



VIP Club



Helping RBARI's Very Important Pets



# ROXY

Pitbull / Lab Mix - Female  
Approximately 1 1/2 Years Old

## MEDICAL NEEDS:

To be determined - bone fractures in back legs  
Currently Up To Date on All Shots & Spayed



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**Make a donation to Roxy's care at [www.RBARI.org](http://www.RBARI.org)**

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Roxy is a true SWEETHEART! She is a Lab/Pit Mix and just over a year old. Poor Rox has a very sad story. She was found in Ohio just over a year ago as a small pup with her 2 siblings. At that time, Ohio began some new practices and stopped adopting out any dogs they believed to have pit bull in them. Roxy and the others were destined for a short, tough life in the depths of disaster. Along came an email alerting RBARI staff here in New Jersey of the miserable plight of these poor babies. It was not long before RBARI stretched out our ever helping hand and pulled Roxy and the others to safety! With things finally headed in a new direction for these babes, it was not long before Roxy was adopted into a wonderful family with 3 little girls who absolutely adored her, and she them. Happy photos of the new family started pouring in and we couldn't be more thrilled for our baby girl. Life was certainly looking up!

But disaster struck twice...Roxy's new family was torn apart and Roxy again became a casualty of circumstance. Thankfully, as a RBARI dog is a RBARI dog FOREVER, Roxy had a safe haven to return to. The staff welcomed her back with open arms and full hearts. Being the special girl she is, our Rox never missed a beat! Her playful, goofy and loving personality was still fully in tact!

With all of the love and attention showered on Roxy, it wasn't long before staff and volunteers noticed a small limp in her walk. Never ones to let things go undone, Roxy was immediately taken to the vet to x-ray her legs and determine the root of what was causing her discomfort. We were saddened to discover that Roxy had small hairline fractures in her bones, a definite set back to this poor girl who so wholeheartedly loves to play and goof around. Over the next few months, as we encouraged Roxy to be calm and quiet, she quickly realized that she was equally as happy with belly rubs and cuddles as she had been romping out in the play area. Soon, as we'd approach, she would immediately "belly up" to get her fill!

A short time thereafter, Roxy's next family came along. That sweet face and those soulful eyes draw you right in! Relieved that Roxy would be able to continue her recovery in a new home, she was again adopted out with strict instructions to allow her legs to fully heal. Unfortunately for Roxy, things didn't go as planned, and thinking she could romp and play, her condition got out of hand. Roxy was brought back to RBARI, and although we are saddened to see her bounced once again, there is no place we would rather have her be but within the safety of our care.

Roxy remains the loving girl we have always known. She patiently lays in her bed in our office waiting for staff to take a moment to curl up and cuddle with her (we know we look silly sometimes but we just don't care!). She has been visiting the vet on a regular basis for various x-rays and possibilities of treatment. We anticipate the very real probability that Roxy may be in our care for a long time to come, and surgery in her future is a likely outcome.

The strength and resiliency in the face of adversity, of a shelter pup like Roxy, whose love of life doesn't falter and whose trust in those around her to make that life better, is the driving force of the work we do at RBARI. It's a special day that an animal like Roxy comes along and brightens our lives. At RBARI, that special day is every day.

If you would like to contribute to our efforts to help those animals in our community, both near and far (of course including Roxy!), please contact us.

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