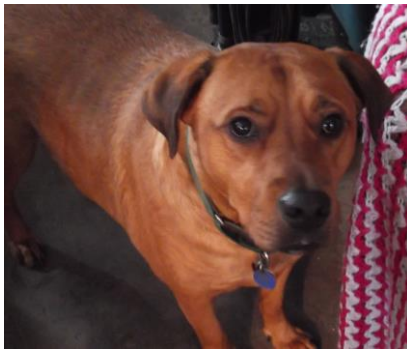


Brody My daughter, husband and I volunteer at Orphans of the Storm. Brody arrived with a chain link collar digging into his neck. It took awhile for staff to carefully and gently remove the collar. He was too scared to come inside the shelter or go into a dog house, so they kept exchanging clean blankets for him to sleep on. Everyone worked hard to let him know he safe and that no one would hurt him.

Brody's big brown eyes stole my heart. There was something in that look that I totally understood. That "waiting for the other shoe to drop" look. We spent extra time with Brody. He was going to be an extremely hard dog to get adopted. The shelter never gave up on him, and I thank God they didn't.

We brought Brody home and he fit into our home like he was born here. There were things that reminded Brody of his past life that we had to work through, for example when we pick something up quickly he thought he was going to get beaten. Some abuse takes a long time to overcome. But it is SO worth it.

When we bring Brody to the shelter for a visit he is so excited to see everyone. This is a testament of how these animals are treated: they are not just physically taken care of, but loved and shown respect by everyone at Orphans. This dog does not trust easily and these people were like visiting family again. We are so grateful to everyone at Orphans of the Storm. Brody is an important member of our family and we love him. He still sleeps on blankets; it is just that now the blankets are the ones on our bed!



Abby, Mike & Melanie Drumm

