



Breeze's Happy Ending - May 9, 2009
Jasper, (Alberta) Canada

Breeze was placed in a SPCA after her owner died and was then adopted by Jaime. Behaving like some dogs do in a new or confusing situation, she escaped and was lost. Breeze wandered the wilds of Jasper, (Alberta) Canada, and survived the worst of winter weather conditions. She roamed a large area but eventually settled into a smaller circle. Finally, a break came when numerous sightings showed her frequenting a lumberyard. "Everyone is asking

how this came to such a happy ending. Leanne and I had been working at the lumberyard for the past three weeks and tracking Breeze's every move. We finally discovered a pattern in her actions and started putting food near the area to try to keep her coming back. When we realized this was working, we moved the food inside the fenced area of the lumberyard. Once we knew she was going inside, we made a hinged door (with help from others) and wove some cord through a bone, which when bitten and pulled, would trigger the door. This technique worked every time, however, Breeze kept outsmarting us by escaping through the smallest of gaps in the fence. After repairing the tiniest exit holes, and a few more restless late nights, we were inside the fenced area with Breeze, and able to feed her by hand. Then she approached me, laid down, and let me put a leash on her. We hung out together in the yard for about twenty minutes before attempting to take her to the car. The moment she was at home, she was smiling and wagging her tail. :) " - Jaime

Debbie,

Thank you!! Thank you!! Thank you!! Thank you!! Breeze is home after 51 days!! She entered the yard again tonight and Jaime coaxed her close using hotdogs. Breeze took to Jaime's loving immediately, and it was an instant bond between the two. I am soooooo happy. Thanks again for all your help.

I think the most important advice was to make sure Breeze went up to Jaime and not the other way around. Even though we had Breeze trapped within the enclosure, Jaime was patient and waited to earn trust so Breeze would approach and go all the way to her.

You are a very generous person to devote so much time to helping others find their lost dogs. Keep up the great work Debbie.

Leanne