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## Memos



### Animal

Beluga (APA-A-104937)  
Carolina Dog/Mix Dog  
Brown and Tan  
Neutered Male  
10 years, 2 months, 19 days old (DOB:  
01/31/2014)

### Owner

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### Pop-up

#### 04/20/2024 by Rachel Gordon

Euthanized in home by Dr. Gordon 4/19

#### 02/14/2024 by Sara Miles

FTA check 5/15 SM

#### 12/18/2023 by Vicky Yastremskaya

Veteryl for life per Dr. Gordon from PE 11/25.

#### 12/02/2023 by jenny jenkins

No longer on short leash walk restriction, if he starts to have trouble moving around again may need to cut back activity and resume short leash walks. per Dr. B-MJ

2/23/22 muzzle for medical

10/1/22 Gaba and veteryl for life at APA! per Dr.Gordon

#### 08/24/2022 by Rebecca Rivera

\*\*Mandatory FTA! \*\* Must complete pre foster training. Everyone in the home must meet him before going home. -RR

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### Euthanasia

#### 04/20/2024 by Lauren Heymann

coughing, collapsing, cluster seizures, lethargy

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### Behavior Team FFU

#### 04/16/2024 by Laura Malcolm

Sent 60 day FTA scheduled 90 day f/u - LM

#### 03/16/2024 by Lisa Saunders

skipped 30 day FTA check in due to recent session, scheduled +30 day f/u.

#### 02/16/2024 by Amy Carver

Sent FTA check in email and scheduled 30 day follow up. AKC

2/17 having accidents on the rugs (as expected) and soliciting attention. also asked about removing the drag leash and talked about using baby gates to block off front door. sent extended HT and talked through yoga mats vs rugs and finding the balance of keeping the rugs up and giving him mobility. let FTA know that the drag leash is because of his defensive behaviors when being reached toward. so if she wants to remove the drag leash, then tossing a treat on the ground to distract him. Separately, looped in by clinic to get annuals knocked out. scheduled for 2/20 at 3:30 p. Let foster know he has to be muzzled when having medical handling. Looped in onsite behavior team as a heads up but clinic will likely be able to

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handle him. Jess

### **02/03/2024 by Jessica Borda**

updated home score to 3 due being pretty well house trained once he's transitioned into the home. updated BC-BT with notes from previous fosters about how to help with the 3-4 day transition into the home. See foster note's from 2/2/2024

### **08/05/2022 by Jessica Borda**

[return request] Beluga is already back at the shelter. Within 2 hours of taking him home, foster emailed DFMM about marking and fight over a toy, then Beluga wrestling the baby gate down. Returned less than 5 hours after taking home. notes from foster: "Hour one and we've already had a couple interesting notes. First, Beluga marked inside, even after he went to the bathroom a few times outside. We'll work on that. Perhaps more frequent potty breaks will be key in the first few days.

Second, he and Titan had a fight. Over one of Beluga's toys. I wasn't watching closely enough and Titan tried to sneak the toy out from Beluga's area. When he passed Beluga with the toy Beluga immediately took notice and went right after Titan. I didn't mean to mix the dogs up so soon - my fault too. Titan is now on high alert and Beluga muscled the baby gate until it falls over and he can roam free, so it's a tense environment over here.

I'm going to watch and see how this evolves over the weekend and give y'all an update. If they don't learn to coexist better we may need to make this a shorter break than I envisioned."

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## **Training Sessions - Preadopt/Prefoster**

### **03/10/2024 by Christine Marquette**

(3/2) Post FTA In home session. Karen H. and I stopped by to check on Beluga bear. Jeanette had baby gates set up in the front of the house blocking off areas where Beluga may slip if she is unable to keep an eye on him which seemed to be working great. In other areas of the home, she has rugs laid down for him. Beluga is doing well and has not had further accidents in the home after settling in. He caught on to the dog door on his own. He willingly puts himself to sleep in the crate at night. He is doing well with CBD when he is more anxious and is able to sleep and stop following Jeanette around as closely. During the day, he is Jeanette's shadow and follows her around the home. He is doing well on walks, has allowed Jeanette to switch out his martingale, take off his harness, and is comfortable with Jeanette petting him all over (besides under his neck which is a known handling sensitivity). No RG seen towards Jeanette or her roommate. The roomie is also becoming comfy petting Beluga at her own pace, and snuck in some pets which he did well with. I showed Jeanette how to start working on MD. Beluga has met her adult sons and did well with both. I double checked with the clinic on when/if they would like to see Beluga for his heartworm test in the future since Jeanette said the clinic told her we could hold off on the hw test for now due to heavy DA with medical handling. The clinic said we can hold off on the test for now, but the FTA can do it through APA in the future if she would like, or pursue with her private vet once he continues to settle in. I will let Jeanette know. FTA plans to adopt, but would like to use the full FTA period. Approved for a 3 month FTA. Check in in May. - RR

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## **Behavior Consult**

### **02/21/2024 by Becca DeFoe**

2/12 FTA BC for Jeanette Finch and roommate. Pre training required. FTA is mandatory. In home session 2/14 @ 5pm. Will add full note later. -RR

### **02/13/2024 by Rebecca Rivera**

Dog: Beluga

A#: 104937

Last updated + initials: 2/13/24, RR

Level of BC required: BC-BT

Pre-adopt training required: Yes. Mandatory FTA. Pre foster training required.

Eligible for events (for foster BC only): No.

Foster daycare eligible (for foster BC only): Ask ML-playdates

FLOW COORDINATOR:

VIRTUAL FOSTER: Karen Hardwick

CGC/TOP TRAINER:

BEHAVIOR TEAM TRAINER:

FAVORITE ACTIVITIES: Playing with toys, sniffing for treats

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**SKILLS:**

**GREAT QUALITIES:** Smart, playful with toys, likes to learn skills, great laid back energy, loose leash walker

**HOME SETUP:**

**Brief history:**

Beluga was brought in as a stray to AAC in January of 2022. While at AAC it was reported that Beluga would snap when things were outside of his peripheral and that he was possibly painful. Beluga was transferred to APA! in February of 2022. While at APA! Beluga has made many friends and gone on several sleep overs where he is reported to have high stress levels on the initial evening but settles in. He does require plenty of space and patience.

One day foster: [return request] Beluga is already back at the shelter. Within 2 hours of taking him home, foster emailed DFMM about marking and fight over a toy, then Beluga wrestling the baby gate down. Returned less than 5 hours after taking home. notes from foster: "Hour one and we've already had a couple interesting notes. First, Beluga marked inside, even after he went to the bathroom a few times outside. We'll work on that. Perhaps more frequent potty breaks will be key in the first few days.

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**Bite history:** Yes.

Notes: has landed multiple bites when people reached towards him to grab his leash and/or near his neck. Muzzle for medical. Defense and startle response due to impaired vision. Possible handling sensitivities around neck/chest.

2/10/2022: "Gabby was trying to get blood for a heartworm test. When Gabby tried to second time, Beluga lunged at her and tackled her to the ground. Was able to access her jacket a couple of times, but didn't go through clothing. Eric reached for the leash to pull Beluga away, and he immediately spin around biting Eric's left wrist. One bite and release. BT came to take him back to kennel without further incident. 2/10 - Gave no warning to his defensiveness.

02/11/2022 Level 2 Bite this AM, Vol. suspects that it is due to handling sensitivities on the bottom of his neck. Spent 5-10 minutes in the kennel before outing petting him and he was fine. Walk went well, when she was leaving went to swap DL with her leash at the bottom of his neck and he reacted, tagging her. Stated she took the drag off the dog in the kennel before leaving and he was okay with her removing it from the top of his neck.

From bite report: Rose was taking Beluga back, went to swap his drag for her leash and he reacted by tagging her hand. Rose suspects it is related to sensitivities on the bottom of his neck due to him being okay with her taking off the drag from the top of his neck after returning to his kennel. Stated she sat with him for 5-10 minutes before taking him out and he didn't display any defensive behavior while petting him.

04/14/2022 Level 3 bite, Bam entered the catchpen. There was a muzzle in the chair that Bam went to grab. Beluga was next to him and latched on to his foot holding on for 5-7 seconds, puncturing through his shoe and socks leaving shallow punctures in the skin.

08/06/2022 Jacob was in the T-shaped yard with Beluga. Beluga was looking at the toy bucket in the yard so Jacob grabbed a toy and was playing tug with him. Beluga dropped the toy and Jacob assumed Beluga was done playing, so he went to grab it with his left hand and accidentally brushed against Beluga's neck, then Beluga grabbed his hand and held down, resulting in two punctures (one on each side of his hand). Jacob used his right hand to grab onto his arm to pull it away, then Beluga snapped and bit/released his ring finger on his right hand as well (level 2). After that Beluga walked away and was growling as he walked away. Jacob called for help and Jason and Jess went into the yard. Jason grabbed his DL and tried to sneakily leash up to him without drawing attention to it, but then Beluga bit and released his arm (level 2, only bruising/no broken skin). Jess grabbed his DL and handed it off to Jason, and then Jason took Beluga back to his kennel.

**Behavior:** Defensive Aggression - Human Moderate

Notes: Beluga has shown defensive behavior with humans when hands reach for him outside of his peripheral vision. His peripheral vision is poor due to his head tilt. Possible hearing impairment. Defensive with medical handling. Be aware of transitional anxiety.

1/31/22: Defensive with medical handling "Snapped at restrainer while attempting to draw blood. Heartworm test still needs to be done.

2/10/2022: Defensive with medical handling leading to bites, "Gabby was trying to get blood for a heartworm test. When Gabby tried to second time, Beluga lunged at her and tackled her to the ground. Was able to access her jacket a couple of times, but didn't go through clothing. Eric reached for the leash to pull Beluga away, and he immediately spin around biting Eric's left wrist. One bite and release. BT came to take him back to kennel without further incident. 2/10 - Gave no warning to his defensiveness.

2/28/2022: easy to muzzle using food. Chowd down on a bowl of wet food while we looked him over for injuries. Erupted at me when I barely touched his leg, erupted at Paul for touching his tummy. Prior to this, I had no issue petting his head and neck. But if he needs a handsy exam, should probably be sedated. AMS

2/8/22: previous shelter notes from AAC vol friend, "While I have written about Ashur, and him needing to be gently handled, I want to also say, with all of the commotion, at the shelter, he is being so brave. On the first day that I met him, he did not have a collar on him. He allowed me to put a slip lead on him, as well as the martingale with the regular leash. He was calm and trusting. He is so adorable, sweet, sensitive, and intuitive. I know there are stories that I wish he could tell us. When I did need a bit a help from staff to leash him up to bring him back to the kennel, the behavior team came to help. Ashur was so sweet and loving. He let the women pet him as soon as they came in to the play yard. He was gentle and sweet, as if he had known them. He was not afraid of new people coming into his space, which showed he can trust. They calmly placed a slip lead on him and the three of us walked back to his kennel. One of the staffers, gently walked him into the kennel, and slowly took off the slip lead. There were no issues. I was very proud of him. He needs calm individuals, who are gentle and supportive in his life to help rehabilitate him in his journey, both physically and emotionally.

05/23/2023 part of the rug that was in his kennel had come unraveled and was wrapped around his drag leash which then wrapped around his back right foot. I tossed some treats away from me while I worked on getting the mess untangled. I was able to unwind the rug, then the leash with some moderately invasive handling. No defensiveness seen. His foot was a bit swollen but I don't think it's been like that for too long.

02/05/2023 Beluga Tried to clamp on my arm while reaching for drag in yard. Didn't leave any marks and seemed unfazed afterwards. Probably just spooked the old man, went back to normal after refocusing with treats.

03/01/2022 Easy to muzzle using food. Chowd down on a bowl of wet food while we looked him over for injuries. Erupted at me when I barely touched his leg, erupted at Paul for touching his tummy. Prior to this, I had no issue petting his head and neck. But if he needs a handsy exam, should probably be sedated. AMS

02/14/2022 Note from Jean at Classic Canines: "We had 3-4 volunteers who were working with him very successfully. Unfortunately AAC Dr Lund said they didn't have "resources" for him however he wasn't on any treatment except doxy so I'm not sure what she meant by that. I understand he had a couple behavior challenges right away once transferred. Hopefully AAC provided his full records to you. I found his snapping isn't so much about using a clip leash or a slip leash but it's more about coming at his head and neck when he doesn't see hands coming. His peripheral vision is poor due to his head tilt and we suspected his hearing is diminished. At one time I had a clip leash on him and was able to pet his back no trouble, but when the leash later dropped and I went to pick it up to his left side he couldn't fully see me coming and he snapped like a horse would try to shoo a fly away, no contact made."

