

BLIND DOG BATTLES MONSTER WHISTLE PIG!

Jiji Maiorana Rescues Family from Giant Groundhog

Jiji Maiorana is a lovely brave Boston Terrier who was born July 1, 2011. We sat down with her to get the scoop on her heroism and day to day life.

RR: So tell us a little bit about the groundhog.

Ji Ji: He comes back every year for those dang berries. He is huge with really big teeth. He comes charging out of his hole like a truck, he could've easily bitten one of my human sisters, I knew eventually he might attack them, I told him not on my watch. I felt it was time to finally tell him to get out of our yard and leave us alone. It was a standoff, but in the end he knew I wasn't backing down. Although there was an argument, he left peacefully.

RR: Ji Ji were you scared?

Ji Ji: There wasn't time to be scared. He was out there lazily eating wild strawberries, MY wild strawberries and had to be stopped. I'm no hero. I just did what any dog would do finding out that that some groundhog was out there basking in the sun of my yard and not giving a care. I care about everything, from the wind blowing a leaf across the grass, to the mailman on my porch. Someone's got to.

RR: You're very brave. So let's hear a little about you, what are some other names you go by?

Ji Ji: Pig, Piglet, Quiglet, and also the Princess of Pillows

RR: I take it you like to be pampered?

Ji Ji: I am a diva of course. My favorite thing to do is burrow into blankets and pillows so I can be comfy cozy. I love blankets and pillows! Unfortunately mommy is usually cold because I steal her blankets. But I gotta do what I gotta do.

RR: What is your favorite toy?

Ji Ji: My pink mini Kong, so much fun!

RR: And your favorite food?

Ji Ji: Goldfish cracker's, toast and any kind of meat.

RR: Other than the blankets and pillows, what else do you love?

Ji Ji: Stealing my human sister's food, hey if they're not paying attention to it it's fair game and if it's dropped on the floor I'm just helping with the cleanup.

RR: And what do you hate?

Ji Ji: Loud Noises and the vacuum – you see these magnificent ears? They're very sensitive. Oh and baths, being clean is sooooo overrated.

RR: What caused you to go blind?

Ji Ji: I was diagnosed with a genetic condition and went totally blind at 3 years old. With love and lots of support from my family and vet, I live a great, happy and pretty normal life.



Ji Ji's TIPS FOR SIGHT IMPAIRED PUPS*

If your dog happens to lose some, or all of its vision. There are lots of simple measures you can take to help your dog navigate:

1. If you suspect your dog's vision is impaired, here is a simple test to help determine if they can see or not: Have your dog sit calmly while you drop handfuls of cotton balls from above their head. Failing to react to the falling cotton balls can be indicative of a vision problem that should be checked out by a vet
2. Try to limit the use of home fragrance sprays and vacuum powder. Your dog will have an easier time picking up scents that orient them to their surroundings without being distracted by the fragrance.
3. If possible, consider leaving their food bowl out after they finish eating because it creates a scented landmark they can use to figure out where they are in the home. Develop a system of communication with sounds like light snapping, tapping, or soft clapping to help guide them through new terrain, or a new obstacle. Try to avoid changing the layout of your home as much as possible. If you must change your home arrangement, use the steps above to help them learn the new configuration establish a word, such as "clear" that lets your dog know they are in an open area and free to run around without fear of running into anything. Conversely teach them commands like "easy" "slow down" "stairs" and "step" so they know to slow down and what kind of terrain is ahead of them.
4. If your dog has some vision, you can use brightly colored poster tape to help them see stairs and other obstacles.
5. Make sure your dog's collar or I.D. tag indicates that they are blind.

Most dogs adjust to life without sight with relative ease. The younger they are when they become vision impaired, the easier the transition typically is. Older dogs might have a more difficult time and become depressed or ornery. The tips above, along with lots of gentle support, trust and praise will help them lead a happy, active and almost normal life. ❤️

*These tips are not from a veterinarian, but from personal experience, they should NOT be viewed as veterinary advice in any way

THE BUBBLY BOSTON TERRIER

The Boston Terrier is a medium size dog named after its city of origin – you guessed it- Boston. Boston's are amusing, smart, friendly and have quite the personality. They are also known as the American Gentleman, Boston Bull, or Boston Bull Terrier. They come in a variety of colors such as the popular black and white, brindle and seal. Their coats are short, smooth and fine so little grooming is needed. Because of their short coats they may be affected by colder temperatures and may need a coat or sweater in the colder months. They are a generally healthy breed but can be prone to respiratory issues due to them being Brachycephalic. They are quite sturdy and can adapt to almost any situation and can be quite playful and amusing, but also great at settling down. As they are very intelligent, they are easily trained and are often competitors in dog sports and activities. The Boston's exercise requirements are not that extensive. A quick walk around the block, or a game of fetch daily will suit him just fine. They do get additional exercise from following their humans around the house as they are also known to be a shadow. Being they are a patient breed, they do great with families and as therapy dogs. If you are thinking of adding a Boston Terrier to your family, you can find some up for adoption at the Northeast Boston Terrier Rescue website which is <http://nebostonrescue.com/>. *

*all information per Animal Planet/Dogs 101, American Kennel Club and Nylabone

"Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened."
— Anatole France

In other news...

Lavern & Shirley Got Nothin' on these BFF's!

