



## Action Alert — Bailey

Hello Seattle Humane friends and supporters:

We're looking for adopters, opportunities for transfer, and/or creative solutions for our beautiful Bailey who is described as "an amazingly unique character" and "a total snuggle bug." She has a hard time being on campus, but she's had the fantastic fortune of being with a foster family for the last three months. She's incredibly food motivated, which has led her to learning multiple behaviors on cue, such as sit, up, down, shake and come. Although she's happy as a clam in her foster home, our goal is to find her an adopter, and we'd love your help drawing attention to this precious pup!

### About Bailey

- Bailey is a 4-year-old, spayed Great Dane/German Shorthaired Pointer mix.
- She has a unique medical condition called microphthalmia, a congenital eye disease characterized by shrunken eyes, which has resulted in Bailey being partially blind. This condition likely contributes to some of her exhibited behavioral struggles.
- She was originally transferred to Seattle Humane in early 2018 from Joint Animal Services in Olympia.
- She was adopted mid-2018 but when her adopters started a family, they worried a small child would not understand Bailey's personal needs and she was returned to us.
- Bailey was adopted once again, but struggled living in a household with another dog. She was returned after two weeks and has been with us since July.

### Bailey's Behavior

- In the shelter and in previous homes, Bailey has displayed reactive behavior when seeing other dogs and people. This is shown through pulling and lunging in the direction of the other dog as well as barking.
- Bailey has also been reported to "resource guard" food and toys from other dogs and people. This behavior looks like growling, lunging and/or snapping when someone gets close to the resource.

With positive training and counter conditioning, these behaviors are manageable, but adopters should be prepared to provide a higher-than-average level of training in the beginning before Bailey will be ready for long walks. Additionally, we recommend practicing safe management strategies and strongly discourage repeatedly taking away food/toys, placing a hand in or near her food bowl, or other similar approaches to "test" the dog, as this risks an escalation to more aggressive behaviors.

Our Behavior Team will advise on how to best manage Bailey and work to improve her behaviors. They are also able to supply her adopter with referrals for behavior professionals who can create a customized plan to address Bailey's behavioral needs and expedite progress setting her up for success in her next home.

Despite her medical and behavioral needs, she is reported as being a professional when it comes to playing fetch! Since she is mostly blind, she will cock her head to listen to where the

ball lands and then run to grab it. She also loves a nice squeaky toy. After a good play session, you'll find Bailey trying her best to be a 75 lb. lap dog.

### **Transfer Options**

Our Lifesaver team has reached out to almost **50 organizations** to try to help Bailey!

### **We've shared Bailey's story with:**

Lady's Hope, Ribsey's Refugees, PUP, RED, Dogwood Sporting Dog Rescue, The Big Dog Project, Saving Great Animals, Auburn Valley Humane Society, Homeward Pet, Motley Zoo, Forgotten Dogs Rescue, Rescue Pup, Second Chance Rescue, YVPR, Kitsap Humane, TPBP, Resilient Hearts Animal Sanctuary, PAWS, Family Dogs New Life, Second Chance Dogs, Oregon Dog Rescue, Dog Gone Seattle, Whatcom Humane, Tacoma Humane, Herd U Needed a Home, and PNW Cattle Dog Rescue.

### **How You Can Help**

Bailey needs an adopter and the standard audience Seattle Humane reaches does not seem to be meeting her particular needs.

- Do you know anyone who meet's Bailey's needs? Ask them to contact the Adoptions department for more information at [adoption@seattlehumane.org](mailto:adoption@seattlehumane.org).
- Share our social media posts about Bailey! The bigger the reach, the better!
  - o <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=387402496157057>
  - o <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1379132019138733>
  - o <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1186486368501543>
- Have another idea? We're all ears! Email [action@seattlehumane.org](mailto:action@seattlehumane.org)

### **Adoption or Foster Requirements**

Bailey would do best in a house with direct access to the outside, and preferably in a quiet neighborhood.

- **Age:** Teens and older since Bailey can be startled easily.
- **Cat-Free Home:** Based on Bailey's interactions with small dogs, we believe she would do best in a cat-free home.
- **Dog-Free Home:** Due to Bailey's visual disability and her history of resource guarding, we recommend that Bailey be the only dog in the household.

Potential adopters can Foster-to-Adopt Bailey for 2 weeks prior to adopting her. This allows them to give Bailey a try with added support from our Foster, Veterinary and Behavior teams. Plus, she's a member of the "Home Free Promotion," meaning **adopters can choose her adoption fee!**

Thank you all for your willingness to assist us as we work to find Bailey a path to an adoptive home. We appreciate all the efforts already made on her behalf.

Sincerely,

Seattle Humane

**Please note that it will take several business days to explore all suggestions. Additionally, because of the number of responses we may receive, we do not anticipate being able to personally respond to each individual suggestion. We will send out an update when one is available.**