From AAC 02/06/22 Volunterer OBS Jean, I filled out an observation form on this dog a few minutes ago. Gina has also had him out twice also and may submit one too. My recommendation is to keep him purple/yellow with a small number of handlers for now until we can make sure we understand his shortcomings further and what help he needs from his humans. He's only been walkable about 2 days. His issues are long term and the best kennel space for his particular needs is at AAC in my opinion. Can you please take this up with VS in light of his ATTN status?I last worked with him Saturday 2/5. I had no trouble leashing or unleashing him with a clip leash but I made sure he saw what I was planning to do before my hands went toward him. He was eager to leave his kennel so that helped. I had him out about 30 minutes total in the large front play yard, walking on the grounds and in a small interaction pen. At one time in the interaction pen I had to pick up the leash that dropped below his left neck and shoulder area to the ground and this caused him to startle and snap back toward his left shoulder almost like an animal would try to shoo away a fly. I came to the conclusion he needs to see hands first in his visual field before your hands start moving around his head and neck area. He had no problems with allowing me to pet his back and the top of his head. I would be concerned about placing a dog with potential visual, hearing and gait issues into a dark, smaller TLAC kennel where he can't see as well or exercise as well on his own feet.

From AAC 02/08/22: dog may have hearing/vision problems; per behavior team, slip lead did not scare dog. When I took him out, I used a regular leash, no problem. When I attempted to take him back to leash him in the yard, it startled him. Behavior team came in and gently used a slip lead. He was completely fine. He has a lot of sensitivities and you must be very gentle

and careful not to hurt or startle him. He has bad injuries on his ears. It is imperative to use caution, as he may snap because he does not know you are there or he feels pain.

From AAC 02/08/22: I want to note he can snap if he doesn't see hands coming toward him. I had no problem leashing him with a clip leash to his collar because he saw me and wanted to go for a walk. I had him out for a long time, probably 30 minutes in a large pen, walking on the grounds and also in a small pen.

Management:

Keep his drag leash on for the first few months. Pick up his drag leash by the handle not by the collar. DDL can be helpful. Go SLOW switching leashes. Make sure he sees your hands. Avoid reaching for him and startling him. Do not pet him when he is asleep. Consent petting on his back instead of his neck. Muzzle for medical handling, particularly sensitive around neck/collar. Go slow with MD. Muzzle Up! Project. May benefit from pre meds before vet visits.

Behavior: Resource Guarder-Dog- Both? May change after I read his notes

Notes: Note of toy guarding from other dogs. Potential RG-humans

08/12/2022 Took on ball field walk. Beluga saw a lacrosse ball on the ground and pulled towards it. I anchored so that he couldn't reach it. He pulled on the leash a bit and then walked back towards me before snapping at my leg. This was towards the end of our walk so he was pretty tired already. He also pulled toward every toy basket he saw on the way out and back in. Needs structured toy time.

08/07/2022 took over for AR after Beluga bit him. Beluga got fixated on a toy basket while I had dl. I tried to lead him away and he jumped and snapped at my leash hand. Needs to be leashed walks only.

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11/19/2022 Beluga- Worked on structured toy time in the CR. We did this instead of flooding since he's been doing so well with toy time. He did great with this and was super excited to get to the CR!

09/10/2022 Beluga- Did some structured toy time(flooding) in the CR with Andrew shadowing. He did well but was engaging less with toys that I have seen before. I had to constantly engage with him for him to interact with the toys. It seemed as though he was waiting for more toys to be thrown. He eventually started to play with toys on his own. Rewarded for dropping his toys by throwing another or reinforcing with food. As we were exiting, he found a toy and grabbed it but was easily deterred with food. Used find it games to exit CR when he was being a bit stubborn.

08/30/2022 Played find it on the way to the CR. Beluga stopped several times along the way, but was easy to move along by calling to him and tossing treats. Played some very cute multi toy fetch in the CR which he enjoyed. Started shaping place and touch. Beluga did a great job catching on! On the way back he spotted a toy on a shelf, and did a great job dropping it on verbal. -RR

08/28/2022 Beluga- Toy flooding in the CR with XK shadowing. He did really well with this. Did not really show any fixation. We would reward whenever he was playing appropriately and not fixating on a specific toy or area. Also would m/r whenever he would drop a toy from his mouth and immediately reward by throwing another toy. Would also reward for a proper approach with either a toy or a treat. Was able to gather all of the toys no problem by trading out with food or another toy. Hesitated a bit coming out of the CR but was easily maneuvered with find it.

08/18/2022 Beluga- Flooded him with toys in the CR on a pulley. He did really well. I did a lot of throwing a specific toy and I would swap as he was busy. Whenever he became interested in the toy that I had, I would throw it. We did that process most of the time. Whenever I started to pick toys up, we would play find it with food in the opposite direction of where the toy was. He protested leaving the CR a little bit but was easily encouraged with a treat trail.

Management:

Behavior: Storm anxiety

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Management:

Behavior:

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Management:

Anxiety meds:

Dog notes: 3

Score: Can be defensive with dogs. Can overcorrect. Notes of appearing sensitive when approached head on by dogs in PG.

Notes:

PLAYDATE

2/16/22: PG4(sg). He was assessed today as an EPG3(D), which initially seemed right, but after he'd been out for a few min, he had some problematic interactions. He had a yelling match with Branson that I didn't see the start of. They stopped with SC, but shortly after, Beluga erupted at Ursula for seemingly no reason after he bumped into her. He seemed extra sensitive with dogs approaching him head on. Sent out after this. Changing to PG4(sg) while he settles in. KH

2/16/22: hackles in CP. entered on own. Allowed greetings. Playful and took and gave corrections well but easily overwhelmed with multiple rowdy boys on him. Be aware of significant sensitivities around his collar. EPG3(d) AMS

2/17/22: Coexisted as long as he wasn't approached, but would yell at dogs that sniffed his FD and would pursue them. Semi-steerable with SB, but seemed more confused/frustrated than anything. KH

2/17/22: Marsala/Beluga - Awkward play between the two. CB

LG was extremely interested in him and kind of pestering but he handled it well and was very appropriate with her. RJ

2/17/22: Odin/Beluga - Not sure what started it but these dudes erupted at each other. Beluga sustained a cut in his mouth but seemed okay. Had them both out in the yard for a few minutes after and they both acted like nothing happened. RJ

2/23/22: defensive but otherwise had a fine time. Monitor for PG4(d) AMS

3/1/2022: 2/28 Beluga/Cielo/ Cooper- Ursula had slipped into the CP while I was letting Cielo in. Concerned that he might tip while in the CP with a non PG handler, I stepped in and grabbed Cielo and walked him into the yard. I was planning to let Beluga out before letting Cielo in but then Ursula was getting OA on the handler so I entered the CP to get her at which point, Cielo tipped on Beluga and Cooper and Bolo CDd on the situation. Cooper had been pestering Beluga so was likely nearby. MSC got the dogs to startle just enough for me to grab Cielo and send him out. I got Bolo next but two CPs had dogs in them and the other one had the door left open so I had nowhere to put him. Jess got Cooper off of Beluga somehow. Sent cooper out, sent Cielo out. Kept Beluga for CPR. Ursula REALLY needs work on gate boundaries. She keeps squeezing into the CP, which is a self-rewarding behavior since the person inevitably pays attention to her when she launches at them and the door darting keeps getting reinforced. AMS Ursula and I have a very strong relationship and I was not uncomfortable with her overarousal, nor did I ask for help. I was working on calm behavior when Cielo erupted and started a scuffle. I removed Ursula to the yard across from the playgroup yard and re-entered the yard. Ashley had grabbed Cielo to remove him to a catch pen and Cooper had Beluga pinned to the ground and was shaking. I was able to grab Cooper's drag leash and the pressure caused him to release, then immediately regrab. As I was reeling in his drag leash, Cooper let go again and I was able to move him across the yard. Jess

3/4/22: Beluga/Elzar - Small yard. Beluga was interested in sniffing Elzar and followed him around in typical Beluga fashion but Elzar wasn't into it. Gave some low grumbles and had hackles up which Beluga either ignored or didn't notice. Eventually gave up and explored the yard for a bit. After a few minutes Beluga came back to the front and tried sniffing bd/following Elzar, Elzar tipped on Beluga and pinned him on his back, gave some bite/release on Beluga's nose. Sc and several short bursts of pc ineffective. Unfortunately I didn't have a dl on Elzar, gave a few blasts of airhorn and eventually they created enough distance that I could grab Beluga's dl and separate the two. Beluga was checked out by med specialist, he was bleeding around his nose area, then left for CPR with IM. Kept Elzar out for cpr and he was initially very d if dogs came close,

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after a few min he seemed to settle down and be back to typical amount of edginess. LD

Bite to dog : 3/12/22: 3/11/22 - Beluga/Drexel - Just a few dogs in the yard, including Beluga, and Drexel came in on muzz. After a few minutes of everyone sniffing around independently, I saw Beluga start walking over to sniff Drexel, who was behind the play structure. I couldn't see them but heard a scuffle start almost as soon as Beluga walked over, I'm assuming he was following Drexel too close and Drexel gave an over-correction which turned into mutual unhappiness. Drexel had Beluga pinned upside down but was muzzed so not latched on, Beluga was just flailing around on his back. SC, SC toss and PC ineffective, tried to grab a dl but they were tangled up in legs and I couldn't use pressure to pull them apart. Since Drexel was on muzz I ran back to the table (with Bella's assistance) to grab the MSC and an airhorn. MSC ineffective, airhorn misfired. By this point Beluga had managed to get Drexel off of him and they were wrestling, with Beluga trying to grab Dexter. They wrestled underneath the slide, by this time CB and RJ had come to help. I grabbed Dexter by the collar, RJ got Beluga but Beluga still had Dexter's ear, CB got the bite stick. Beluga opened his mouth to regrip (I think) and we pulled them apart. Beluga had some minor cuts on his chin, Dexter ended up with a full puncture on his ear and a minor puncture on the top of his head. Dexter left for med check and CPR, I kept Beluga out with Bella, Dos and LG for CPR and he seemed to be back to normal pretty quickly, but was keeping to himself. LD

4/28 Bouncy play with Natalie. Allowed Andre and Latte to invasively sniff him. Seems to be making a lot of progress. RJ

08/04/2022 Pup was clingy to mom and right after I brought Beluga in the cp he swiped off his muzz. Discussed our options while resident pup sniffed Beluga through the gate and they both gave some tail wags before moving away. Mom and I agreed we felt ok letting Beluga in instead of muzzing either boy, based on their demeanor, as well as negative muzz assoc. Beluga entered and the boys shared bd sniffs (prolonged in B's part), then resident turned for fd. Beluga stiffened and gave a few defensive barks, resident tucked tail and softened, and Beluga moved away. Both boys coexisted for a few min and came near mom. Had mom put up their treat pouch to avoid competition. After a few min, had mom give each dog affection, without issue. Beluga did give an air snap after some extended head pets. Recommended sticking with consent pets only when solic. to start. Chatted about starting with total separation in home, and brief interactions in yard with dls on both dogs (Beluga in yard first, sniff through sliding door, letting res. out), and aversives handy. Beluga came back again for a looser, briefer fdbd and gave one awkward bork during fd. Both boys coexisted well near foster. Emailed foster dog/dog packet and some other training links (crate training, slow dog intros, defensive dogs, md) to get them started. Let team know foster is planning to pick up on Friday and will need a crate. ML

Management:

Cat notes:

Score:

Notes:

Management

Kid notes:

Score: 1

Notes:

Management:

Home notes:

Score: 2

Notes:

2/8/22 AAC notes: "I tested him on the wooden stairs /ramp and he was able to do the steps with some coaxing and reach the top of the platform. He was worried to try to use the ramp to come down and ultimately avoided it. "

