



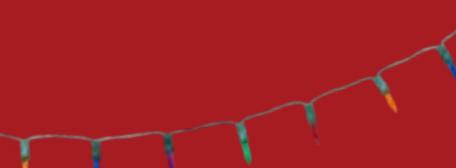
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**Our mission is to improve the quality of life for stray dogs through rescue, rehabilitation, and rehoming; and to increase public awareness and acceptance of stray dogs as companion animals who deserve to be treated with compassion and kindness.**



### PACK WALK: A SPECIAL TRADITION CONTINUES

Every year, Mercylight organises a Christmas walk for all our dogs - those who are at the shelter and those who have already been adopted. This year, over 90 dogs and humans (volunteers and adopters alike) hit the festive streets of Orchard Road. It is not every day that you see dozens of dogs and humans strolling down Orchard.

It was heartwarming to see that both dogs and humans had the opportunity to reconnect with one another. The shelter dogs got the chance to be exposed to the bustling city and at the same time meet their adopted friends. The volunteers got the chance to meet dogs who have been adopted in years past.

It also shows how the Mercylight community continues to grow and expand, with the support of every one of you. 



**A CHRISTMAS PAUSE AMID THE ORCHARD LIGHTS - Side by side, shelter and adopted dogs enjoying a well-earned pause.**

## MEET THE ADOPTERS: EBBA

### WELCOMING EBBA: THE LITTLE “AH LIAN” WHO CHOSE HER PEOPLE

Some dogs arrive quietly. Others arrive with a sparkle in their eyes and just enough attitude to let you know they’re going to change your life. For Eugenice and Caden, that dog was Ebba.

Living together in their cosy HDB, the couple had always known they wanted a dog. After getting married and settling into their new home, they made a conscious decision to enjoy their time as a couple first, knowing that bringing a dog into their lives would mean a lifelong commitment. As Eugenice put it, “Getting a dog is like getting a kid, they’re your responsibility till the end.”

When the time finally felt right, adoption came naturally. Eugenice had grown up with a Papillon who stayed by her side for 16 years, while Ebba would become Caden’s very first dog. Buying was never truly on the table, not out of any grand moral statement, but because Singapore Specials simply felt right. “They’re adorable in their own way,” Eugenice shared.

#### When a Smile Caught Their Eye

A single Instagram post led Ebba onto her path. Eugenice had been following several shelters online when she saw a photo of Ebba smiling. Not just a neutral dog photo, but a full, joyful grin with bright, sparkling eyes. “That smile,” Eugenice laughed. “I saw it and thought, oh, she’s going to bring me so much joy.” While they were open to dogs of different ages, what they really hoped for was a dog who would, in some way, choose them too.

Their first visit to Mercylight surprised them. The shelter was clean, open and unlike anything they had expected. Dogs mingled freely, and the atmosphere felt calm. When Kelly explained the adoption process – multiple visits, bonding sessions, time spent with the dogs, it felt daunting at first. “Wow,” Eugenice recalled. “That’s quite a bit of commitment.”

But everything changed once they began walking Ebba with her pack. Those Sunday visits quickly became something they looked forward to. Watching how Ebba interacted, how she leaned into familiar faces, how she barked along with bigger dogs despite clearly being a little scared herself, they began to understand why the process mattered.

Ebba, timid yet undeniably “ah lian”, left an impression right away. She was cautious, but bold in her own way. When other dogs barked, she barked too, even if she had to hide behind Caden while doing it. That moment, half-brave and half-terrified, was when she completely stole his heart.



Interestingly, Ebba hadn’t been either of their first choices at the start. Eugenice had been drawn to Esprit, while Caden liked Layla. But week after week, Ebba made it clear she recognised them – looking forward to their visits, gravitating toward them, and always sticking close by. The decision made itself.

#### Bringing Ebba Home

Ebba’s first days at home were harder than expected. Without her pack, her confidence dipped.

She paced, struggled to settle, and avoided resting. Outdoors, she became afraid of grass and insisted on peeing on the road instead. When she didn’t poop for 48 hours, panic set in. But slowly and gently, things shifted.

Ebba began to find her footing. Her personality – still “ah lian”, still a scaredy cat pretending to be tough – revealed itself more clearly. She was loving in her own quiet way, curious about what her humans were doing, and increasingly “sticky,” always wanting to be nearby.

Then one day, without warning, something changed. She greeted them at the door differently, with her tail wagging wildly and eyes lighting up with excitement.

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That was the moment Eugenice and Caden realised: Ebba had chosen them. Today, Ebba's confidence has grown in leaps and bounds. She's braver, more affectionate, and deeply bonded with both of her humans in different ways. With Eugenice, she's calmer, softer and sweet. With Caden, she's playful, mischievous and full of energy.

