

Del Smith and Scout



My wife Heather is a very persuasive individual. She wanted a Golden Retriever since before we met. I fought the good fight and had my way until the last of 3 kids I mentored in the Big Brother-Big Sisters program moved out of state to live with his grandmother. That was when she saw the opening and mentioned she saw a dog working to give back to others at a local hospital. She got her

way and a few months later we got a little Golden Retriever we named Scout.

A short time after, we used the training classes as our date event for the week. Scout was the show off in the class mainly because she'd do anything for treats. Once she even barked in Spanish for a big handful of treats. Scout is now six and a half and has easily eaten her weight in treats. Luckily, she burns off the calories doing her favorite thing-- chasing chipmunks from woodpile to woodpile up in the mountains.



At the age of 2, Scout tested to become a therapy dog with Denver Pet Partners and was successful. I was more nervous than she was testing. Shortly thereafter, Scout and I began making weekly visits to Rose Hospital to give back to

where Heather was born. We've kept that routine up for the last 4 years.



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Heather and I have been blessed with 2 wonderful children, Peyton 4, and Sutton 10 months; who were also both born at Rose Hospital. Scout uses her time working at Rose and other DPP events to get away from these 2 young girls who spend most of their time trying to ride her around the house. There is no shortage of love and attention Scout receives.



Scout has a very keen sense of whom in the hospital room we visit, needs the most attention and affection. It seems the more ill or scared a patient is the more she wags her tail and works to cheer them up. She often will even turn back for one more pet just to say keep fighting, things are going to get better. It always amazes me how happy she makes everyone she encounters. She has a real gift and we're blessed to have each other as well as the opportunity to be a part of Denver Pet Partners.