Chew proof dl- chewed through a regular DL

leapover notes. I had him for four nights. The first 24 hours was very rough. Lots of pacing and peeing in the house. He was panting nearly the whole time. I ended up taking off his drag leash since he dragged it through pee twice. He wouldn't settle down. Finally, after another pee accident at 3 in the morning, I put him in the crate. It took another 40 minutes to settle

down but he finally went to sleep. Things got a lot easier from there. The only time he snapped at me was early on when I did a brief pet and when I was trying to help him up. I had toys, food and a rawhide out the entire time and he never had any issues with playing, grabbing the toys or walking by them. He only had one accident after the first day and had no issues going to the bathroom in the rain. He seems to like car rides but had a hard time jumping up into the back of my car. He was able to get himself in the passenger side, then slowly climb over the back seat during the ride. Over time, I was able to get consent pets on his face and neck but he was a little 'what are you doing?' when I try to clip his leash to harness. He seems to want pets but just doesn't understand them. He just seemed uncomfortable and possibly in pain since I didn't have all of his meds for the sleepover. The hard floors were a little hard for him and he got stuck at one point. I tried getting a yoga mat under him but he couldn't get purchase. I ended up clipping the leash to his harness to help haul him up. I was able to leave him home alone several times and came home to him sound asleep in the crate. I think transitions are pretty hard for him, so liberal use of the crate in the first 24-48 hours will help him settle in. He wasn't too into his kibble but did eat some. He wouldn't take his spoonful of peanut butter with a pill in it from my hand but had no issues gobbling it up if I put it on the floor. He liked any human snacks I shared with him-especially frozen blueberries and yogurt. Beluga doesn't seem to understand body pressure either. I'm not sure if it's a spatial awareness thing but backing him out of spaces or getting him out of the fridge is weird. Again, no snapping or defensive behaviors, just not listening or getting in the way when trying to maneuver him without touching him. Jess

- takes a while to relax (several hours with me, and I know him; would probably be longer with a new PA/PF)
- walks well on leash with his harness, did early morning walks around the block just fine, late evening super short walks b/c of the heat
- very quiet, he did not bark a single time
- loves to play with stuffed toys; will play a little with tennis balls and rope toys
- does great with puzzle toys, has a very good sniffer!
- did not appear to RG food or toys from me
- has difficulty walking on slick floors/hardwood
- does best regarding "relaxing" if you are either gone all day, or home all day; in and out many times seems to stress him out (more stress panting/pacing)
- is very much a velcro dog! Followed me everywhere
- crate trained; probably best to crate him while leaving for several hours to avoid him struggling w/slick floors; also best to crate him when you are cooking or eating b/c he is constantly walking in front of you/begging for food while you try to eat
- enjoys going in his crate on his own when he's tired/wants to nap
- may have UTI or some other cause for excessive water drinking while I was at home with him, so I took him out every 20-30 min and he peed every time; when I did that he did not have any accidents (emailed medical about that)
- no accidents when crated while I was at work for 5-6 hours at a time with the exception of Wed when he had exhausted himself/got stuck on the hardwood floor
- slept by himself downstairs free roam; took a little while to settle down but would either sleep in the crate on his own, or on one of the beds I had downstairs for him
- needs a very patient person(s) who has a heart for senior dogs and the potential for accidents (both pee and poop) as well as respect his boundaries and that he may never really want them to pet him

Storm anxiety  
Notes from most recent s/o

The following are highlights of Beluga's time in the home.

Velcro dog. Liked to follow Kris or his sister around and hang out nearby. For instance in the kitchen when they were cooking or being at their feet when they were on the couch..

Allowed petting once he was comfortable. Best to let him initiate. They were both able to pet him often once he was used to them!

Beluga and the resident dog, Duke had a successful in-home dog-dog intro after the first week so BT allowed them to spend time together incrementally as part of the integration process. Co-existed in the same room and shared space well. Traded places using the crate. They went on tandem walks together. Duke was also a chill dog so he and Beluga had similar temperaments. They generally either hung out nearby each other or wandered off doing their own thing.

Beluga generally went into the crate on his own to sleep or relax. The door was left open for him.

Beluga slept, relaxed next to them in the room. He was very calm and did not fuss.



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At night, he would either sleep on his bed or on the sister's bed. She had a mattress on the floor since she was visiting and she would invite him on it.  
He would occasionally play with his squeaky toys. They made sure to put it away when both pups were in the room together.  
They lifted Beluga up into the car without a problem. He would sit on the seat and look out the window.

Tips for future fosters and adopters:

During the first 4 days in your home, here are things you can do to help him acclimate: (Can this info be added as a flag for PAs/Fosters/Sleepover peeps to have)  
Don't try to pet him. He will be anxious and needs time to decompress.  
Very frequent potty breaks (1-2 times an hour, if possible, the first couple of days).  
If they have slippery floors, yoga mats or carpet runners for traction  
Crate him when you leave & overnight at least the first few days so he doesn't hurt himself/fall on slippery floors and to help him stay calm  
A lavender diffuser (optional: helpful for calming)  
Some type of calming treats (optional: I used hemp)  
Plush squeaky toys  
Puzzle toys

Management:

Other medical :Ataxia noted most likely related with the head tilt. No treatment for the head tilt or ataxia. "I spoke to the vets about his case and he was previously diagnosed with progressive neurological/musculoskeletal issues with his spine/ hind end based on previous exams and abnormalities seen on xray. He has multiple areas of his spine that are abnormal with evidence of a previously healed fracture. His issues now are either progressing more or a deeper inner ear infection. Our vets would like to change medications including additional pain medication, an antibiotic and more time for the rimadyl to work. We will have these filled ASAP and would like an update in 10-14 days how he is doing. We are currently working to medically manage the chronic symptoms for as long as possible."

### **11/22/2023 by Nicole Hoyt**

11/21/2023: FTA BC for Nikaya Neal. Pre foster training required. Mandatory FTA. FTAs did not show up to the BC. I offered availability to reschedule for later tonight or tomorrow. I'll also send over availability for next week. I am planning to offer to complete the pre training Thursday-Saturday in case we can get Beluga bear in the home quicker. I will update once I hear back.-RR

### **07/12/2022 by Becca DeFoe**

7/11 SO BC for Adrienne Gilg. Thinking it over after hearing the BC since parents will be over during the SO. Parents will need to come in to meet him w/ MMs. Offered a few suggestions in case Beluga and Harry Potter are not a good fit. -RR

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## **Volunteer Notes**

### **02/07/2024 by Curtis Rokicki**

Timestamp :

2/6/2024 13:11:16

Your Name :

Kris Clark

Email :

krisclark119@gmail.com

Dog's Name :

Beluga

How long was the dog with you? :

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2 weeks

Did the dog seem crate trained? :  
Definitely! He loved his crate

Did the dog seem potty trained? :  
Yes, after getting used to the house.

How was the dog in the car? :  
Loved it.

How was the dog when left alone? :  
Totally fine, just slept.

Did the dog show any destructive behavior? :  
Only to his toys!

Did the dog interact with any of the following while with you? :  
Dogs, New People

Describe how the dog did when interacting with any from the above list. :  
No problem with new people. We did a backyard intro with another dog and they had a tiny scuffle but resolved it immediately between themselves. Once they were acquainted with each other they had no problems at all.

Please add any other details you would like to share. :  
Very food motivated, a little pushy when begging for human food, loves walks, new people need to be a little careful petting him but a simple check in helped him - he got startled of people reaching towards him

**02/02/2024 by Heidi Oldenkamp**

Timestamp :  
2/1/2024 21:35:45

Your Name :  
Karen Hardwick

Email :  
karen.hardwick@apavolunteer.org

Dog's Name :  
Beluga

How long was the dog with you? :  
Was with sleepover host for two weeks

Did the dog seem crate trained? :  
yes

Did the dog seem potty trained? :  
yes, after initial few days

How was the dog in the car? :  
fine

How was the dog when left alone? :  
Was crated and did fine

Did the dog show any destructive behavior? :  
No

Did the dog interact with any of the following while with you? :  
Dogs

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Describe how the dog did when interacting with any from the above list. :  
Had a dog-dog intro the second week that was initiated by BT. After that, Beluga and Duke was allowed limited time together as part of the slow integration. He came back to APA at the end of the 2nd week so there wasn't time to do a full integration but the pups were fine together.

Please add any other details you would like to share. :

The following are highlights of Beluga's 2-week sleepover as noted by Kris, his sleepover host.

Beluga was a velcro dog. Liked to follow Kris or his sister around and hang out nearby. For instance, in the kitchen when they were cooking or being at their feet when they were on the couch. Allowed petting once he was comfortable. Best to let him initiate. They were both able to pet him often once he was used to them!

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Beluga slept, relaxed next to them in the room. He was very calm and did not fuss. At night, he would either sleep on his bed or on the sister's bed. She had a mattress on the floor since she was visiting and she would invite him on it. He would occasionally play with his squeaky toys. They made sure to put it away when both pups were in the room together. They lifted Beluga up into the car without a problem. He would sit on the seat and look out the window.

The following is a list of the tips Beluga's previous sleepover host implemented to help him transition from the shelter to the home during the first 4 days. It was given to Kris and it was helpful in getting Beluga acclimated.

- Don't try to pet him. He will be anxious and needs time to decompress.
- Very frequent potty breaks (1-2 times an hour, if possible, the first couple of days).
- If they have slippery floors, yoga mats or carpet runners for traction
- Crate him when you leave & overnight at least the first few days so he doesn't hurt himself/fall on slippery floors
- To help him stay calm A lavender diffuser (optional: helpful for calming)
- Some type of calming treats (optional: I used hemp)
- Plush squeaky toys
- Puzzle toys

### **01/08/2024 by Melissa Calhoun**

Timestamp :

1/7/2024 22:54:30

Your Name :

Karen Hardwick

Email :

karen.hardwick@apavolunteer.org

Dog's Name :

Beluga

How long was the dog with you? :

1hr

Did the dog seem crate trained? :

n/a

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Did the dog seem potty trained? :  
yes

How was the dog in the car? :  
He was more comfortable being on the floorboard than the seat so I let him sit there on the ride back.

How was the dog when left alone? :  
n/a

Did the dog show any destructive behavior? :  
no

Did the dog interact with any of the following while with you? :  
None of these were encountered

Describe how the dog did when interacting with any from the above list. :  
n/a

Please add any other details you would like to share. :

I took Beluga on a short field trip to get a burger at the drive-thru and we went to the park afterwards. He moved around a bit in the car, wanting to be in front with me. So on the way back, I let him sit on the floorboard in the back seat which was more comfortable for him. Beluga did let me lift him up onto the car several times and did not seem sensitive to touch. I was also able to hold onto him when he was seated upfront with me. After he ate his burgers, we took a short walk around the park. There was a small dog and kiddo in the distance which he ignored. Beluga enjoyed walking around and exploring this new area. Super easy peasy outing with his guy.

### **11/17/2023 by Becca DeFoe**

2023-11-16 01:43:00

11/14 I got an inquiry from a PA about Beluga and I got approval from matchmakers to do the meet & greet. The PA had broken her phone the night before so I chatted with her in person about Beluga's background, home needs and got info about her also. Then I brought Beluga to the conference room and let him walk around while I held the leash. He was relaxed and noticed the PA but was not concerned. I had the PA sit before we entered and had given her some treats to throw to him. He sniffed around then came up to her looking for treats (as he always does with me). She held out the treats in her hand instead of throwing it before I could remind her. Beluga still had relaxed body language so I let him continue. I still held the leash loosely in case I needed to pull him away. I had already told her that Beluga tends to pace around when he first gets into a room so we headed out for a ballfield walk. The PA listened to instructions and was good about giving Beluga space. He was very unconcerned; basically ignoring her as we walked. Halfway around, I moved so that Beluga was walking between us. No issues at all. He had picked up his toy and carried it on the walk which the PA thought was so cute. Once we got back, she gave Beluga the remaining treats and I took him back to his kennel. Since the PA also has a BF, I told her he would also have to meet Beluga. So we arranged for him to come in the next day.

11/15 - The PA and her BF came in and I took them to the conference room again. I went over the notes and asked the BF if he had any questions. Brought Beluga in on leash the same way as yesterday. The BF forgot and almost pet Beluga but once I cautioned him, he immediately sat back. Beluga was not concerned though. He just started looking to see if any of us had treats. I gave both of them treats to give to him. Then, I let Beluga walk around the room while I held the leash. Then, We went around the ballfields again and they both kept a good distance from Beluga. Then they got parallel for the rest of the walk. They both loved how chill Beluga was and for extra cuteness, he carried his toy around for the entire walk again. They wanted to move forward to next steps so I intro'd them to Missy, matchmaker. She went over his history again and they were okay with everything. They are ready to proceed to the BC and pre-adopt training!

