

Paws For Life II

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The new group of
dogs have come
and gone

There were 10 dogs
this time
all ten with their
own way of doing
things

All ten just wanting
to be loved.

Randell came back-
because he could not stand
to be alone
in a room

While all life moved
around him.
this time he has been
adopted out
to a better place
A Bonanza.

Then there is Sunshine
whatever happened

to her before she
came to prison pained
her so. She could only
dream of relaxing.

There was Atticus the Mangled
dark striped
Hyena looking hound
that walked on his paws
like a dancer, head held
high

From afar Atticus may appear
mean
up close he is all love and
rolls on his back and closes
his eyes for as long as you
choose to rub his belly
and neck.

There was Boris, the little general
who walked like a tank
unafraid of anything and looks
like the dog from Little rascals.

There was Barrister, a part
Golden Retriever when he
left today.
As everyone patted him
and said goodbye

he knew he wasn't
coming back

So before he left the
main gate of the prison.
He broke away and ran
back down to 5-building

But he had to go
to a better place
he didn't know.

There was Marmaduke
The biggest dog—big
and silent and a gentle
giant—he, would sit
for hours like a lion
just relaxing—
I heard him bark
once or twice.
And when he did not
want to move he didn't.
He dropped like a sack of potatoes to the
ground and lie there.

There was Paws
part Great Dane and Pointer
named after the paw shape
on his neck.
he had the colors of Saturn and was

almost as big as Marmaduke.
He loved balls and played
with them endlessly.

If a ball was near
him he could focus on
it for hours----
hand balls, soft balls, soccer balls
footballs, basketballs
if he could reach a full
Moon in the sky
Paws would have played
with it too.

They all left but Charlie
a lovely tannish Akita Shepherd dog-
like a sled dog with two
different colored eyes. I am sure
he'll be adopted one day.
for a few days he'll get
all the love