



Meet Dooley!

Dooley, a lab mix, came to AWA on April 10, 2012, from a shelter that was going to euthanize him. We discovered after assessing his temperament that he possessed an extraordinary combination of traits: he is highly independent, great with handling, highly focused on people, and he **possesses an uncanny drive for toys. He LOVES toys.**

We determined that Dooley would be happiest and best suited as a working dog, rather than being placed as a family pet. Phil Guida, a dog behavioralist from Canine Dimensions, was contacted to evaluate Dooley as a potential search and rescue dog.



Guida agreed that Dooley was indeed highly gifted and this led to our submitting video showing Dooley's skills and temperament to The Search Dog Foundation in Calif. The Foundation provides dogs to search and rescue teams, the police and others for free and trained most of the canine disaster search dogs deployed to Ground Zero after 9/11. They immediately expressed interest in Dooley and, after reviewing his video, informed us that Dooley had been accepted into their national search and rescue program.



Many of us at AWA have come to know and love Dooley and, like proud parents, we will say good bye to him next week as he begins his exciting journey to become a search and rescue dog. Following his training, he will be placed somewhere in the U.S and will live with his handler while saving lives and helping people.

Dooley's story was featured on NBC news on May 16, 2012.

We are excited for Dooley. A dog's heart is driven to work, play and love. He is a special boy! Thank you to all our supporters for allowing AWA to save dogs, like Dooley, and do all we can to find them loving, and sometimes, amazing homes.

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