### **09/04/2023 by Curtis Rokicki**

Timestamp :  
9/4/2023 10:57:44

Your Name :  
Chris Marquette

Email :  
chrisemarquette@gmail.com

Dog's Name :  
Beluga

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How long was the dog with you? :  
10 days

Did the dog seem crate trained? :  
yes

Did the dog seem potty trained? :  
yes, but not 100%

How was the dog in the car? :  
pretty good, but he got a little stuck on the floor board of my back seat,  
it was a little difficult to get him out

How was the dog when left alone? :  
quiet; the first few days I left him free roam while I was at work but on  
the 3rd day, he ended up on the hardwood floor (not on the yoga mats) and  
struggled to stand up for a couple of hours! :( After that I crated him  
while I was at work to avoid him exhausting himself

Did the dog show any destructive behavior? :  
mildly - he went after a couple of towels, TP roll, and a pillow but was  
easily re-directed

Did the dog interact with any of the following while with you? :  
None of these were encountered

Describe how the dog did when interacting with any from the above list. :  
n/a

Please add any other details you would like to share. :  
-takes a while to relax (several hours with me, and I know him; would  
probably be longer with a new PA/PF)  
-walks well on leash with his harness, did early morning walks around the  
block just fine, late evening super short walks b/c of the heat  
-very quiet, he did not bark a single time  
-loves to play with stuffed toys; will play a little with tennis balls and  
rope toys  
-does great with puzzle toys, has a very good sniffer!  
-did not appear to RG food or toys from me  
-has difficulty walking on slick floors/hardwood  
-does best regarding "relaxing" if you are either gone all day, or home all  
day; in and out many times seems to stress him out (more stress  
panting/pacing)  
-is very much a velcro dog! Followed me everywhere  
-crate trained; probably best to crate him while leaving for several hours  
to avoid him struggling w/slick floors; also best to crate him when you are  
cooking or eating b/c he is constantly walking in front of you/begging for  
food while you try to eat  
-enjoys going in his crate on his own when he's tired/wants to nap  
-may have UTI or some other cause for excessive water drinking while I was  
at home with him, so I took him out every 20-30 min and he peed every time;  
when I did that he did not have any accidents (emailed medical about that)  
-no accidents when crated while I was at work for 5-6 hours at a time with  
the exception of Wed when he had exhausted himself/got stuck on the  
hardwood floor  
-slept by himself downstairs free roam; took a little while to settle down  
but would either sleep in the crate on his own, or on one of the beds I had  
downstairs for him  
-needs a very patient person(s) who has a heart for senior dogs and the  
potential for accidents (both pee and poop) as well as respect his  
boundaries and that he may never really want them to pet him

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-day 1 Sat: he was drinking a lot of water and stress pacing/panting for several hours; I tried to take him out to my backyard every 20-30 minutes for the first couple of hours to avoid any accidents; when I pushed it to an hour (on the third hour) he peed on a throw rug. That night I took him before I went to take a shower and 30 min later he had pooped on the tile.

-day 2 Sun: I left for about 3 hours for an event (9:30 am - 12:30pm) and he was fine. I spent the rest of the day just hanging out with him at home and he settled down nicely. No more stress panting and pacing. Played nicely with toys, really liked stuffies! Solves puzzle toys with kibbles very quickly!

-day 3 Mon: left him free roam while I went to work; Karen H. came at lunch to give him a potty break. When I came home from work it appeared he just slept all day, no accidents

-day 4: Tues. similar to Mon, I came home at lunch to let him out.

-day 5 Wed: poor bub ended up on the hardwood (I had LOTS of yoga mats spready everywhere for him) & when I checked on him on the ring cam, he struggled for a good 2 hours to get up before I got home at lunch to let him out, :-( When I got home, I had to slip a "sling" under his belly to get him up and outside. I ended up leaving that on him when I put him in the crate before going back to work and when I got home he had peed in it. That was the only time he had an accident in the crate.

-day 6 Thu: crated him while I was at work, no accidents

-day 7 Fri: worked from home, he relaxed quickly. Dan got home from his trip that day and Beluga seemed to remember him from dog walks. Settled in quickly, we were both able to get in some pets (he had been soliciting pets from me all week, but out of an abundance of caution given his history I resisted the urge until Fri. when Dan was home in case something went wrong)

-day 8 Sat: did air snap at Dan a couple of times (I did not see what happened, seems Dan was going to pet him after previous consent pets went well, but then Beluga wasn't having it).

-days 9-10 (Sun - Mon) Uneventful, just hanging out at home until time to come back.

#### **04/06/2023 by Kathi Miller**

Karen Hardwick karen.hardwick@austinpetsalive.org has submitted Dog Info on Beluga 104937. The responses are below and in the Dog Info Spreadsheet.

Relationship with Dog : Volunteer (dog lives at TLAC)

Choose Your Bio Option : Volunteer/Staff - Update an Existing TLAC Bio (submit updates only, word limited)

Bio updates: Share the Specific Edits/Updates for an Existing Bio : 2nd request to add Instagram account: adopt\_beluga

#### **09/04/2022 by Anothony Gonelli**

Timestamp :

9/3/2022 16:59:13

Your Name :

Jess Borda

Email :

jnb262@gmail.com

Dog's Name :

Beluga

How long was the dog with you? :

4 nights

Did the dog seem crate trained? :

yes

Did the dog seem potty trained? :

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after the first 24 hours, yes

How was the dog in the car? :

hard time getting into the car due to painful hips but seemed to enjoy the ride

How was the dog when left alone? :

fine in his crate. restless for the first 30-45 minutes but quiet and sleeps hard

Did the dog show any destructive behavior? :

none

Did the dog interact with any of the following while with you? :

None of these were encountered

Describe how the dog did when interacting with any from the above list. :

n/a

Please add any other details you would like to share. :

I had him for four nights. The first 24 hours was very rough. Lots of pacing and peeing in the house. He was panting nearly the whole time. I ended up taking off his drag leash since he dragged it through pee twice. He wouldn't settle down. Finally, after another pee accident at 3 in the morning, I put him in the crate. It took another 40 minutes to settle down but he finally went to sleep. Things got a lot easier from there. The only time he snapped at me was early on when I did a brief pet and when I was trying to help him up. I had toys, food and a rawhide out the entire time and he never had any issues with playing, grabbing the toys or walking by them. He only had one accident after the first day and had no issues going to the bathroom in the rain. He seems to like car rides but had a hard time jumping up into the back of my car. He was able to get himself in the passenger side, then slowly climb over the back seat during the ride. Over time, I was able to get consent pets on his face and neck but he was a little 'what are you doing?' when I try to clip his leash to harness. He just seemed uncomfortable and possibly in pain since I didn't have all of his meds for the sleepover. The hard floors were a little hard for him and he got stuck at one point. I tried getting a yoga mat under him but he couldn't get purchase. I ended up clipping the leash to his harness to help haul him up. I was able to leave him home alone several times and came home to him sound asleep in the crate. I think transitions are pretty hard for him, so liberal use of the crate in the first 24-48 hours will help him settle in. He wasn't too into his kibble but did eat some. He wouldn't take his spoonful of peanut butter with a pill in it from my hand but had no issues gobbling it up if I put it on the floor. He liked any human snacks I shared with him-especially frozen blueberries and yogurt.

### **03/11/2022 by Becca DeFoe**

SL shortcut, Full Diary, APA bio, Bigs

Karen Hardwick

2022-03-09 20:35:27

I've taken Beluga out twice now and haven't gotten any yellow vibes from him. The first time, I was taking his marketing photos. I was able to change out his leash and put on a bandana without any problems. He walked slowly and a little unsteady in the yard. The second time, I decided to take Beluga outside for a walk. He was much more confident and didn't even tilt his head much. We went to the airstream afterwards which he was pretty curious about exploring. He never reacted to his barking neighbors and pulled to get to get into his kennel when we headed back.

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## **History**

### **02/07/2024 by Alyssa Bauer**

For PA training session, potentially doing it in the home just to get the lay of their home and what he may need -AB (KH)

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suggested)

**09/04/2023 by Breanna Pavel**

S/O Chris Marquette will be dropping off sample for in house urinalysis with SG and dipstick.

**08/25/2023 by Sara Miles**

s/o with Chris Marquette 8/26-9/4 SM

**02/13/2023 by Andrew Miclat**

Feed soft food diet x 14 days (watered kibble/wet food) 2/13 - cleared to go back to normal diet

**10/01/2022 by Krystian Moraga**

consolidating pop-ups. moving this to history. Gaba and vetoryl for life at APA! per Dr.Gordon

**09/22/2022 by Krystian Moraga**

2c diet kibble, 1 joint supp

**08/18/2022 by Taylor Roach**

Added to storm anxiety list. Chewing on kennel door and tearing up mouth/gums during storm. TR 8/18

**08/06/2022 by Bailey Poindexter**

unofficial BQ until 8/16. BP

**08/05/2022 by Alli Miller**

physically in foster with Lauren Knobloch <lauren.knobloch@gmail.com>

**08/04/2022 by Alli Miller**

PF matched P/U 8/5 AM

**07/20/2022 by Andrew Rohrbaugh**

2.5c kibble, 1 joint supp

**02/23/2022 by Bailey Poindexter**

consolidating pop-ups. moving this to history. muzzle for medical

**02/12/2022 by Paul Turner**

3c kibble

**02/10/2022 by Lauren Heymann**

unofficial BQ until 2/20 BP // MUZZLE FOR MEDICAL - gives no warning per DMS - LNH

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## Foster's Notes

**02/02/2024 by Sara Miles**

Notes from most recent s/o

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Crate him when you leave & overnight at least the first few days so he doesn't hurt himself/fall on slippery floors and to help him stay calm

A lavender diffuser (optional: helpful for calming)

Some type of calming treats (optional: I used hemp)

Plush squeaky toys

Puzzle toys

### **08/06/2022 by Kendra Magdales**

Lauren Knobloch lauren.knobloch@gmail.com has submitted Dog Info on Beluga 104937. The responses are below and in the Dog Info Spreadsheet.

Relationship with Dog : Foster (dog lives in foster home)

Lives with dogs? : Yes

If YES, how would you describe those interactions? IMPORTANT: Foster dogs should not be interacting with resident dogs during the first week. You can provide Dog Score details once the dogs have interacted. : Neutral

Inside & Outside Home: Please share any relationships, interactions, or encounters with other dogs either inside or outside the home. If possible, include gender, size, age and breed of other dogs. (type NA if not applicable) : None

Lives with children? : No

Inside & Outside Home: Please share any relationships, interactions, or encounters with children either inside or outside the home. If possible, include the age of children. 0-5 years / 6-12 years / 12 years and older. (type NA if not applicable) : None

Lives with cats? : No

Inside & Outside Home: Please share any relationships, interactions, or encounters with cats either inside or outside the home. If possible, include the age of cats. (type NA if not applicable) : None

Does well when humans are away? : No

Please describe how the dog does when left alone (e.g., cries, barks, is destructive, does well in-crate, is left to free-roam, etc.). : None

Is house trained? : No

Please include house training details (e.g., has accidents, is learning to go when outside, only goes outside, etc.). : Beluga was only with me for a few short hours, but during that time he marked twice in the house with large puddles of pee on furniture. It was the same general area, so perhaps he smelled something on the furniture that set him off. Within those hours I took him out for several potty breaks, since he's older, but he definitely did not seem house trained.

Any known medical conditions? : Yes

Describe any conditions. :

Any known behavioral challenges? : No

Describe any challenges. :

Any other concerns to note? : Yes

Describe any concerns. : I would just note for future homes with other dogs that Beluga does not share toys. Here is what happened: Titan (my dog) and Beluga met on-site and everything was alright. When we got home they were very neutral with each other. I made sure to separate them and made Beluga a little home in the mudroom off the kitchen. I used a baby gate to keep the two of them separated. Titan was curious about Beluga and Beluga wanted out in the living room, but the two stayed in their areas. Beluga doesn't seem to mind other dogs. He and Titan kept their distance respectfully and read each other well, I thought. While I was in the kitchen cleaning up, Beluga used his sweet little head to push down the baby

gate. He went around one side of the kitchen island and wandered into the living. Titan quickly went around the opposite side and snuck into Beluga's gated area. He snapped up Beluga's little stuffed toy. Beluga took notice as Titan was leaving his gated area, came right for Titan and bit Titan around the neck. A fight followed and I used the drag leash to separate the two. Both were shaken and Beluga pretty immediately calmed down. I put Beluga back in his area and added a crate for extra protection. I put Titan back in the living room. After the altercation though, Beluga just wanted out of his area and Titan wanted to go at Beluga. Obviously this is my fault - not Titan's and definitely not Beluga's. I also want y'all to know that you gave me EVERY piece of advice you should have. I felt like I knew exactly what I was getting into when I offered to foster this sweet older pup. You told me to keep them separated, you told me slowly introductions, you told me it would take time. You told me Beluga's tendencies and I definitely did not feel mislead at all. It was an accident and I didn't move quickly enough to stop this interaction. I feel horribly about it. I know I didn't give the two of them much of a chance at all once this happened, however, once Titan gets in an altercation with a dog - most notably where he gets bit - he doesn't forget. This has happened in the past with neighborhood dogs that aren't fenced in. One dog in the neighborhood got loose from his owner's grasp, ran at Titan and bit him around the neck. He still notices that dog a block away and gets noticeably upset. My gut instinct told me Titan was not going to let Beluga decompress after their altercation. Again, I can't say this enough, I am so sorry that I wasn't a better foster for Beluga. Something else I would note is that he is definitely not house-trained. He marked on furniture - large puddles of pee. Poor pup might benefit from an extra patient human to help him relearn his house training. Beluga's Perfect Foster: Well, y'al know better than I do, obviously. If I were to take a stab at Beluga's perfect foster situation though, I think Beluga's perfect home might be one where where he is either the only dog or he has a lot more space to sprawl out in when separated. NO leaving toys out for the first week or so maybe. :) His human would need to be one that is okay working on his potty training. Beluga doesn't really snuggle, doesn't really mind if you're around or not. Just wants to sniff around, explore, chill, and see what life is like in the A.C.

