

# Zippy



Zippy is a 10 ½ year old Shetland Sheepdog that lives with Russel and Erika Schmidt. Russel and Erika wanted an older dog that was small, so when they found her at the Sheboygan County Humane Society they knew it was meant to be. Zippy prefers to sleep in her bed in the bedroom which is located half in the closet and half out. She also has a bed by the heater behind the recliner in the livingroom as well as a corner bed in the reading room. She has a squeaky squirrel, a bone and a reindeer antler that she likes to play with. Zippy loves to sleep and get her favorite treats lamb, chicken or beef sticks from Costco. Zippy may also be a vegetarian because she will graze on bird seed in the yard.

Zippy also lives with Rosie, a Toy Poodle and Smokey, a Domestic Shorthair. They all get along well and like to play together. Zippy will lead Rosie, who is blind, around outside to ensure that she is safe. Russel and Erika have found that she has her little quirks. She won't go up on the bed or furniture, doesn't like to ride in cars and doesn't like to be held and cuddled. They are still working on that, she gets cuddled whether she likes or not. Zippy will come up on the bed when there are storms and fireworks. The Schmidts' went to get a companion for her at Wisconsin Sheltie rescue and found out she had a thing for older men. She had 2 choices and ignored the younger boy and went for the 13 year old, arthritic, partially deaf and sight impaired man. It was love at first sight.

Zippy is also the proud owner of her own strawberry patch. Erika got tired of her stealing theirs and planted one for her. It usually keeps her busy but the little thief still tries to get into Erika's. She will also get 2 cherry tomato plants of her very own this year, a red and yellow one. She loves her tomatoes and mourns the end of the season. She patrols the beds to get only the ripest ones. Erika has to race her in the mornings to try and get there first, it's not pretty. When the season is over, the pears start dropping and she's in heaven again.

Zippy had some health issues when she was first brought home and again just recently, Russel and Erika want to thank Dr's. Baker and Dommer and the terrific staff for their excellent care, Zippy says thank you too. The doctors and staff look forward to seeing Zippy and the rest of her family for years to come.