

Clover by Sabra Irish

Clover is a beautiful, six year old Golden Retriever, who was taken in by Madison Animal Rescue Foundation after she was picked up by local animal control in April of 2013. After contacting her original owners, it was clear that Clover hadn't really been cared for in some time. Fortunately for her, that all changed when she found herself in the arms of MARF.



Among matting and other signs of neglect, Clover also tested positive for heart worms -- a preventable, but devastating parasite infestation. Treatment is expensive, risky and requires extended activity restriction. It was also absolutely necessary if Clover was to live a long and happy life.

When Clover's treatment was complete and she was finally ready to be placed in a foster home, she was suffering from muscle atrophy and would lose control of her hind legs. You couldn't help but feel sorry for such a sweet girl, who had been dealt such an unfortunate lot. But with regular, gentle exercise, good nutrition and lots of love and attention, Clover began to blossom. She proved to be good with other dogs and simply adored children -- any family would be lucky to have her, but MARF wanted to be sure it would be the perfect home for Clover, who had waited so long to be loved by her own family.



Five months after being picked up off the street, Clover found her forever home with a family of Golden Retrievers and two doting owners. Today, she swims at the beach, goes on boat rides, and frolics through the fields on her family's farm. You would never be able to tell she once couldn't run without her legs collapsing beneath her. She is no longer cast outside, unwanted; instead Clover is sleeping in warm bed with her whole pack -- her owners and doggie brothers. Thanks to MARF, she lives in comfort with people who are thankful for her companionship every day, exactly where MARF believes every dog deserves to be.