Choose Your Bio Option : Dog Already Has a Bio

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## Behavioral

### 01/02/2024 by Ceilidh Smith

Beluga's half drag leash was wrapped around his back right foot in his kennel, then two towels and a blanket were wrapped into the leash as each other. Maybe a dog bed in back instead of blankets? It wasn't wrapped too tight but still dangerous. JB 01/01

### 09/25/2023 by Melissa Calhoun

9/24: Beluga- 9/24 Moved to kennel 18 due to ledge coming out of kennel 35. Added a sheet to the back bedroom, he's clearly stressed about the interior hall of 4/5. He previously was on building 1, where there are bedroom sight blinders and it's such a tight space that you can only see 1-3 neighbors on the interior. On the bigger building, you can see more like 5-10 neighbors. Added the bedroom sheet to the care card instructions and to his shelterluv under kennel setup, please give him time to decompress in his new space. JM

### 05/23/2023 by Becca DeFoe

(5/21) part of the rug that was in his kennel had come unraveled and was wrapped around his drag leash which then wrapped around his back right foot. I tossed some treats away from me while I worked on getting the mess untangled. I was able to unwind the rug, then the leash with some moderately invasive handling. No defensiveness seen. His foot was a bit swollen but I don't think it's been like that for too long. His foot looked fine on Monday. Jess

### 02/05/2023 by Melissa Calhoun

02/05: Beluga Tried to clamp on my arm while reaching for drag in yard. Didn't leave any marks and seemed unfazed afterwards. Probably just spooked the old man, went back to normal after refocusing with treats. JF

### 12/05/2022 by Christine Marquette

12/4/22: first time meeting. Very sweet and easy boy. Grabbed DL and took him to the top long yard. Brought him some low calorie snacks and learned he likes sliced carrots and blueberries, but not green beans. Seemed to almost become affectionate with me, but due to his history I chose not to offer pets this outing. Feels like he could be a yellow, ask staff. BD

### 11/11/2022 by Heidi Oldenkamp

11/10 - Monitor resolved - Beluga is red (approved handlers). BT would have to decide whether or not to downgrade, but handlers can just get approved in the meantime.

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**11/04/2022 by Heidi Oldenkamp**

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**09/03/2022 by Becca DeFoe**

sleepover notes. I had him for four nights. The first 24 hours was very rough. Lots of pacing and peeing in the house. He was panting nearly the whole time. I ended up taking off his drag leash since he dragged it through pee twice. He wouldn't settle down. Finally, after another pee accident at 3 in the morning, I put him in the crate. It took another 40 minutes to settle down but he finally went to sleep. Things got a lot easier from there. The only time he snapped at me was early on when I did a brief pet and when I was trying to help him up. I had toys, food and a rawhide out the entire time and he never had any issues with playing, grabbing the toys or walking by them. He only had one accident after the first day and had no issues going to the bathroom in the rain. He seems to like car rides but had a hard time jumping up into the back of my car. He was able to get himself in the passenger side, then slowly climb over the back seat during the ride. Over time, I was able to get consent pets on his face and neck but he was a little 'what are you doing?' when I try to clip his leash to harness. He seems to want pets but just doesn't understand them. He just seemed uncomfortable and possibly in pain since I didn't have all of his meds for the sleepover. The hard floors were a little hard for him and he got stuck at one point. I tried getting a yoga mat under him but he couldn't get purchase. I ended up clipping the leash to his harness to help haul him up. I was able to leave him home alone several times and came home to him sound asleep in the crate. I think transitions are pretty hard for him, so liberal use of the crate in the first 24-48 hours will help him settle in. He wasn't too into his kibble but did eat some. He wouldn't take his spoonful of peanut butter with a pill in it from my hand but had no issues gobbling it up if I put it on the floor. He liked any human snacks I shared with him-especially frozen blueberries and yogurt. Beluga doesn't seem to understand body pressure either. I'm not sure if it's a spatial awareness thing but backing him out of spaces or getting him out of the fridge is weird. Again, no snapping or defensive behaviors, just not listening or getting in the way when trying to maneuver him without touching him. Jess

**09/01/2022 by Kaitlin Bailey**

Grabbed a toy in the truckport on walk, let him carry it around and used treats to get him to drop it and move away. No issues. XK

**08/22/2022 by Christine Marquette**

8/21 to walk him off campus, I went through the truckport. He immediately grabbed a toy and carried it for our entire walk. No issues with him having it but he wasn't letting it go. Stopped to talk to Ryan and Thomas outside of Emma's house about options. He ended up dropping the toy at this point and i was able to move him away from it and no issues going back through the truckport. Jess

**08/19/2022 by Becca DeFoe**

8/15 First time meeting during PM walks. Loose and wiggly to see me at the kennel door. Easy to get out of kennel. He pulled lightly to a few toy baskets as we walked, but was easy to distract by playing find it and calling him to me when he would begin to pull. He had a blast playing find it around the ball fields. M/r for calm behavior and eye contact. Easy return to kennel. Sweet old man! -RR

**08/17/2022 by Tanya Sheehan**

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**08/12/2022 by Melinda Brenner**

8/10 First time handling him. Easily able to enter and exit kennel. Nice walk around ballfields being careful to not put too much pressure on his neck. He did pull towards conf rm and then anchored himself in front of ringworm door (as if looking at his reflection). Foot work didn't work so used treats to lure and then move feet. Used this approach one other time when he wanted to head toward the far side door of Davenport. JL

**08/12/2022 by Melinda Brenner**

8/9 - Took on ball field walk. Beluga saw a lacrosse ball on the ground and pulled towards it. I anchored so that he couldn't reach it. He pulled on the leash a bit and then walked back towards me before snapping at my leg. This was towards the end of our walk so he was pretty tired already. He also pulled toward every toy basket he saw on the way out and back in. Needs structured toy time. TB

**08/12/2022 by Becca DeFoe**

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**08/07/2022 by Christine Marquette**

took over for AR after Beluga bit him. Beluga got fixated on a toy basket while I had dl. I tried to lead him away and he jumped and snapped at my leash hand. Needs to be leashed walks only. TB

**08/04/2022 by Becca DeFoe**

(8/3) dog/dog m&g w/foster's senior pibble who has had some dog trauma, bite hx, and can be fearful of new ppl. Shadowed foster walking dog in and muzzling w/size 4. Pup was clingy to mom and right after I brought Beluga in the cp he swiped off his muzz. Discussed our options while resident pup sniffed Beluga through the gate and they both gave some tail wags before moving away. Mom and I agreed we felt ok letting Beluga in instead of muzzing either boy, based on their demeanor, as well as negative muzz assoc. Beluga entered and the boys shared bd sniffs (prolonged in B's part), then resident turned for fd. Beluga stiffened and gave a few defensive barks, resident tucked tail and softened, and Beluga moved away. Both boys coexisted for a few min and came near mom. Had mom put up their treat pouch to avoid competition. After a few min, had mom give each dog affection, without issue. Beluga did give an air snap after some extended head pets. Recommended sticking with consent pets only when solic. to start. Chatted about starting with total separation in home, and brief interactions in yard with dls on both dogs (Beluga in yard first, sniff through sliding door, letting res. out), and aversives handy. Beluga came back again for a looser, briefer fdbd and gave one awkward bork during fd. Both boys coexisted well near foster. Emailed foster dog/dog packet and some other training links (crate training, slow dog intros, defensive dogs, md) to get them started. Let team know foster is planning to pick up on Friday and will need a crate. ML

**07/08/2022 by Curtis Rokicki**

7/7: Has a severe startle/handling sensitivity response due to his vision impairment that has led to some pretty hefty bites I have personally seen and had to report on, would not feel super comfy downgrading him, I don't want to put him at risk for another bite on his record when he's already very challenging to place. XK

**07/06/2022 by Laryssa Parker**

Downgrade Behavior Color Request -Have had him out regularly for a long time, never observed any yellow behavior, no reactivity to dogs even when passing loud kennels. No jammy behavior either. Greets happily at the door, easy to change out leashes, nice for BF walks and enjoys bounced balls to chase a little in yard. Readily accepts consent pets. Tanya Sheehan

**06/26/2022 by Anothony Gonelli**

6/25

Beluga Can Beluga's collar be loosened? It's tight on him. Karen Hardwick

**06/09/2022 by Laryssa Parker**

Timestamp :

6/9/2022 0:52:04

Your Name :

Karen Hardwick

Email :

karen.hardwick@austinpetsalive.org

Dog's Name :

Beluga

How long was the dog with you? :

3hrs

Did the dog seem crate trained? :

Didn't try

Did the dog seem potty trained? :

He pottied at the loft but may have been nervous being at the loft since he was panting

How was the dog in the car? :

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He was great

How was the dog when left alone? :  
Didn't leave him alone

Did the dog show any destructive behavior? :  
No

Did the dog interact with any of the following while with you? :  
None of these were encountered

Describe how the dog did when interacting with any from the above list. :  
N/A

Please add any other details you would like to share. :  
Beluga was great in the car. I did toss some treats on the seat to entice him to get in on his own. He was a little slow getting up the stairs with his old man legs. Beluga played with the stuffed animal and tugrope. He also loved doing the puzzle toy since there were treats in it. He relaxed a little when I gave him a rawhide and took his time eating it. Great outing with Beluga. He's a sweetheart.

**05/27/2022 by Heidi Oldenkamp**

5/26 - Beluga and Chonk- Monitor removed. No issues noted since. CS monitor for personality conflict/ potential move- 5/15 chonk was wide eyed and growling at beluga when I was taking Beluga out for his evening walk. Did it when we walked both to and from the kennel AT 5.19 No issues today with these two! XK 5.22 Walked both today with no issues. XK

**05/19/2022 by Heidi Oldenkamp**

5/19 - Given a chain leash for DL. CS monitor for chain leash in kennel 5/4 Chewed through his CPDL in kennel. Replaced it with another CPDL but adding monitor in case it happens again. BP 5.11 Continue to monitor XK

**03/24/2022 by Kim McManus**

03/23/2022 - Beluga Downgrade Behavior Color Request - I have taken Beluga out a number of times and have not noticed any yellow behavior. He is easy to leash up. No reaction to his reactive neighbors. I have placed bandanas on him and switched out leashes without any issues. Karen Hardwick

**03/03/2022 by Heidi Oldenkamp**

3/3 - Just wanted to add the note of Beluga not showing any yellow behaviors since he goes to PG so doesn't get as much people interaction. Also requesting a better kennel location. Took this guy out for the first time to take some marketing photos. Didn't see any defensive behavior or reactivity while we were out. I was able to take off his drag leash and place a bandana on him. He let me put the drag leash back on afterwards without a problem. I gave him a quick pet on the head which he was okay with also. Btw, his kennel is located on the back of bldg 4 which has a slope which makes it awkward for him to walk on when the tarps are down because of his head tilt. Karen Hardwick

**03/01/2022 by Becca DeFoe**

2/28 easy to muzzle using food. Chowd down on a bowl of wet food while we looked him over for injuries. Erupted at me when I barely touched his leg, erupted at Paul for touching his tummy. Prior to this, I had no issue petting his head and neck. But if he needs a handsy exam, should probably be sedated. AMS

**02/20/2022 by Clover Linwood**

From 02.19.22  
Beluga\*

**02/14/2022 by Laura Thomas**

Note from Jean at Classic Canines: "We had 3-4 volunteers who were working with him very successfully. Unfortunately AAC Dr Lund said they didn't have "resources" for him however he wasn't on any treatment except doxy so I'm not sure what she meant by that. I understand he had a couple behavior challenges right away once transferred. Hopefully AAC provided his full records to you. I found his snapping isn't so much about using a clip leash or a slip leash but it's more about coming at his head and neck when he doesn't see hands coming. His peripheral vision is poor due to his head tilt and we suspected his hearing is diminished. At one time I had a clip leash on him and was able to pet his back no trouble, but when the leash later dropped and I went to pick it up to his left side he couldn't fully see me coming and he snapped like a horse would try to shoo a fly away, no contact made."

**02/13/2022 by Clover Linwood**

From 02.12.22

Beluga\*

**02/11/2022 by Heidi Oldenkamp**

2/10 - Level 2 Bite this AM, Vol. suspects that it is due to handling sensitivities on the bottom of his neck. Spent 5-10 minutes in the kennel before outing petting him and he was fine. Walk went well, when she was leaving went to swap DL with her leash at the bottom of his neck and he reacted, tagging her. Stated she took the drag off the dog in the kennel before leaving and he was okay with her removing it from the top of his neck. Bite report submitted. XK

**02/10/2022 by Kim McManus**

02/09/22 - Beluga - Sweet boy, made blue and immediately monitored for downgrade, could be pink but due to neuro I wanted to be safe just in case. Walks well on leash, mild pulling. XK

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**Disclaimer**

**10/12/2023 by Heather Dickeson**

This dog is enrolled in Flight Paths, a program that ensures our in-shelter and in-foster animals they get the quality of life, marketing, and training support they need to be expediently and successfully placed in their new home. If you would like support or information from this dog's Flight Crew, please email [flightpaths@austinpetsalive.org](mailto:flightpaths@austinpetsalive.org) with the dog's APA name and we will hop on it!

**05/24/2023 by Rebecca Rivera**

This dog has a history of not wanting to share items that they see as high-value with other dogs; these are items such as food and toys. This can be managed by feeding them in a separate room from other dogs or animals and removing toys unless the dog is crated or separated from other dogs or animals.

Behavior: Note of toy guarding from other dogs.

\*Updated 5/24/23, RR

**08/24/2022 by Jessica Borda**

The dog you are adopting has notes of behaviors that may require attention, training or management. These behaviors are listed below along with management tips. APA! provides free behavioral support for the lifetime of this animal, we hope you will contact us at [dogbehaviorfollowup@austinpetsalive.org](mailto:dogbehaviorfollowup@austinpetsalive.org) should you find yourself in need of support.

Bite history - has landed multiple bites when people reached towards him to grab his leash. Muzzle for medical. Possible defense and startle response due to impaired vision. Possible handling sensitivities around neck/chest.

Transition issues-takes about 4 days to settle in to the home. Very restless, has accidents. heavily utilize the crate to help him relax and take him out every hour or more if possible. let him initiate petting to prevent defensive snaps. able to co-exist with other dogs. due to degenerative neuro issues, his mobility can be poor. yoga mats or grippy rugs will help with traction. crating when left home alone and overnight helps with anxiety. see foster's notes from 2/2/2024 for more info. updated 2/3/2024 Jess

**05/16/2022 by Melody Perry**

muzzle for medical handling, particularly sensitive around neck/collar.

**03/03/2022 by Allison Swearingen**

I understand and agree as follows:

Full ownership of the animal described in this contract ("Animal") will be transferred to me only after the medical treatment outlined in the contract disclaimers has been completed either at Austin Pets Alive, Inc. ("APA!") or through a private veterinarian.

Until the adoption is complete:

- (1) the Animal remains the property of APA!;
- (2) APA! maintains responsibility only for the Animal's Pre-Adopt Medical Treatment as outlined in this contract;
- (3) I have assumed and am responsible for all medical treatment related to the Animal other than the Animal's Pre-Adopt Medical Treatment as outlined in this contract;
- (4) APA! has full authority to make decisions related to the Pre-Adopt Medical Treatment for the Animal;
- (5) APA! may take back the Animal at any time and for any reason;
- (6) I must return the Animal to APA! within 24 hours of request/demand;
- (7) I must notify APA! if the Animal sustains a life-threatening injury or illness; and
- (8) APA! must approve any euthanasia recommendation by a private veterinarian before the Animal is euthanized, unless the recommendation is made after 7:00 pm or before 10:00 am and is based on an emergency.

All private veterinary expenses (including emergency services), whether incurred while the Animal is in Pre-Adopt status or after the Animal's adoption is finalized, are my responsibility and that I will not be reimbursed by APA! for any such expenses, unless specifically provided otherwise in this Agreement.

I must comply with the Animal's treatment plan and be proactive in the treatment and recovery of the Animal. If I am not, I understand that APA! may take the Animal back and cancel this adoption. I understand that if I refuse to surrender the Animal to APA!, as required herein, APA! may outcome the animal as "Lost/Stolen" and/or pursue any and all available legal remedies against me.

Long-term follow-up and care will be my responsibility and APA! will not be liable for complications.

#### **02/10/2022 by Kelsey Hance**

BC-IM for bite history - has landed multiple bites when people reached towards him to grab his leash. Muzzle for medical. Possible defense and startle response due to impaired vision. Possible handling sensitivities around neck/chest.

#### **02/10/2022 by Bailey Poindexter**

I understand the animal I am adopting has a history of biting that might be very minor/accidental or might be more complicated. I have had the information surrounding the bite provided to me and have been given an opportunity to have all of my questions appropriately addressed.

#### **02/09/2022 by Allison Swearingen**

Heartworm Positive: This dog is heartworm positive. For information on the treatment process and care, please review the Heartworm Handout provided in your adoption packet. The adoption fee covers the cost of heartworm treatment done through the APA! clinic. Email our clinic ([medicalreception@austinpetsalive.org](mailto:medicalreception@austinpetsalive.org)) to schedule treatment or for any questions.

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## **Virtual Foster**

#### **10/12/2023 by Heather Dickeson**

Karen Hardwick

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## **Kennel Setup**

#### **09/24/2023 by Jenna McHugh**

no exterior or interior kuranda, kennel padded with rugs, sheet to cover interior kennel door

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## **Kennel Card / Web Site Memo**

#### **04/07/2023 by Genevieve Jooste**

Beluga is a senior gentleman that is looking for a nice place to retire! He is looking for his last home, a quiet home, where he can hang out and lounge to his heart's desire. At his age, he is looking for someone who just wants to share their space with him. He's leaving the rough and rowdy playing for the puppies.

Beluga wants to sniff around, explore, chill, and see what life is like. He loves taking daily walks around the neighborhood and on the trail. And puzzle toys keep his mind busy.

"Beluga loved doing the puzzle toy since there were treats in it. He relaxed a little when I gave him a rawhide and he took his time eating it. He's a sweetheart!" says his friend Karen, who recently took him on a field trip.

Beluga would appreciate a calm, low traffic home. He enjoys having his people near by to play tug-rope or toss him a squeaky toy. He takes a lot of naps and can be found snoozing in the yard under the shade.

This senior boy is ready to settle in your loving home. Come meet this lovable boy! You can see more about him on Instagram: [@adopt\\_beluga\\_bear](https://www.instagram.com/adopt_beluga_bear)

#### **08/07/2022 by Shreyas Krishnan**

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"Beluga loved doing the puzzle toy since there were treats in it. He relaxed a little when I gave him a rawhide and took his time eating it. He's a sweetheart!" says his friend Karen, who recently took him on a field trip. He doesn't want to share his toys with other dogs, so he will prefer to be the only pet in his new home.

When the weather is hot, Beluga loves to climb into the car and feel the cool wind over his ears. He can also learn plenty of new tricks when there's food involved! He's very food motivated and loves to snuffle out treats.

Beluga would appreciate a calm, low traffic home, especially one with older, more mature kids.

This senior boy is ready to retire into the lap of luxury. Come meet this lovable boy!

#### **06/24/2022 by Jessica Borda**

While we don't know the path that brought Beluga to APA!, we do know there's nothing but blue skies ahead for this handsome boy!

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- Let's go for a car ride! When the weather is hot, Beluga loves to climb into the car and feel the cool wind over his ears.
- Did someone say snacks?! You can teach Beluga plenty of new tricks when there's food involved! He's very food motivated and loves to snuffle out treats.
- Beluga is a great co-exister with dogs. He's definitely over the wild puppy energy and would do well with another senior pup or mild younger dog.

This senior boy is ready to retire into the lap of luxury. Available in our main kennels at Town Lake, come meet him in person today!

#### **06/19/2022 by Shreyas Krishnan**

Beluga is a senior gentleman that is looking for a nice place to retire! He will love a quiet home where he can hang out and lounge to his heart's desire. He wouldn't mind living with another dog, but at his age is looking for someone that just wants to co-exist and share the space with him. He's leaving the rough and rowdy playing for the puppies. He loves taking daily walks around the neighborhood and on the trail. And puzzle toys keep his mind busy.

Beluga knows the importance of keeping up with his fashion and loves to rock a bandana! Ask the Matchmakers to learn more about Beluga and bring him home today!

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#### **02/24/2022 by Janey Haley**

Beluga is a senior gentleman that is looking for a nice place to retire! He would love a quiet home where he can hang out and lounge to his heart's desire. Can he come home with you?

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## **Training Sessions - TLAC**

#### **11/19/2022 by Becca DeFoe**

(11/18)Beluga- Worked on structured toy time in the CR. We did this instead of flooding since he's been doing so well with toy time. He did great with this and was super excited to get to the CR! LM

#### **09/10/2022 by Becca DeFoe**

(9/9)Beluga- Did some structured toy time(flooding) in the CR with Andrew shadowing. He did well but was engaging less with toys that I have seen before. I had to constantly engage with him for him to interact with the toys. It seemed as though he was waiting for more toys to be thrown. He eventually started to play with toys on his own. Rewarded for dropping his toys by throwing another or reinforcing with food. As we were exiting, he found a toy and grabbed it but was easily deterred with food. Used find it games to exit CR when he was being a bit stubborn. LM



### **08/30/2022 by Becca DeFoe**

8/29 Played find it on the way to the CR. Beluga stopped several times along the way, but was easy to move along by calling to him and tossing treats. Played some very cute multi toy fetch in the CR which he enjoyed. Started shaping place and touch. Beluga did a great job catching on! On the way back he spotted a toy on a shelf, and did a great job dropping it on verbal. -RR

### **08/28/2022 by Becca DeFoe**

(8/26)Beluga- Toy flooding in the CR with XK shadowing. He did really well with this. Did not really show any fixation. We would reward whenever he was playing appropriately and not fixating on a specific toy or area. Also would m/r whenever he would drop a toy from his mouth and immediately reward by throwing another toy. Would also reward for a proper approach with either a toy or a treat. Was able to gather all of the toys no problem by trading out with food or another toy. Hesitated a bit coming out of the CR but was easily maneuvered with find it. LM

### **08/18/2022 by Kaitlin Bailey**

8/13)Beluga- Flooded him with toys in the CR on a pulley. He did really well. I did a lot of throwing a specific toy and I would swap as he was busy. Whenever he became interested in the toy that I had, I would throw it. We did that process most of the time. Whenever I started to pick toys up, we would play find it with food in the opposite direction of where the toy was. He protested leaving the CR a little bit but was easily encouraged with a treat trail. LM

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## **Feeding Amount and Plan**

### **11/14/2022 by Dalton Kelley**

2.5c kibble, 1 joint supplement,

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## **Matchmaker Summary**

### **09/21/2022 by Auto Bot**

DO NOT EDIT: Pre Adoption training required. FTA Required.

#### **IDEAL HOME SETUP**

Beluga is an old man looking for a quiet place to relax in. Has trouble going up stairs, so would probably do best in a single level home. Would do best living in a house/standalone unit. Could live in apartment if no shared spaces, on lower level, and straight shot to car. Needs a laid back home. No kids; could live with well matched dog friend.

Note - transition to new space very hard on him - pee accidents, pacing, stress. Have crate available to him, which seems to help.

#### **SCORES**

Dog Score: 3- PLAYDATE - Could do good with a well matched dog friend. Goes on playdates.

Cat Score: Unknown

Child Score: 1- No kids d/t handling sensitivities and need for very structured toy time

Home Score - Unknown He has some trouble with decompression (accidents, whining, etc), but typically does better if he is in a crate while decompressing. Otherwise he is completely house trained per Jess Borda (4-day sleepover)

#### **FUN FACTS**

Favorite Activities: Loves sniffy walks on the trail

Skills: Basic Obedience

Great Qualities:

#### **INQUIRY RESPONSE**

If you're looking for a couch buddy, look no further! Beluga is ready to be out of his kennel and into a cozy and comfortable home. Beluga first came to us as a medical dog at the beginning of 2022 from Austin Animal Center and has made a lot of really great friends among our volunteers and staff.

Here's what they know: Beluga loves slow sniffy walks on the trail and does great! He's part of our Ruff Trail Runners club and is good for up to a mile (or 30 minutes) in cool temps. Beluga LOVES playing with toys, especially squeaky toys. The way to his heart is a squeaky toy and a bowl full of frozen blueberries.

Beluga is 9 years old and like most senior dogs, has some handling sensitivities and may even have some visual impairment.

