

Foster Parent Spotlight

November 2021 —Traci Lobo

We're excited to share this month's foster spotlight, Traci Lobo! To date, Traci has fostered 25 dogs ranging from puppies to adults. She is always open to taking on challenging cases and has a talent for meeting each foster dog with compassion and patience. And with her large, fenced-in yard, she has a great space for any dog to call their temporary home.

Traci is a lifelong dog lover, and has always had at least one (if not more) canine family member. The passion for dogs runs strong in her family, with her brother having a total of four dogs!

After going through the painful experience of saying goodbye to three of her dogs within a year — two Pomeranian/Chihuahua mixes and a Jack Russell Terrier— she wasn't feeling ready to adopt again. Through the encouragement of friend and Seattle Humane board member Kelly Wittman, Traci decided to give fostering a try. Initially, she worried fostering would be too emotionally taxing, but instead has found it to be extremely rewarding. She enjoys getting to meet her fosters' adopters, knowing they have found a loving home. Fostering also provides a fulfilling way to keep dogs in her life without being a pet owner.

While she's never adopted a foster, she was tempted by Audrey, a super-lovable and sweet American Staffordshire terrier mix. It took Audrey a long time to find the right home and it was hard for Traci to see Audrey, a pet she adored, returned to the shelter multiple times. Finally, the right owner came along and Traci instantly felt a connection, bonding over his roots in Hawaii where her husband is from. The two have stayed in touch and Traci even babysits Audrey occasionally, once doing so for an entire month. Seeing Audrey's excitement every time her owner returns has made it clear to Traci how happy and loved Audrey is in her new home.

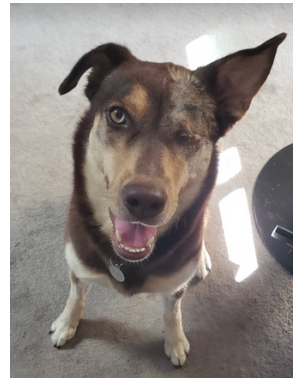
As a foster parent, Traci enjoys the opportunity of getting to know such a wide variety of dogs. She also appreciates how it alleviates her stress and gives her good company when working from home. After being an owner of so many small dogs, Traci finds it funny that she now predominantly fosters larger dogs.



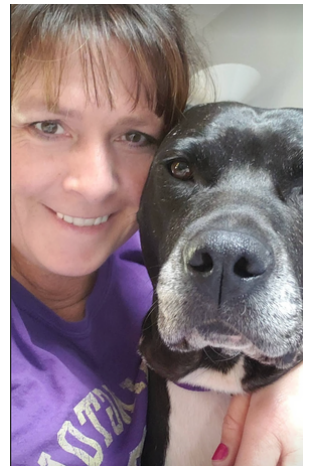
Puppies!

Currently, she's fostering six puppies, who were recently born at Seattle Humane, as well as their mom, Rita. This is the third group of puppies she's had back-to-back!

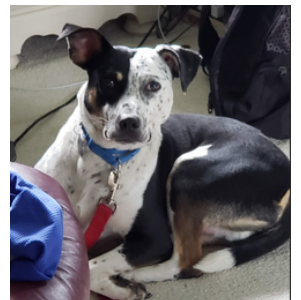
Outside of being an amazing foster mom to our Seattle Humane pets, Traci has been busy raising her nephew who recently graduated from high school. Now, as an empty nester, she is excited to find out what's next. Thank you, Traci, for your hard work and dedication to providing so many dogs with a wonderful foster home!



Arlo



Traci and Audrey



Brave

