



## **Wolfgang and Sousa**

Wolfgang joined our family in 2005 at the age of one. After we had moved into our house, there was some time before we would be able to get a dog. Greg spent that time researching what breed we would be interested in. Since he was going to be a teacher, the dog had to be good with kids. Greg plays the tuba, so of course the dog had to be big. My main requirement was that I wanted fuzzy. Good with kids +big+ fuzzy= NEWFOUNDLAND!

When we met Wolfgang at his foster parents' home, it was obvious we were meant for him and he was meant for us. Even though we had some unexpected events the week-end we went to pick him up, Joel and Mary were very understanding and have proven to be great friends since.

Wolfgang loves to meet people and most people love to meet Wolfgang. It is impossible to be anonymous walking a brown Newfoundland. One might even say he is a local celebrity! Wolfgang has enjoyed walking around Gray's Lake in Des Moines, going to the dog park, and walking around our neighborhood. But his absolute favorite is the Downtown Des Moines Farmers Market. If you want to see him happy and excited, just say the words "Farmer's Market" any time during the summer.



Since being adopted by Wolfgang, we have helped the Heart of America Newfoundland Club with a few Newfie rescues. As a “veteran” Newfie family, it has been a blessing to see a great dog go to his forever home. And Wolfgang was a great foster brother. While life with Wolfgang has been great, we knew one day we would want to bring another Newfie home to stay.

When I saw the pictures of Sousa, I knew she had to be Wolfgang’s sister! Even though they are both brown, they have very distinct personalities. Wolfgang is the ultimate statesman while Sousa is more of the quintessential party girl. It is really fun to watch these two interact like any other siblings. We are looking forward to getting to know all the quirks of Sousa’s personality and doing all the fun things with her that we already do with Wolfgang. Watch out, Farmer’s Market! We have been doubly blessed to find two great family members who add so much to our lives. We have done things we never would have done and met people we never would have met without Wolfgang and Sousa.

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