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We've learned that very slow movements around his head and neck (and any other potentially sensitive areas) can help ease this discomfort. He's looking for family members willing to go at his pace. For this reason, Beluga would do best in an adult-only home.

Beluga is really needs out of the shelter and into a low-key home. Please let us know if you'd like to meet Beluga! If yes, we will connect you with staff who can fill you in on his needs, and his behavior and medical history, and help you thoughtfully consider what life might be like with him.

All Austin Pets Alive! animals are eligible for our Foster-to-Adopt agreement. In addition, Austin Pets Alive! provides a number of benefits to adopters, like:

Introduction and training sessions with our behavior team to allow you to build a relationship with him before you go home together;

Lifetime behavioral support from our Dog Behavioral Follow-up team;

Discounts at our local partner businesses such as Tomlinson's Pet Store;

Discounted membership to the Thrive Veterinary Clinics; and,

Discounted training sessions with Good Pup.

If you would like to speak to someone about other dogs that might also be a good match for you, email [matchmaker@austinpetsalive.org](mailto:matchmaker@austinpetsalive.org). Thank you again for your interest in adopting from APA!, and best of luck with your search!

Yours,

[YOUR NAME GOES HERE]

FLIGHT CREW

Training Coordinator:

Quality of Life Coordinator:

Promotion Coordinator:

Flow Coordinator:

Inquiries Coordinator:

MMKL NOTES LAST UPDATED (DATE AND INITIALS): LL 6/13/23

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## Care Pathway

**09/08/2022 by Laryssa Parker**

LOS 200, level 3

**08/07/2022 by Nicole Gatsche**

Level 2- History of biting

**05/11/2022 by Laryssa Parker**

LOS 90, level 2 - same score.

**03/12/2022 by Nicole Gatsche**

Level 2- Multiple attempts biting at people. One level 2 bite. Some aggression towards other dogs

**02/10/2022 by Laryssa Parker**

LOS 0 level 1 new intake score

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## Playgroup Notes

**08/18/2022 by Kaitlin Bailey**

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Walked this AM for the first time! He did well coming out of his kennel and going up to the long yards and while in the yard. On our way back we reached the corner to turn to the back of when he began to give me strange looks, mildly pancaking. I didn't want to use too much leash pressure as the harness felt to me like I had less control, so we re-routed and went through the hallway. He did a little pancaking when we reached the back walkway, but light leash pressure got him to move into his kennel. XK

**06/04/2022 by Becca DeFoe**

6/2 Brief play with Natalie but not much more than that. RJ

**05/24/2022 by Becca DeFoe**

(5/22) Wiggly with Natalie, eventually settled down and did his own thing. RJ

**05/03/2022 by Becca DeFoe**

5/2 Engaged in his usual stiff and awkward play with Natalie. Very cute RJ

**04/29/2022 by Becca DeFoe**

4/28 Bouncy play with Natalie. Allowed Andre and Latte to invasively sniff him. Seems to be making a lot of progress. RJ

**04/23/2022 by Becca DeFoe**

4/21 Super bouncy with Sybbie RJ

**04/22/2022 by Kaitlin Bailey**

Beluga/Sybbie - adorable awkward p/p play, mostly running around together. Sybbie seemed great at matching his awkward play. LD

**04/19/2022 by Becca DeFoe**

4/18 Good play with Natalie, made distance when he wanted some space. Super great job today! RJ

(4/17) out w/RayRay and Bella. Casual coexister. Pottied. Aloof/avoidant of dogs. Good playdates candidate. ML

**04/15/2022 by Melinda Brenner**

Very bouncy with Sybbi. RJ

**04/15/2022 by Becca DeFoe**

Very bouncy and happy to see Natalie, she started to pester him. Beluga would correct and Natalie would yelp, run away and then go back to pester him some more. RJ

**04/10/2022 by Becca DeFoe**

4/9 twice started yelling at Teddy Bear. Postured head over neck and yelled. But ended on own first yell. On verbal second yell. TB went back to instigate some more as I was getting belly to leave but with a SC bop he backed off. Dd

**04/09/2022 by Becca DeFoe**

4/7 he was the one I got out tonight and started off looking playful with Natalie, but pretty quickly devolved to awkward snarks...needing to poop may have had something to do with it. Overall nonproblematic with Nat & Sybbie. AFT

**04/09/2022 by Becca DeFoe**

4/7 Stiff and awkward play with Natalie, very intense but they both had a good time. RJ

**04/01/2022 by Melinda Brenner**

Bouncy and playful with Lady Longhorn. RJ

**03/25/2022 by Melinda Brenner**

Mostly coexisted, spent some time by me. RJ

**03/24/2022 by Kaitlin Bailey**

Brought out with just Heidi. Did his business and coexisted for the first 5 min, then approached Heidi and solicited some g/d play! KH

**03/19/2022 by Melinda Brenner**

3/18 - Beluga - Hattie tried super hard to get him to play but he wasn't feeling it, came up to me a lot for pets which is nice to see from him RJ

**03/17/2022 by Kaitlin Bailey**

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Beluga/Marsala - 1-on-1 playdate for Beluga and Marsala. Both seemed to really like each other! This was the most at ease I've seen Beluga in a dog/dog setting. He's seeming like a playdates boy to me. KH

### **03/12/2022 by Melinda Brenner**

3/11/22 - Beluga/Drexel - Just a few dogs in the yard, including Beluga, and Drexel came in on muzz. After a few minutes of everyone sniffing around independently, I saw Beluga start walking over to sniff Drexel, who was behind the play structure. I couldn't see them but heard a scuffle start almost as soon as Beluga walked over, I'm assuming he was following Drexel too close and Drexel gave an over-correction which turned into mutual unhappiness. Drexel had Beluga pinned upside down but was muzzed so not latched on, Beluga was just flailing around on his back. SC, SC toss and PC ineffective, tried to grab a dl but they were tangled up in legs and I couldn't use pressure to pull them apart. Since Drexel was on muzz I ran back to the table (with Bella's assistance) to grab the MSC and an airhorn. MSC ineffective, airhorn misfired. By this point Beluga had managed to get Drexel off of him and they were wrestling, with Beluga trying to grab Dexter. They wrestled underneath the slide, by this time CB and RJ had come to help. I grabbed Dexter by the collar, RJ got Beluga but Beluga still had Dexter's ear, CB got the bite stick. Beluga opened his mouth to regrip (I think) and we pulled them apart. Beluga had some minor cuts on his chin, Dexter ended up with a full puncture on his ear and a minor puncture on the top of his head. Dexter left for med check and CPR, I kept Beluga out with Bella, Dos and LG for CPR and he seemed to be back to normal pretty quickly, but was keeping to himself. LD

### **03/09/2022 by Tanya Sheehan**

Elzar/Beluga 3/3 LD<removing PC monitor for now. Elzar on a 2 wk break. ML

### **03/04/2022 by Melinda Brenner**

Beluga/Elzar - Small yard. Beluga was interested in sniffing Elzar and followed him around in typical Beluga fashion but Elzar wasn't into it. Gave some low grumbles and had hackles up which Beluga either ignored or didn't notice. Eventually gave up and explored the yard for a bit. After a few minutes Beluga came back to the front and tried sniffing bd/following Elzar, Elzar tipped on Beluga and pinned him on his back, gave some bite/release on Beluga's nose. Sc and several short bursts of pc ineffective. Unfortunately I didn't have a dl on Elzar, gave a few blasts of airhorn and eventually they created enough distance that I could grab Beluga's dl and separate the two. Beluga was checked out by med specialist, he was bleeding around his nose area, then left for CPR with IM. Kept Elzar out for cpr and he was initially very d if dogs came close, after a few min he seemed to settle down and be back to typical amount of edginess. LD

### **03/01/2022 by Becca DeFoe**

2/28 Beluga/Cielo/ Cooper- Ursula had slipped into the CP while I was letting Cielo in. Concerned that he might tip while in the CP with a non PG handler, I stepped in and grabbed Cielo and walked him into the yard. I was planning to let Beluga out before letting Cielo in but then Ursula was getting OA on the handler so I entered the CP to get her at which point, Cielo tipped on Beluga and Cooper and Bolo CDd on the situation. Cooper had been pestering Beluga so was likely nearby. MSC got the dogs to startle just enough for me to grab Cielo and send him out. I got Bolo next but two CPs had dogs in them and the other one had the door left open so I had nowhere to put him. Jess got Cooper off of Beluga somehow. Sent cooper out, sent Cielo out. Kept Beluga for CPR. Ursula REALLY needs work on gate boundaries. She keeps squeezing into the CP, which is a self-rewarding behavior since the person inevitably pays attention to her when she launches at them and the door darting keeps getting reinforced. AMS Ursula and I have a very strong relationship and I was not uncomfortable with her overarousal, nor did I ask for help. I was working on calm behavior when Cielo erupted and started a scuffle. I removed Ursula to the yard across from the playgroup yard and re-entered the yard. Ashley had grabbed Cielo to remove him to a catch pen and Cooper had Beluga pinned to the ground and was shaking. I was able to grab Cooper's drag leash and the pressure caused him to release, then immediately regrab. As I was reeling in his drag leash, Cooper let go again and I was able to move him across the yard. Jess

### **02/27/2022 by Christine Marquette**

More weird awkward play with Bolo and Bella RJ

### **02/26/2022 by Clover Linwood**

PG4(D) 2/22 AMS <prefer him as (sg) since he has a tendency to dramatically over correct when dogs bump into him. 2/24 KH < I'd feel comfy having beluga around some other PG4 males. Dramatic overcorrections seems like 4(D) behavior. AMS<removing monitor for now. Let's revisit once he gets a neuter. ML

### **02/26/2022 by Clover Linwood**

deactivated while we sort his medical needs. ML

### **02/26/2022 by Melinda Brenner**

2/25/22 - Denim / Beluga - VERY awkward play pals, would do fantastic until one would try to mount the other which resulted in a brief shouting match. Back to being friends about 30 seconds after this would happen. RJ

**02/25/2022 by Becca DeFoe**

2/24 Beluga/Carla/Chopsticks/Cooper - Carla ran into Beluga, earning a dramatic, defensive correction. She briefly yelled back, and Chopsticks ran over, but both backed away when I stepped in with SC. Cooper CD'd and started grabbing at Beluga. Cooper ignored my SC, but IM stepped in with PC, then when that didn't work, grabbed Cooper's DL/collar and was able to remove him when he released. Unclear if he had been holding on to Beluga, or just grabbing/muzzle punching. IM sent Cooper to another yard to calm down while Beluga got CPR time. Beluga seemed to bounce back to his usual self and didn't have any visible damage. Once Beluga left, IM brought Cooper back out to finish his outing. KH

**02/23/2022 by Tanya Sheehan**

defensive but otherwise had a fine time. Monitor for PG4(d) AMS

**02/22/2022 by Becca DeFoe**

2/21 Juice/Beluga- these two accidentally arrived at my yard at the same time. Had them out together and they were fine, mostly just ignored each other in favor of other friends. AMS

**02/21/2022 by Christine Marquette**

2/20 Beluga/Johnson/Odin - Beluga being very D to any dogs that came up in his space. All three were standing up near front fence and Beluga starting snapping towards the others. Odin and Johnson joined in with yelling but Johnson moved away with sc. Beluga did a few quick bite & release, sc toss ineffective, both dogs were clumsy enough to give me enough room to grab Odin's dl and they calmed down when I created distance. Beluga still being D, took me a minute to get him bc he was being avoidant so I stashed Odin in a cp and he got checked out by a med specialist for some bleeding on his mouth/chin area. After Beluga left, Odin came back out for some cpr. After Odin left, there were some minor punctures discovered on the top of his head. LD

**02/18/2022 by Melinda Brenner**

P/P with Bolo. RJ

**02/17/2022 by Becca DeFoe**

Odin/Beluga - Not sure what started it but these dudes erupted at each other. Beluga sustained a cut in his mouth but seemed okay. Had them both out in the yard for a few minutes after and they both acted like nothing happened. RJ

**02/17/2022 by Becca DeFoe**

LG was extremely interested in him and kind of pestering but he handled it well and was very appropriate with her. RJ

**02/17/2022 by Kaitlin Bailey**

Marsala/Beluga - Awkward play between the two. CB

**02/17/2022 by Kaitlin Bailey**

Coexisted as long as he wasn't approached, but would yell at dogs that sniffed his FD and would pursue them. Semi-steerable with SB, but seemed more confused/frustrated than anything. KH

