon learnt: wait, come and down.



Unfortunately my foster mum had to leave me a few times with Lexi on my own while she went to shops, I was extremely worried and didn't know when she would come back so I decided to howl to get her attention and I would often wee and eat the rubbish out of the bin and leave a mess on the kitchen floor. Lexi didn't seem to be upset and slept by my side. My foster mummy and daddy made sure I had everything I needed but it still made me sad. So if you want to give me a new home, I need someone who stays at home a lot and has time to improve my fears about being left. My foster Mummy worked a lot to help me cope with being left and I can manage up to 10 minutes without crying but I do sometimes worry straight after she has left.

Charlotte, my foster mummy works with dogs and she sometimes took me to meet new male friends, I felt a little nervous but with time I think I will like them.

I like to play tug but don't be alarmed I am quite vocal if you play tug with me- it's just a play growl. This was my favorite game with Lexi.

I enjoyed cuddling with Maddison, my foster sister and I could live quite happily with a under 5 year old. She introduced me to her paddling pool and I soon began to enjoy splashing around with her in the sun. Cuddle times were the best too!



In the house I am a very calm dog but I do like to play for a little during the day but I sleep for the rest in between cuddles and eating. I am used to being fed half meat and half biscuit and prefer it all mixed in together and my foster Mummy taught me to sit and wait before her telling me it was ok to eat. This was the start of her training on Dog manners.

My foster Parents really enjoyed having me to stay and treated me just the same as Lexi. They gave me lots of tasty treats like Pigs ears which I loved but I got a little worried when Lexi came into my space after eating my treat and had to tell her off a few times.

Unfortunately my foster parents couldn't rehome me as they had Lexi and although I like to cuddle with another female I would much prefer to live without one so I get to eat tasty treats and dinner alone. I haven't learnt yet that other dogs like to sniff them too and can be a little guarding.

I stayed with my foster parents for 3 weeks and am now looking for a forever home where someone can improve my separation anxiety and love me as much as they did!

Here are some pictures of the fun I had:

