

Maureen Bird and Boomer



In 2011 we lost our English Pointer, Heidi to cancer and a few months later we lost our beagle, Murphy also to cancer. I was grieving and wanted a break, but my family had other ideas and found 9-month-old Boomer on Rover Rescue. He came to live with us bringing his abundant energy and kindness and wormed his way into my heart.

We quickly realized he was the smartest dog we had ever owned. He loved everyone, especially children whom he watched over with vigilance.

Years later our oldest daughter was a nurse in the Denver area. She told me about the therapy dogs that came to the hospital and how she thought Boomer would be a great therapy dog. Our daughter was then transferred to another hospital that didn't have a therapy program. She asked me to get Boomer trained so that he could come to their hospital.



In 2019 Boomer and I passed our eval and we started volunteering at Sky Ridge Hospital while waiting for approval from my daughter's hospital.

Unfortunately, soon after that covid hit and we discontinued our visits. A few months in my daughter asked me if I would gear up in PPE and visit the staff at her hospital with Boomer. What joy he

brought to those weary health care workers!

My next adventure with Boomer will be the Read With Me Program. He would love those children and it would be easier on his old bones.



This past November we adopted Daisy. My goal is to train her to be the next therapy dog in our house. Boomer is setting a great example for her!

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