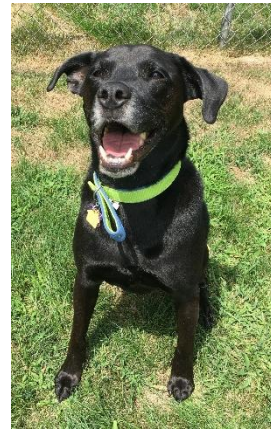


Astro



Astro is a neutered male, approx 70lbs , estimated at 6-7 yrs of age, current on vaccines, crate trained, house trained, hw negative, playful and loves to cuddle. Astro is definitely an indoor dog and loves to cuddle. Before coming to foster he was obviously used to being able to lay on the furniture and continues to do so when given the chance. He is a smart and trainable dog; He would rather curl up next to his human(s) and be the TV junkie that he is rather than play in the house. We think he may have been abused at some point as he is very remorseful and seemingly scared when he does something as small as accidentally tip over his food bowl.

Astro is just a giant puppy, he plays hard and sleeps hard. We **recommend an adult only home with fenced yard due to this.** We love Astro very much and want nothing more than for him to find his forever home. He comes with crate, bed, bowls, leash, collar, toys and November heartworm medication. If you have the **love, patience and understanding** (he hates to disappoint) for our boy and choose to adopt this baby we would love any updates and pictures you would wish to send us. He is too easy to love and hard to give up but it is what is best since our dog is not accepting of him and he is not able to be the dog he was meant to be in our home.

Potty time - He does take quite some time to do his business as he likes to sniff the yard and check the fence line before doing anything. He will focus more if someone walks with him.

Fence behavior - Does run at the fence toward other dogs - typically tail will be wagging, barking/whining but hair will be raised (we call it his dogasaurus look). Once familiar with dogs in neighboring yards he will run the fence with them to play or simply watch. When barking at the fence he does sound like he's snarling but it is the way he breathes in through his nose that causes that sound.

Car rides - He loves car rides and is very well behaved. He may occasionally nudge your arm or hand when he wishes to be petted.

Walks - Walks have never attempted while being fostered.

Play - LOVES to play. His favorite toys are a rope pull toy and a ball. He loves to play keep away with his rope and to have it thrown, we make him sit before throwing anything, He will easily retrieve anything you throw and return them to you. He does overheat **VERY** easily so play in warm weather must be limited.

Cats - It is believed that he will not hurt a cat, but will occasionally give chase if one runs in front of him. If crated he will whine and bark if he sees a cat. Typically when roaming free he will either sniff them or completely ignore.

Dogs - ****CURRENTLY NEEDS TO BE ONLY DOG**** **Doesn't seem to mind other dogs outside.**

Indoor and uncrated he ignores the foster's other dog and will give low warning growls if she invades his space or gets too close to his toys/treats. This behavior is being addressed through professional training. **FENCED YARD IS NECESSARY FOR HIM AS HE LIKES TO RUN AND PLAY.**

Indoor behavior

Bathing - Is resistant at first and may give a very low non-threatening growl but will allow himself to be picked up and placed in a tub of 3-4" of fairly warm water and washed with the same temperature. He does not try to get out once in the tub and loves to be scrubbed - sometimes he does not want to get out afterward. Baths have been given in foster every 4-6 weeks (using both shampoo and conditioner for his skin).

Play - Will play indoors, especially with pull toys and the like. He loves to play keep away and will make noises that sound like growls but aren't in anyway aggressive - they are what we refer to as doggie purrs. If playing keep away and someone goes slowly after the toy he will play grown and go after the toy (occasionally giving a quick bark) and grab the toy - he has never exhibited aggressive play.

House-training - He is fully potty trained and can hold elimination up to 10 hours during the day. He will whine excessively when he needs to go out.

Sleep - He sleeps soundly most nights and snores like a lumberjack. If crating is preferred over gating in a room he prefers to be crated at night with some type of sound - radio, tv or fan.

Visitors - **He may seem aggressive at first but he is not.** Reassure him the guest is safe and friendly - have them provide him a few treats handed through the crate and he typically calms quickly and then will warm up nicely to the visitor. This behavior is also being addressed rather successfully through professional training.

Boarding - He does not mind being boarded as long as a larger run (preferably 4'x13') is provided; he does not do well in boarding with small cages. He has been boarded nearly a dozen times at Tipp City Veterinary Hospital and the staff absolutely love him. Feel free to call for reference 937-506-4150.

**If interested in a possible adoption of ASTRO,
send us your adoption application found on the ADOPTME
page at DREAM4pets.org**

Or contact (foster mom) Catherine Wade -- 513-284-1140 - cate_wade@yahoo.com