

# Magick

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Magick was born Wednesday, November 2nd, 2006. He weighed six at birth, just one ounce more than his older sister, Wicca, when she was born. Pippin, his littermate brother, was eight ounces. In the eight weeks before he was old enough to go to a forever home, we would see Magick while visiting Pippin every Thursday night on the way to Wicca's agility class. This started when the pups were only 23 hours old. In those eight weeks, two separate people spoke for the shy, quiet little black puppy that didn't play too

much with his brother and sister littermates or older sister. After the second person decided they would rather have the female puppy and he was again left unspoken for, I said I would take him. To be honest, I felt sorry for him. He was always smaller than Pippin "the Pip" and MUCH quieter! On New Year's Eve, we brought the boys home.

When Magick was a few months old we noticed that his gait when he walked was "different". A trip to the vet left us with devastating news. I was told that he had double-jointed hocks and very loose knee joints. Dr. Allen said there is a good chance he will be in a wheelchair for dogs before he is 10.



Magick has never been the smartest of our dogs, but he has been one of the sweetest. Just this March he was certified as a therapy dog. After having so much fun with the "Agility Diva", I decided to see if maybe her brother might like it too. I checked with Dr. Allen to see if she thought it would be okay to try it. She said, "at this point it can't hurt" and she went on to say that it may actually help firm up the ligaments, tendons and muscles in his legs and prolong the inevitable. So last March he started beginner classes

on Friday nights with his brother at Fran and Bill's. To my utter surprise, he caught on very quickly and seemed to excel at it. He was obviously enjoying himself greatly! Anyone that watches him can see how much he enjoys it. He has that type of drive that Fran says "you can't train, they either have it or they don't." Well, he does and Wicca "don't", but that's another story! Just recently at the May CPE trial (his 2nd trial) he Qualified in seven out of ten runs with a perfect Snooker run and 49 total points and a perfect gamble on his Jackpot run. Pretty good for the shy, not-so-bright little pup that couldn't find a forever home at first. I may have gotten him by a "double-default", but fortunately for me his other "faults" have been few and far between-especially on the agility course!