These two lovely ladies are the best of friends and share many things most friends do, from secrets to water bowls. Harley (L) is a Golden Doodle (yes a GOLDEN Doodle!) Harley also works as a therapy dog and visits nursing homes and schools. Harley states "It's hard work, but I get pet all day, who wouldn't love that?" When she was younger she was a 4H dog that competed in agility and obedience. She took 1st place for agility and 3rd place for obedience. "It wasn't because I wasn't obedient, I just had to go say hi to all the judges first, I didn't realize the clock was ticking" she says with a chuckle. Kaiah Zaleski (R) is a Border Collie mix. She was rescued from a kill shelter by her family eight years ago. Also known as Kai Kai, she knows how fortunate she is "I was one of the lucky ones. I'm so happy to have my family and forever home, my wish is that everyone considers adoption. There are lots of great animals out there, some waiting so long they die in the shelters. I love my humans and I know they love me. I was also lucky enough to find my best friend Harley." The BFF's love to take walks, play together And enjoy each other's company immensely.



Like most dogs they love to eat and eat. "My mom makes the best homemade peanut butter cookies" says Harley. Kaia agrees "They are delicious! I also love breakfast and dinner, best meals of the day, actually any meal is the best meal of the day!" They also love to play with toys. "My favorite is a stuffed pig, although I wish it was real pork chops." says Harley. "When I need to play anything I can chew is a target. I don't have time to look around for my toys, when I want to play, I like to get right to it". says Kaiah. They are also experts at their favorite tricks. Kaiah gives a mean "hi-five" and Harley can balance a cookie on her snout and then catch it. These two buds are really smart so their tricks come easy to them. Not only do they share their love of playing, eating and walking, but they also share their disdain for thunder. "We hate it. It's only purpose is to scare us pups" Harley stated. "I bet it was invented by cats, and fireworks too. Just terrible" added Kaiah. "We're so lucky to have families that will hold us and tell us its going to be ok when we're scared." They are two very lucky pups who have a great friendship and loving families to keep them safe. I think its safe to say their families are equally as lucky to have these two lovely ladies in their lives.♥

Sticky Paw Shihweenie Hides Stolen Goods in Mustache



Ever look for something you swore you put in a certain place and can't find it? Well Jade the Pitbull/Lab mix and Violet the Chinese Dwarf Hamster know that feeling all too well. Their items, or evidence thereof, are usually found in their sister Molly's mustache. "I love playing with my shiweenie sister, but a lot of times when we are playing something of mine or Violet's will pop out of her mustache. Like crumbs from a piece of treat or fluff from a toy I've been looking for" says Jade. Allegedly she will take anything from Violet's favorite treat of rice pops, bones right out of Jade's mouth, and any toy or food that is within her jumping range. Molly, also known as Bug, sees it differently. "I assume that they leave all this stuff out for me to take so it's not stealing, except Jade's bones – those I definitely steal from her. I know she loves them but I just can't help myself, hers always taste better than mine. A lot of time to the "treats" are just crumbs from dinner that I'm saving to eat later. My fur is also like Velcro so it picks a lot of stuff up, like twigs, leaves and maybe the occasional toy, I can't help what gets stuck in there" explained Molly. When they're not having a sibling squabble about where toys or treats have gone, they enjoy spending time together. However, Violet, also known as Vivi, holds quite a grudge "She always take my favorite treats, and I looove my treats, of course she doesn't take the stuff I don't like. It makes me so mad sometimes my eyes want to pop out! I won't look at her for days when she steals from me no matter how much she barks." For the most part though, they get along and happily spend time together. Jade, who was rescued from a high kill shelter in the south, is the oldest born June 27, 2013. She is also known as Pony due to her large size and strength. "I may be big on the outside and a little dorky, but I'm really a dainty lady and tiny lap dog. I can prance and fit perfectly on anyone's lap". When she's not playing with Molly or her human sister, Ra-Ra (as Sarah is affectionately known), she loves to run, play with

her stuffed chicken leg and chew on bones – when molly isn't around to take them. "I do wish the chicken leg was real though, I love to eat chicken, I will even do my best trick of giving my paw to get that for dinner". She's happy doing whatever, just don't give her a bath. "I don't know how some animals stand it, that water, the soap! I hate having my fuzz wet!" Violet on the other hand doesn't get baths, much to her delight. "I don't get all dirty like the dogs, I prefer to groom myself." She enjoys doing her favorite activity of running on her hamster wheel every day. "Before I was adopted I was so busy worrying about a forever family I had no time to run. Now I do it every day to stay lean and mean, and its fun too. I'm one of the best hamster wheel runners if I do say so myself". She also enjoys snuggling with her human sister on her down time. Molly, part shih-tzu part dachshund (and possibly monkey) is the baby, born December 4, 2015. She was adopted when her first family could no longer take care of her. "It was very scary at first, but my new family loved me so much, I adjusted very quickly" she shared. When she is not stealing things and being a devil dog she enjoys playing with a stuffed wiener dog named Percy. Not surprisingly she does not share any of her toys or treats. "Percy is mine, no one else can touch him. When we have ham for dinner I have to get every last bit, I will sit fancy for ham." Molly says she loves being the center of attention, "It has to be all about me, all the time. I won't be ignored. Unless I'm eating a bone, then I don't want to be bothered." When asked how she feels when her sisters and family get mad at her stealing habit she replied "Could you stay mad looking at this face?" Her mom can't stay mad looking at any of their precious faces. Their family is so glad they rescued these three beauties and wouldn't have them any other way.♥



Extra! Extra!



Did you know that there are breed/animal specific rescues? If you are looking for a certain breed or specific animal please research possible rescues. Remember you can always help by donating money or items to one of many non-profit rescues or shelters, every little bit helps!!

Some Options for Adoptions: (listings for adoption ONLY, not for surrender)

Associated Humane Societies & Popcorn Park <https://www.ahscare.org/>

Northeast Boston Terrier Rescue <http://nebostonrescue.com/>

Safe Haven Rabbit Rescue Inc. <http://safehavenrr.org/>

Helping All Little Things Small Animal Rescue (hamsters, guinea pigs, rats, etc.) <http://haltrescue.com/>

Education is key to keep the shelters free!

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