



Ozark-Dale County Humane Society

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Those who teach the most
about humanity,
Aren't always humans.

--Donald L. Hicks

At times it is unbelievable how forgiving and resilient dogs can be. If a dog has ever had a reason to not trust people, it is our Freeman. He had severe physical wounds from being chained to a tree for what seems to have been his whole life. He has scars on his skin from unknown sources. He certainly had never experienced receiving love and affection. While chained by his 'owner' to a tree, **the chain became embedded in his neck.** Once rescued, he was treated for infection as well as parasites, fleas, and skin issues. After arriving at ODCHS, he was re-evaluated and received intensive wound care/cleaning and treatment for all his other issues. Every step of the way, he has had his tail wagging! It is nothing short of amazing! He has soaked up the loving from the volunteers and has taken the opportunity to sleep in a lap. He is understandably a little skittish, but has given us all a chance. **He has made friends all along the way!** Since his initial treatment, he had one minor setback. The diagnosis was that he most likely has some damage to his trachea



from having been chained. He continues to heal and is making amazing progress. Surprisingly, in spite of where he came from, he keeps his kennel clean! Freeman will be available for adoption soon and we know he is going to make an awesome family member! This is a great time to make a positive difference for Freeman and others like him. Continue to report cases of abuse. Even if it doesn't result in a conviction, we are, at the very least, 'making noise' for these fur babies who have no voice.

Not all shelter pets have such obvious wounds. Some have simply been abandoned. Whatever the reason they are in a shelter, they need a voice. They need help. And most of all, they need loving homes. Join us in taking care of all shelter babies who have been abandoned, neglected and/or abused. Spay/neuter, adopt, volunteer, donate, and share posts. It takes team work to make the dream work... Thank you all for supporting this mission!