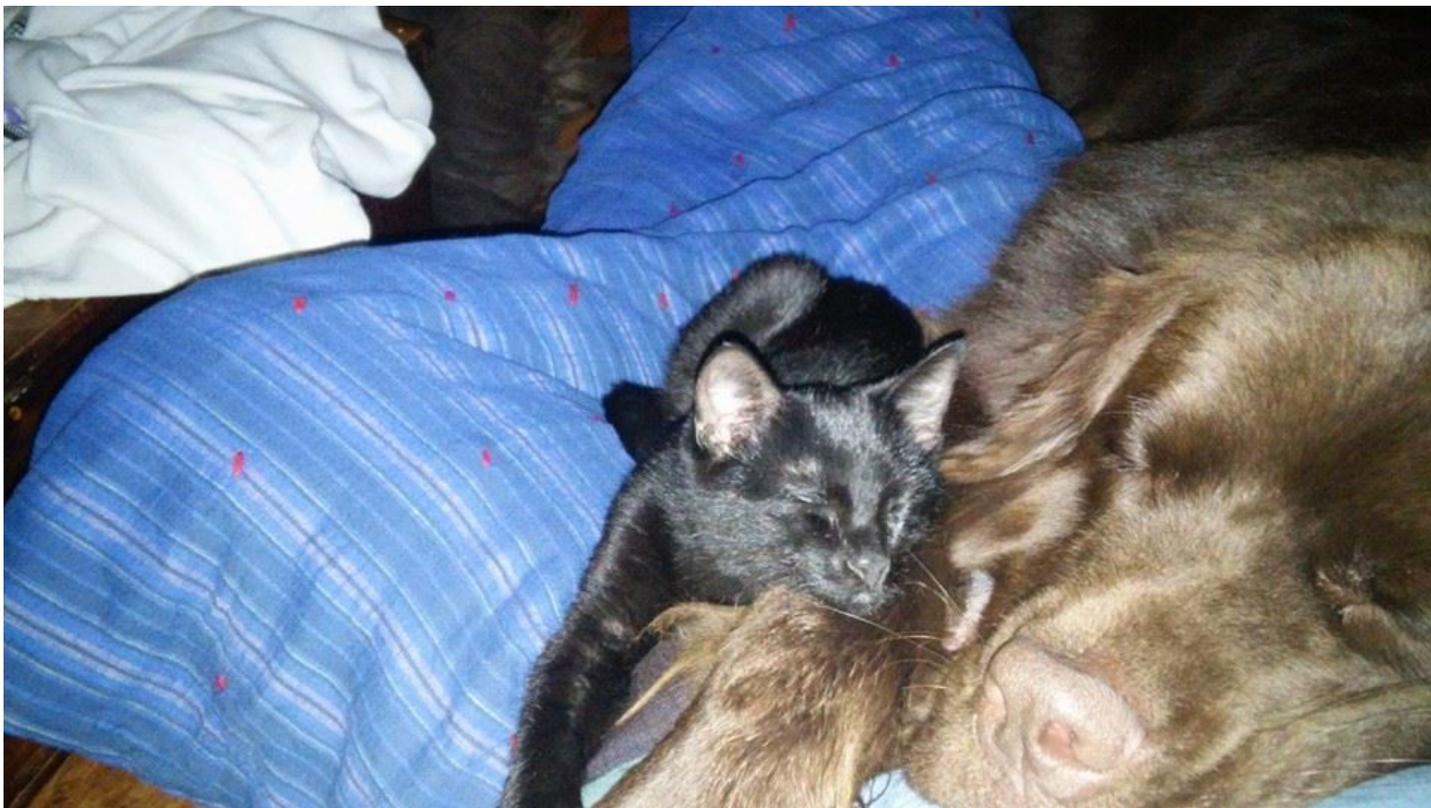


Letter to Wolfgang from Ellie



Dear Wolfgang.

I never got to meet you, but I wanted to thank you for training my new family! After you left, Terri & Greg really missed you. Mom could not look at the area on the front door where you wore out the paint without a tinge of missing you. Dad has never cried like when you left. Sousa told me that the next few months for her were really strange. She got more walks (and more treats).

The family moved from the house you lived in and gave Sousa a much larger back yard. But something was still not right. Mom kept asking for another dog, so naturally, Dad brought home a cat; a 5 month old black kitten. He was nice, but it just wasn't the same. Then the call came from HANR, my old family couldn't keep me anymore and I needed a place to go.

So, Terri drove to Omaha and picked me up. Back then, my name was Mable. On the way home, Mom kept looking at me in the rearview mirror. When we got home, I heard her tell Greg that when she looked back at me, it was like you were looking at her! Maybe it was just because I was brown, but she said she wasn't going to let me go!

I got to meet the cats. At first, I wanted to go chase them, but then I realized that they did not need to be chased and they were pretty cool to hang out with; especially the black one, who they named Duke. They gave me the new name Ellie. (Get it, Duke Ellington? Yeah, just remember your name was Wolfgang!) And Sousa is an awesome playmate. She is my own size and we love to wrestle and gang up on Duke. Mom likes to cuddle me on the couch, but Dad doesn't like it, so she waits until he is not around to invite me up.

I am enclosing a picture of me and Duke cuddling on Mom's lap about a month ago. It was awesome! I wish I could have met you, you sound like an awesome dog. Thank You SO MUCH for breaking in Mom & Dad. I am sure your life was a lot rougher in the early going with novice Newfie parents and I am certain I am going to have a great life with your old family! I promise to take good care of them.

Much love,

Ellie Simmons

