



Francie Steinzeig and Roscoe



We adopted Roscoe from a local shelter in 2008 after we became empty nesters. He was about 18 to 24 months old and a very sweet bundle of furry white. He had my heart at that first hello. I was looking for a dog that liked people, because I had hopes of becoming an animal assisted therapy team. He was so easy to train and slipped into our daily lives with ease.

I worked as a school psychologist for years before working with animal assisted therapy teams with challenging students. I was eager to

have Roscoe work with students at school who needed extra support. My husband and I worked with students in my school's Autism program. Remembering one of my students singing to Roscoe during a session warms my heart. Seeing the very remarkable benefits students gained while working with a dog made me a believer!

Roscoe and I have been a team with DPP for almost four years. Roscoe is about 13 years old and slowing down a bit. In 2016, we were involved in the Savio House project supporting families reunited after foster placements. It was a challenging setting, but the family learned how to create more structure for their family. Now we mostly attend de-stress events at local colleges. Roscoe loves the attention – he rolls onto his back and enjoys belly rubs. Thursdays are “office day” when he goes to work with my husband.



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I am continuously thankful that Roscoe and I found each other. He is endlessly cheerful, a comforting cuddle bug, and my true canine soul mate. Roscoe's tail wags constantly on his daily walks, rain or shine. We will always support DPP because we know firsthand the joy that a canine companion brings to everyone.

