

Luna's story by Maddie Wells

I spent weeks and weeks looking at YAPS trying to find the right mate. I'm sure the staff would have been sick of me in the end. I hadn't planned on getting a puppy but as I walked past the puppy pen there she was! Her name was Velvet and I never would have imagined how important and special she would become to me. I changed her name to Luna and as days, weeks, months and years went by our bond only became stronger. We moved to Melbourne where we met another special lady and dog companionship who are still very close, so much so they live around the corner here in Cairns!

While in Melbourne we would travel to my mother's hotel in a country town called Meredith where Luna would become the pub dog. She loved sniffing the farmer's boots! It was after Luna turned one that she had her first of what would become three operations. She had done her cruciate ligament. When the second operation came around I was asked "are you sure you want to spend so much money on her? She's just a dog!" just a dog?? I was horrified! She was my beautiful girl and although money was a bit of an issue at the time there was no way I wasn't going to have it done. I think in my shocked state I replied "she's my sanity". Not only that, in Melbourne's winter she was what I called my 35kg hot water bottle (the only time of her life she was allowed to sleep in my bed every night).

So Melbourne was too cold and we shifted back to Cairns, again in the car with not a worry. After a few months a friend called and asked us to move to Thursday Island. So, on the plane we went while the car went up on the barge. She hurt her other knee there so until we could get to a vet we would spend afternoons doing laps of the island (head out of the window of course). We spent a year there and while there, became involved with North Queensland Animal Rescue.

This was the beginning of many foster siblings!! As soon as we moved back to Cairns it was all go! With over 20 foster siblings we both had a few favourites.... Banjo, Bruce, Will, Jake, Federal and Jimmy too name a few. Some stayed a few weeks, some a few months. It's funny how our favourites were always the same! Her favourite treat is liver treats from SavourLife which is an amazing organisation that Luna loves to help! She features on their social media sights quite a bit!

Six years on and life is pretty relaxed. I don't think I would ever find another dog like Luna. Loving, loyal, behaved, laid back and super cuddly are just some of the words to describe her. She's my girl and I am hers and I couldn't imagine life without her!

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