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All I can say is that it's been a year after getting our pup, Roufus, from R&D Retrievers and both my husband and I can't imagine what life would be like WITHOUT him! We couldn't be happier and absolutely love him to death! Our son and daughter-in-law had gotten their dog from R&D Retrievers a few years earlier so they were the ones who connected us with Randy.

During my initial call to Randy he asked me a lot of questions and wanted to know what it was we were looking for in a dog. First, I explained that we were actually looking for an older pup (if that was even possible); one that he thought might have a more laid back demeanor. Second, my husband isn't a hunter so we weren't in the market for a true hunting dog. And third, while we certainly wanted an active dog, we weren't looking for one that was going to be real high energy and require constant exercise and entertainment. At that point Randy told me he thought he had just the right pup for us and invited me to come and meet him. I was so excited and couldn't wait to get there!

The day I went to the farm my husband was actually out of town so my son and daughter-in-law went with me. Needless to say, it didn't take but one minute for all of us to fall in love with Rouf! He was 5 months old and so darn cute... just a honey of a pup! He already walked pretty well on a leash and could do the "sit" and "stay" commands. It was a bit of an adjustment for him to get used to city life versus life on a farm, but it wasn't long after getting him home that he felt very comfortable in his new surroundings! I constantly get comments from people about how "handsome" he is or how "gorgeous" he is when we're out on our daily walks. People also comment on how well he listens to us and responds to our commands. At first, people didn't believe he was only 5 months old because his personality was so mellow; he didn't act like a typical puppy at all. He makes us very proud!

Not only was I impressed with R&D Retrievers as a business I was even more impressed with the genuine care both Randy and Diane have for each of their dogs and pups. The farm is super clean, as were all the buildings that house each litter. It was also quite impressive to see that Randy's first priority isn't simply to sell puppies, but rather his priority is to make sure each prospective new owner finds **the right dog** that will work well with your family. Rouf is EXACTLY what we were looking for and Randy couldn't have been more spot on for us! Randy truly knows his dogs and I wouldn't hesitate for one moment to refer anyone to him.

We couldn't be happier and we look forward to many, many more years with our new family addition! THANK YOU, Randy and Diane. -- Mary & Tom Garrity, N. St. Paul, MN