

Rebecca Chancey

Rebecca Chancey is a foster extraordinaire, giving dogs love and a place to lay their heads while they wait for their forever homes. She began volunteering with Dog Star in September 2016 after shopping at her local pet supply store where there was an adoption event going on.

When asked how she gives up her foster dogs, Rebecca responds, "It's easy when I hand the leash over to a smiling family that has been eagerly waiting to take their dog home. Seeing how they have gone out and bought a special collar and leash for their new pup and the anticipation as I walk toward them with their new family member. Getting updates and seeing pictures of them in their new lives makes me happy. Fostering is a rewarding job in so many ways!"

Fostering is a family affair. Rebecca's son Eric shares their love for animals and helps with the dogs. Together they pick out foster dogs based on whom they feel is best suited for their home. The family loves going on hiking adventures with the dogs and spending time outdoors.

Rebecca remembers a very sweet but very shy dog who had lost her owner to cancer. "She didn't really shine at the adoption events because she was so timid. The more outgoing dogs garnered most of the attention. Our family would bring her to events and each time bring her home telling her 'next time you will be adopted!'" In the meantime, the dog flourished in Rebecca's home and grew more confident. "We brought her to the next event where a family had come to see a different dog but kept coming back to see our shy girl. After spending some one-on-one time with her away from the crowd she showed them how she would roll over for belly rubs. They fell in love! It made me so happy that they saw the special dog that we knew she was all along. It gives me a great feeling when one of our fosters goes to such a wonderful home."

Rebecca works in the healthcare field and in her spare time enjoys crafts, woodworking, and spending time in the yard and garden. Mike, her "wonderful and supportive husband" and Rebecca will be celebrating 17 years of marriage this summer. They also have two cats and a rabbit that round out their family.