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MARTINA

Martina was found wandering the streets of Oakland, Calif., and despite her sunny, outgoing personality, wasn't able to find a home. Luckily, she was pulled from the shelter and sent to a foster home, where Jenny Johnson found her on Petfinder.com "I got Martina in December of 2006. I had a friend who adopted/rescued a pit mix, and over the course of a couple of years, I fell in love with the dog," Johnson says. Upon discovering she wasn't first in line to get Rhoda the pit mix (the owner's ex-boyfriend was), "I decided I needed my very own Rhoda-type dog." She found several options on Petfinder.com, which lists both local dogs and dogs across the country.

Johnson says, "I did not know anything about Petfinder or that eight out of 10 shelter dogs are unwanted pit bull or pit bull mixes." Of all the dogs she saw, it was Martina, all the way down in California, that she fell in love with. She made the 16-hour roundtrip drive on Thanksgiving weekend to meet "my new best friend Martina."

Martina is named for Martina Navratilova, the tennis player, because she is so "buff," and she's "energetic with a capital E!" Johnson says. To work off some of that energy, Martina goes running alongside when Johnson takes her horse on trail rides and ran with her during Greenhill's 2010 "Bark in the Park." The dog is always up for a run, a hike, tearing up a new stuffed toy or trail ride, Johnson says, but "luckily she is also down with being a couch potato or hanging out in the car for a couple of hours as needed."

When Martina isn't at the barn, rolling in "stinky smelling things" while Johnson rides her horse, she has also been known to dress up on lavender wings and have her toenails painted pink.



KELLY BEAL
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AVA
 (AKA DUFFEL BAG OF LOVE)

"Ava is a huge chunk of love," Kelly Beal says. "She looks big and intimidating but there isn't a mean or aggressive bone in her body." She says, "I used to hear all these horrible things about pit bulls, but after working with them and owning one I have come to see that they are truly an amazing breed with a depth of spirit and soulfulness that is unmatched by any other breed."

In addition to Ava, Beal has a couple of small dogs as well and "she is so gentle and loving with them, aware of her size and strength." Ava's best friend is a seven-pound Chihuahua who curls up with her every night.

Ava, Beal says, came from LCAS, and Beal adopted her from Luv-a-Bull. Beal is now the vice president of Luv-a-Bull and does all the photography for grants, publications, adoptions, etc.

Before Ava, Beal says, she had Rottweilers. When it came time for her next dog, "I knew I had to get another big dog, and I knew it had to be a rescue. I like having a big dog because they have always made me feel safe in my home, camping, hiking, etc."

She says she chose a pit because "I had heard how wonderful pit bulls were and how human-oriented they are, so I decided to get a pit bull from a local rescue."

When not snoozing with her small dog friends, Beal says, Ava likes to go for hikes, play with the sprinkler — chasing the water as it rushes out of the sprinkler head — and hang her head out of the car window so she can feel the wind on her face. Beal says Ava "thinks she is a lapdog, and whenever she can she unapologetically jumps up into my lap and curls up like a doughnut for a long nap. All 75 pounds of her."

Beal says, "Because of Ava, I know I will always have a pit bull in my life until the day I die."





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