

# HERE IN THIS HOUSE

## A Dog's Heartfelt Thanks for Finding His Forever Home

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I will never know the loneliness I hear in the barks of the other dogs 'out there'.  
I can sleep soundly, assured that when I wake, my world will not have changed.

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I will never know hunger, or fear of not knowing if I'll eat.  
I will not shiver in the cold, or grow weary from the heat.  
I will feel the sun's heat, and the rain's coolness, and be allowed to smell all that  
can reach my nose.  
My fur will shine, and never be dirty or matted.

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There will be an effort to communicate with me on my level.  
I will be talked to and, even if I don't understand, I can enjoy the warmth of the  
words.  
I will be given a name so that I may know who I am among many.  
My name will be used in joy, and I will love the sound of it!

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I will never be a substitute for anything I am not.  
I will never be used to improve peoples' image of themselves.  
I will be loved because I am who I am, not someone's idea of who I should be.  
I will never suffer for someone's anger, impatience, or stupidity.  
I will be taught all the things I need to know to be loved by all.  
If I do not learn my lessons well, they will look to my teacher for blame.

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I can trust arms that hold, hands that touch...knowing that, no matter what they  
do, they do it for the good of me.  
If I am ill, I will be doctored. If scared, I will be calmed. If sad, I will be  
cheered.  
No matter what I look like, I will be considered beautiful and thought to be of  
value.  
I will never be cast out because I am too old, too ill, too unruly, or not cute  
enough.  
My life is a responsibility, and not an afterthought.  
I will learn that humans can almost, sometimes, be as kind and as fair as dogs.

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I will belong.  
I will be home.