

Foster Parent of the Month

August 2021- Rosella Picado

The Foster Program is thrilled to recognize Rosella Picado as our Foster Parent Spotlight for August of 2021. In the five months since Rosella started fostering for Seattle Humane, her open and willing attitude toward taking on adult dogs with high energy and behavioral challenges has stood out.

Rosella's favorite and longest foster to date, is Bailey, a 4.5-year-old German Shorthair/Great Dane mix who is mostly blind. Bailey has a long history with Seattle Humane and is still looking for a loving home. Having the opportunity to decompress in Rosella's home has been extremely beneficial for Bailey's wellbeing as she struggles with significant stress when she's on campus.

Rosella is currently working from home and enjoys having Bailey as an office companion. Like so many of us, Rosella can get caught up in her work and realize hours have passed since she took a break. Fostering has helped add structure to her daily routine. Bailey reminds her to take breaks by gently nudging her head underneath Rosella's elbow when it's time to play fetch and get some fresh air.

Rosella also loves seeing her fosters get to experience joy every day. Witnessing Bailey romp around the yard as a dog with impaired vision is a sight worth seeing, no pun intended. Additionally, she has dabbled in training Bailey and recently taught Bailey the cue "stay."

Rosella's love for animals began as a child in Costa Rica. Her family once found an abandoned cardboard box on their front porch with three puppies inside. One of the puppies went on to be Rosella's first dog, Tonlas. When she moved to the United States to attend Graduate School and during that time, had a roommate with a Rottweiler named Harley. Rosella feels these past experiences with animals have helped prepare her for fostering by giving her confidence that she understands a dog's needs.

As a self-described 'homebody', Rosella finds great joy in spending her free time sitting down with a good fiction novel. She's also no stranger to watching Netflix and picked up cross-stitching during the pandemic.

Through parenting two children, Rosella is both resilient and patient, which are invaluable traits to have as a foster; no matter how you are feeling, there is a creature depending on you to meet their needs.

Thank you to Rosella for your dedication to providing so many of our dogs with a wonderful home to relax in as they find a loving home!



Rosella and Bailey



Atlas, a recent foster, relaxes at Rosella's house.

