



Memorial Pet Services

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Jacob Stanislovaitis-Mellen

07/03/2011 – 02/13/2020

Jacob Stanislovaitis-Mellen of Verona, Wisconsin passed away on February 13th, 2020. Not much was known about his early life except that he was born in Louisiana and was dropped off at a shelter when he was a few weeks old (either in 2009 or 2010). Unfortunately, Marta, the woman who rescued Jacob from that shelter, had to leave the country so Jacob was transferred to Central Illinois Small Animal Rescue (CISAR) in Colfax, Illinois. Jacob gave everyone a run for their health when he escaped from CISAR on Black Friday of 2010 and a local farmer tried to earn his trust by feeding him, and finally grabbed him in January of 2011. Jacob was adopted by Victoria on July 3rd, 2011 and made Peoria, IL his new home.

Everyone told us he was the shyest, sweetest dog they had ever met. When we first brought Jacob home, we didn't even know if he knew how to bark, he never jumped up on the furniture, wasn't interested in food, didn't play with toys, and was terrified of children and men. We knew we needed to adopt another dog to teach Jacob how to be a real dog. We tried several times with no luck, until we saw little Ben and knew it was a match made in heaven. Jacob learned to love food, loved to bark, and loved to chase bunnies, squirrels, and birds. He loved our son Nicholas, even though he was terrified of kids, for some reason, he was very curious and trusted him.

Jacob is survived by his human mom Victoria, human papa Jason, baby human brother Nicholas, and dog brother Bennie.

Thank you to Martha (Breaux Bridge, LA) for rescuing him, to Billie (Pekin, IL) for transporting him up to Illinois, and Tami Duvall (Bloomington, IL) for keeping an eye on him at the CISAR. To all you amazing women for being his dog moms, thank you for taking a chance on him and loving him, for protecting him and keeping him safe until we adopted him.

Special thanks to Dr. Kietra Kay and all the veterinary staff at Passion for Paws and Dr. Abby Bongard at the VCA Specialty Center, for providing our beloved Jacob with the best care possible.



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And to Memorial Pet Services, I want to give Susan a very special thank you. The love, care, and respect that you gave to Jacob will never be forgotten. You gave him a voice and a beautiful ending to his story. And now when someone reads his story, his memory will live forever. Not only did you give him a beautiful ending; you gave him a beautiful beginning as he walked toward the rainbow. And for that, you will always be in our hearts.

8.5 years.

My first experience of maternal love.

My constant companion.

My best friend.

Jacob.

