

Dusty's story by Adelle Johnson-Blackmore

Dusty came into our lives on the 7th of September, 2015. He had come from not so nice living conditions and was in need of lots of TLC, and with lots of sisters in the litter, some boy time! At first we were captured by his sister Bonnie who appeared on the ART (Animal Re-homing Tableland) page. But Bonnie was fate simply pointing us towards her brother. When we received Dusty's photo, along with some of his sisters up for adoption, his handsome and gentle face looked like he was a protector and guardian. I just knew he was the one about to enter our lives. We were over the moon when we were approved to give Dusty a forever home and have him as an important (and everyone's favourite) member of our family.

We were all struggling with the passing of our old best friend of 14 years, Duffa, back in June, and we felt Duffa had guided Dusty to us for a reason. The moment Dusty walked through our door; he began to heal all our hearts with his warm cuddles and perfect face. Dusty is grateful for every cuddle and every pat, and every bit of food our sons sneakily give him. He is gentle, trusting and extremely loving and has formed wonderful bonds with all of us. He has helped us find peace.

Dusty loves to get up to no good with our youngest son and even gets in the bath and shower with him! Cheeky is an understatement! When you are caught up in a fluster, Dusty is quick to run off with a shoe or the toilet brush or some clothing, to take your mind of things (or do zoomies!). When our youngest son cries, he runs over to lick his tears and distract him. Luckily he never chews up shoes! Dusty is a well behaved puppy that just loves to be cheeky and make you laugh and smile. He is grateful for his forever home. He often seems to be found with junk mail or new rolls of toilet paper that seem to have exploded mysteriously! Dusty has brought such joy to everyone in our family and loves us as much as we love him. We even sing a jingle 'Dusty Dusty, you're my best friend' as something we did once and has now stuck with us!

We are forever grateful that this rescue puppy is part of our family and our journey.

