

The Story of

MANGO - The Best Girl There Ever Was
2001 - 2015

Mango was found on the beach in front of Playa Linda Beach Resort by Ted and Sheila Drews, yearly visitors to Aruba from Virginia, in November 2002. She was suffering from severe widespread mange, with cracked, blackened skin, and almost no fur. Ted and Sheila always gave names to the dogs they met on the beach--"Blackie," "Foxy" etc., according to their appearance, but could not name her "Mangy"--so she became "Mango." She was the sweetest, gentle, friendly dog, and we decided to help her. Margie Mans of Animal Rights Aruba, helped us to get Mango admitted for care to the Contreras Veterinary Clinic, where she stayed for two months until she was well enough to travel. Then Margie arranged transport for Mango to us in Virginia. She arrived at the Baltimore, Maryland Airport on a snowy January day, trotting happily from her crate with a big smile on her face and her tail wagging!

We had intended to find Mango a good home in Virginia, as we already had three dogs, but she was such lovely girl and so good with our other dogs that we could not let her go, and kept her with us. In February 2004, our whole family, including Mango of course, relocated to Kauai, Hawaii. Here, Mango quickly became a beloved member of the community. She greeted every neighbor with joyful enthusiasm, especially the children, who would call out "Mango, Mango" as we walked by. She became certified as a Canine Good Citizen by the American Kennel Club, and was soon certified as a Pet PALS and Paws-to-Read Therapy Dog by the Kauai Humane Society, visiting residents in care homes for more than ten years. Mango and Sheila also held PAWS-to-Read programs for elementary school children, who all loved her. In 2005 and 2006 she won "Best Tail Wag" at the annual KHS Love A Dog Day!

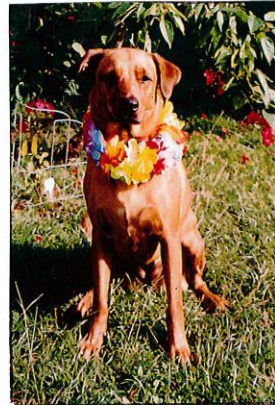
Mango had many special "aunties" and "uncles" whom she loved to greet and make a fuss of. Over the years, other adopted dogs and cats became part of our family, and she accepted them all, especially many tiny foster kittens who lived with us for a while. When Ted died in 2007, she became Sheila's especial beloved companion. She began to feel ill in November 2014, ultimately succumbing to liver failure on March 1, 2015, but she never lost her loving, happy nature, wagging and smiling as best she could until her last day. Mango will forever be greatly loved and dearly missed.

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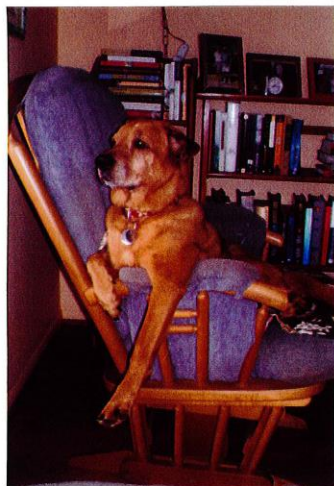
(Photos attached)



Mango in Alexandria, Va.
January 2003



Mango in Kauai, Hawaii
2004
Wearing her Hawaiian lei



Mango at home
2014
On her favorite chair