**02/16/2022 by Tanya Sheehan**

PG4(sg). KH

He was assessed today as an EPG3(D), which initially seemed right, but after he'd been out for a few min, he had some problematic interactions. He had a yelling match with Branson that I didn't see the start of. They stopped with SC, but shortly after, Beluga erupted at Ursula for seemingly no reason after he bumped into her. He seemed extra sensitive with dogs approaching him head on. Sent out after this. Changing to PG4(sg) while he settles in. KH

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## Bite Info

**08/14/2022 by Hana Garner**

8/7 - I took Beluga to the T yard and upon entering everything seemed okay. But, soon I noticed he was fixated on the basket holding the toys that was in the yard. It was very hard to get his attention away, even with treats. After spending some time in the yard with him, things became uneasy. When we went to go leave the yard, he went toward the gate. I tried to foot his drag to me, treating him like any other yellow and knowing that he has neck sensitivity - I tried to be as gentle as possible. When I grabbed the drag and looked up at him, he turned toward me and grabbed my hand. When told to let go, he bit down harder, growling at me and finally released my hand. As I was moving away from him to call on the radio, he continued to follow me like nothing had happened. Once I called for help, Thomas came to the yard and handled Beluga when I exited. AR

**08/06/2022 by Bailey Poindexter**

8/6: Jacob was in the T-shaped yard with Beluga. Beluga was looking at the toy bucket in the yard so Jacob grabbed a toy and was playing tug with him. Beluga dropped the toy and Jacob assumed Beluga was done playing, so he went to grab it

with his left hand and accidentally brushed against Beluga's neck, then Beluga grabbed his hand and held down, resulting in two punctures (one on each side of his hand). Jacob used his right hand to grab onto his arm to pull it away, then Beluga snapped and bit/released his ring finger on his right hand as well (level 2). After that Beluga walked away and was growling as he walked away. Jacob called for help and Jason and Jess went into the yard. Jason grabbed his DL and tried to sneakily leash up to him without drawing attention to it, but then Beluga bit and released his arm (level 1). Jess grabbed his DL and handed it off to Jason, and then Jason took Beluga back to his kennel. BP

#### **04/14/2022 by Sarah Muirhead**

Guillermo (AKA Bam!) entered the catch pen with Beluga, there was a muzzle in the chair that Bam! went to go grab, Beluga was next to him and then latched on to hit foot for about 5-7 seconds, puncturing through his shoe, socks, and down to his skin creating a shallow puncture.

#### **02/10/2022 by Bailey Poindexter**

2/10 - Gabby was trying to get blood for a heartworm test. When Gabby tried to second time, Beluga lunged at her and tackled her to the ground. Was able to access her jacket a couple of times, but didn't go through clothing. Eric reached for the leash to pull Beluga away, and he immediately spin around biting Eric's left wrist. One bite and release. BT came to take him back to kennel without further incident.

#### **02/10/2022 by Bailey Poindexter**

2/10 - Rose was taking Beluga back, went to swap his drag for her leash and he reacted by tagging her hand. Rose suspects it is related to sensitivities on the bottom of his neck due to him being okay with her taking off the drag from the top of his neck after returning to his kennel. Stated she sat with him for 5-10 minutes before taking him out and he didn't display any defensive behavior while petting him.

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### **Dog Safety Checklist**

#### **03/03/2022 by Bailey Poindexter**

Ask Staff (Lock),  
Grab Drag & Go,  
Handling Sensitivity Around Neck (Full Time FH),  
No OLI

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### **Ask Staff Info**

#### **02/23/2022 by Bailey Poindexter**

Quick to use mouth when defensive, sensitivities around neck, grab dL & go, go slow and make sure he's aware of where your hands are. BP

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### **Playgroup Assessment**

#### **02/16/2022 by Tanya Sheehan**

hackles in CP. entered on own. Allowed greetings. Playful and took and gave corrections well but easily overwhelmed with multiple rowdy boys on him. Be aware of significant sensitivities around his collar. EPG3(d) AMS

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### **In-Kennel Enrichment Plan**

#### **02/12/2022 by Paul Turner**

Tennis balls

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### **Dog Handling Gear**

#### **02/11/2022 by Alexandra Kovar**

CPDL, lock, freedom harness

## Intake Exam Notes

### 02/11/2022 by Heidi Oldenkamp

2/10 - Gave no warning to his defensiveness. Tackled me to the ground and had to be pulled off.

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## Medical

### 02/09/2022 by Katie Mellon

Med Review Response

For AAC dogs, what is acceptable housing if foster not found before deadline? (Clinic, Maternity, ISO, Davenport, regular kennel) if not UTD by the time p is pulled will need to go to Dav

Does the dog need to be hospitalized upon arrival, and if so for how long? no

What is the ideal placement for this dog? (Foster, clinic for hospitalization, clinic, Davenport) Dav then foster

What type of care will this dog need? (Oral meds, bandage changes, crate rest, regular follow-up appointments, etc) exam, meds for arthritis, possible meds for head tilt or continued monitoring (could be idiopathic vestibular disease vs brain tumor vs ear infection etc)

How long will a foster be needed? (Until adoption, a certain amount of time after surgery, etc) ideally until adoption

Where can the dog be housed onsite if a sitter stay is needed? (Clinic, maternity, ISO, a regular kennel) regular kennel ok

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## Prior Shelter notes

### 02/09/2022 by Katie Mellon

DATE: 01/31/22 09:37

INTAKE: GREEN

Aggression? No Yes

If yes, what happened?

Level of fear? Low

Level of friendliness? High

DOT RECOMMENDATION: GREEN

Why that color?

MICROCHIP: scanned not found

Initials: RGM

VACCINATOR: YELLOW/RED

Aggression? Yes

If yes, what happened? hard snaps during work up.

Level of fear? Med

Level of friendliness? Low

MICROCHIP: imp 982126059773826

Initials: CMK,RGM

02/06/22 15:35 Volunteer OBS Jean, I filled out an observation form on this dog a few minutes ago. Gina has also had him out twice also and may submit one too. My recommendation is to keep him purple /yellow with a small number of handlers for now until we can make sure we understand his shortcomings further and what help he needs from his humans. He's only been walkable about 2 days. His issues are long term and the best kennel space for his particular needs is at AAC in my opinion. Can you please take this up with VS in light of his ATTN status? I last worked with him Saturday 2/5.

I had no trouble leashing or unleashing him with a clip leash but I made sure he saw what I was planning to do before my hands went toward him. He was eager to leave his kennel so that helped. I had him out about 30 minutes total in the large front play yard, walking on the grounds and in a small interaction pen. At one time in the interaction pen I had to pick up the leash that dropped below his left neck and shoulder area to the ground and this caused him to startle and snap back toward his left shoulder almost like an animal would try to shoo away a fly.

I came to the conclusion he needs to see hands first in his visual field before your hands start moving around his head and neck area. He had no problems with allowing me to pet his back and the top of his head. I would be concerned about placing a dog with potential visual, hearing and gait issues into a dark, smaller TLAC kennel where he can't see as well or exercise as well on his own feet. AJM

02/08/22 07:42

Volunteer Name Gina F

Animal ID A850751

Dog's Name Ashur

Dog's Dot Color yellow

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Recommend Dot Change (If yes, explain why and what color in "Other" line) No

Seems housetrained Yes

Kennel routine? (Ex. close in neighbors, needs treats to re-enter, etc.) easy in, easy out

On leash this dog? (Ex. Loose leash walker, seems reactive, prefers play yard, etc.) loose leash walker; enjoys the play yard

Suggested equipment (If yes, please list type of equipment in "Other" line) slip lead; dog may have hearing/vision problems; per behavior team, slip lead did not scare dog. When I took him out, I used a regular leash, no problem. When I attempted to take him back to leash him in the yard, it startled him. Behavior team came in and gently used a slip lead. He was completely fine. He has a lot of sensitivities and you must be very gentle and careful not to hurt or startle him. He has bad injuries on his ears. It is imperative to use caution, as he may snap because he does not know you are there or he feels pain.

Favorite qualities? He is a Golden Bear!!! I adore him and we only met recently. He is the kind of dog that you know would stay next to you and protect you. I have watched him the yard, doing laps and he seems to be surveying the scene. He had just come out of his stray hold when I walked him. He seems very house trained. He looks like the family dog that everyone would adore!! He is a sweet, gentle older dog, who needs a soft place to land and recover whatever tragedy he has been through. There are noticeable injuries, but he seems to be strong and working through it; although a shelter is no place to get the proper rest he so needs and deserves. I would love to see him in a home with a gentle handler who will take care of him and help him to get better. I think with proper veterinary care, time and rest, he could live a very nice life with the right family. He is just the cutest!!

Challenging qualities? Ashur, my sweet Golden Bear, has noticeable injuries, as well as possibly having hearing/vision impairment. He does not always know you are there and may snap because he is either hurting or does not know you are there. You must be extremely calm and gentle with him, so as to not startle or scare him. His balance is off, his feet slip a bit. He has a tilted head with a furrowed brow, definitely seems injured and uncomfortable. He needs he to heal and be well cared for. My hope is that he will find someone to help rehabilitate him to a healthy state, which will allow him to help him get better.

Other notable behaviors? While I have written about Ashur, and him needing to be gently handled, I want to also say, with all of the commotion, at the shelter, he is being so brave. On the first day that I met him, he did not have a collar on him. He allowed me to put a slip lead on him, as well as the martingale with the regular leash. He was calm and trusting. He is so adorable, sweet, sensitive, and intuitive. I know there are stories that I wish he could tell us. When I did need a bit a help from staff to leash him up to bring him back to the kennel, the behavior team came to help. Ashur was so sweet and loving. He let the women pet him as soon as they came in to the play yard. He was gentle and sweet, as if he had known them. He was not afraid of new people coming into his space, which showed he can trust. They calmly placed a slip lead on him and the three of us walked back to his kennel. One of the staffers, gently walked him into the kennel, and slowly took off the slip lead. There were no issues. I was very proud of him. He needs calm individuals, who are gentle and supportive in his life to help rehabilitate him in his journey, both physically and emotionally.

Known commands? This sweet boy takes a treat gently from your hand. I think he probably knows other commands, as he seems rather intelligent, but he doesn't quite have always have his balance, so I did not press for any commands.

meb

02/08/22 07:53

Volunteer Name Robin S

Animal ID A850751

Dog's Name Golden Bear

Dog's Dot Color Yellow

Recommend Dot Change (If yes, explain why and what color in "Other" line) No

Seems housetrained Yes

Kennel routine? (Ex. close in neighbors, needs treats to re-enter, etc.) Just used slip lead and he came out easily. Hesitated going back in kennel but slight tug and he really went back in.

On leash this dog? (Ex. Loose leash walker, seems reactive, prefers play yard, etc.) On leash he is a LLW. He does wobble a little and back legs are somewhat stiff. Didn't seem BR or DR when he was out.

Suggested equipment (If yes, please list type of equipment in "Other" line) No

Favorite qualities? He's very sweet when you go slow with him. Appears to have neurological issue and doesn't hear well. Worked on petting him and loving him when I got his full attention. Didn't want to startle him.

Challenging qualities? No challenging issues for me.

meb

02/08/22 09:53

Volunteer Name Jean H

Animal ID A850751

Dog's Name Not named

Dog's Dot Color Purple/Yellow

Kennel routine? (Ex. close in neighbors, needs treats to re-enter, etc.) Recommend getting him from outer



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kennel so he has better visual and person has more work space

On leash this dog? (Ex. Loose leash walker, seems reactive, prefers play yard, etc.) I want to note he can snap if he doesn't see hands coming toward him. I had no problem leashing him with a clip leash to his collar because he saw me and wanted to go for a walk. I had him out for a long time, probably 30 minutes in a large pen, walking on the grounds and also in a small pen.

Favorite qualities? He does allow petting along his back and head area. I tested him on the wooden stairs /ramp and he was able to do the steps with some coaxing and reach the top of the platform. He was worried to try to use the ramp to come down and ultimately avoided it.

Challenging qualities? I had no trouble leashing or unleashing but at one time I had to pick up the leash that dropped below his neck and shoulder area to the ground and this caused him to startle and snap. Important that he see your hands first in his visual field before your hands start moving. I do not recommend sending this dog with potential visual barriers into a TLAC kennel given a person working with him can not stand upright to go into his kennel to safely leash him. Also, due to his compromised gait from ataxia and the lack of space for him to be able to free roam in his kennel to exercise. I can't be certain he has full hearing.

Other notable behaviors? He marks a lot while out. I noticed his wide gait especially at his rear legs and noted this is already mentioned in his records. He's an explorer getting used to his new surroundings.

02/06/22 15:38 Making A850751 a YELLOW dot due to high touch sensitivity, snapped at a volunteer, appears to have touch sensitivity around head/neck area. Possible visual disability. AJM

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