It’s a Dog’s Life

It was about one year ago when Barrington resident Kelly Miller learned about Green Pup Shelter. She had met someone who was currently fostering dogs for the shelter and decided to give it a try. The shelter is unique in that dogs are not kept in a facility but instead, live with people until they find a permanent home.

“My son, William, has always offered donations for animal shelters as he really likes dogs,” Miller said. “Then, we learned about Green Pup Shelter and how the dogs stay with people in their homes until they are adopted. We moved from donating into a fostering role,” she said. When she is not seen walking a group of dogs near downtown Barrington, Miller works at Motorola Solutions in marketing and business communications.

William Miller, a fourth-grader, says that he loves to get to know the dogs. “You get to know their character and the dogs bond with you,” he said. “It’s really nice to be with them, but then it is hard to let go when they find a home.”

His mom sees their process of caring for the dogs, and then being able to let go, as a gift to her son. However, she is quick to add that two of their dogs were “foster failures” which sounds harsh, but represents a situation where a foster family decides to adopt one or more of the dogs in their care.

Kelly Miller, and her son, William, team up to foster dogs that are available for adoption through Green Pup Shelter, a nonprofit organization based in Lake Zurich. The dogs are (from left) Tucker, a Boxer and Beagle mix; Findley, a Chocolate Labrador; Cooper, a Black Labrador; and Daisy, a Labrador and Shepherd mix.

Learn About Green Pup Shelter

Green Pup Shelter is a nonprofit that helps rescued puppies, adult dogs, and senior dogs find a home. The organization believes in saving all rescued dogs’ lives and is run entirely by a community of volunteers. While the dogs are waiting to be adopted, generous foster families take care of them in their homes. Green Pup Shelter provides foster families with the support needed for the dogs, including food and healthcare – the dogs are spayed and neutered, and have their vaccinations up-to-date. There are fees associated with adopting dogs that support the nonprofit. Many Green Pup Shelter adoption success stories and photos are posted on the shelter’s website.

To learn more about being a foster family, to adopt rescued dogs, or how you can support Green Pup Shelter, visit www.greenpupshelter.org, or call 847-946-1735.