Her "ah lian" streak still makes regular appearances, especially when friends visit. "She can somehow identify the weakest one to bully," Eugenice joked. And then there's the legendary side-eye. "It's glorious," she laughed. "Absolutely glorious." Despite her bravado, what surprises them most is how sweet Ebba truly is.

### What Ebba Has Taught Them

Adopting Ebba has taught Eugenice and Caden that they are more patient than they ever realised, and more capable of love, understanding, and flexibility than they expected. It has also nudged them into being more social, more present and more open.

Their advice to anyone considering adopting a Singapore Special is simple and enthusiastic: "Please go, go, go for it!" They're honest about the journey - Singapore Specials can be guarded, cautious, and strong-willed. But beneath that is a depth of loyalty and love that is incredibly rewarding. "Love them as they are," Eugenice shared. "Every one of them has their own character."



**EBBA'S "LEGENDARY SIDE-EYE" that makes her owners laugh every time**

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## MEET THE ADOPTERS: EMMA

### GUIDED BY EXPERIENCE, EMMA AND MIA LEARN TRUST, STRUCTURE AND BALANCE

Nearly three years on, Marie shares her experience welcoming a second Mercylight dog, Emma, into her family, and what it really takes to integrate another rescue into an existing household.

Marie is no stranger to rescues - over the years, she has fostered and adopted multiple rescue dogs and firmly believes that no two rescues are ever the same. Prior to Mia, who was adopted 3 years ago from Mercylight, she had two rescued Chihuahuas, one from Holland and one from Singapore, so adopting wasn't unfamiliar territory.

### What made you decide to welcome a second Mercylight dog into your family?

After one of my Chihuahuas passed away, I strongly felt that Mia needed a companion - I believe that companionship is very important for dogs.

I did briefly consider getting a pedigree dog at that point as I was hoping for specific personality traits. But instead of going elsewhere, I reached out to Kelly from Mercylight to see what dogs might be suitable for our family. She shortlisted two: Layla and Emma.

Safety was my top priority, especially with kids in the home. My son is still learning boundaries, so I knew I couldn't have a dog that was prone to aggression or snapping. It only takes one moment for a serious accident to happen.

Layla was very shy with us during our visits. We're very active and love running with our dogs, so Layla did not seem suitable for our lifestyle. Emma, on the other hand, showed that she could comfortably run for long periods, sometimes up to 45 minutes - this made her a much better fit for us.

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**A GROWING PACK — From shelter beginnings to home life, Marie and her family build a shared rhythm with Mia and Emma.**

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### What was Emma and Mia's first meeting like?

Kelly brought Emma and Layla over to our place so they could meet Mia and walk together. Mia has always been comfortable around other dogs, so the initial interaction went smoothly.

That said, some challenges surfaced at home, particularly around food. Mia tends to be a bit of a bully when it comes to meals, occasionally snatching food from Emma. In response, Emma snapped a couple of times to defend herself.

I believe it's very important to correct any food or toy aggression immediately and nip it in the bud. From the start, we were also very clear about the house rules, especially with the kids, such as not disturbing the dogs while they're eating. Minimising risk and creating structure early on was essential.

### What were some differences between adopting Mia back then and adopting Emma now?

The two adoption experiences were completely different because Mia and Emma have very different characters and backgrounds. However, the overall framework stayed the same - clear rules, consistency and plenty of exercise. I follow a philosophy inspired by Cesar Milan. I believe affection is earned, and it's important to respect dogs for what they are. At the end of the day, they're dogs with natural instincts and needs, which should be fulfilled through exploration, exercise, structure and a balanced diet.

### How have Mia and Emma influenced each other?

Emma learned a lot simply by observing my relationship with Mia. She picked up on our general energy, routines and expectations by watching how Mia interacts with us.

Emma is still learning how to play, both with Mia and with toys. Their playful growls, chasing and running together, especially during off-leash time, are all part of that learning and bonding process. Watching them follow each other and running in sync has been a reassuring sign of growing trust and companionship.

Every day, I'm still discovering more about her personality. I can see her becoming more comfortable and trusting me as time goes by. I'm the main person she's closest to, but when I recently travelled, Emma bonded a lot with my husband during my absence. That was a really positive step, as she needs to see our entire household as her pack and feel safe with all of us.

**“I believe it's essential for dogs to go off-leash once in a while, in a safe environment, to satisfy their natural instinct to explore.”**

### Do you have any advice for those thinking about introducing a second dog to their family?

Give it time and be patient. Dogs need time to settle, to trust and to reveal their true personalities. Sympathy alone isn't helpful - what dogs really need are clear rules, consistency, proper nutrition and time.

One of my biggest concerns early on with Emma was her poor eating habits and bowel movements. I believe that a dog's physical health is very closely tied to their mental well-being, and anxiety can worsen when they don't feel physically well. Thankfully, we managed to get through that initial phase, but it's still a work in progress.

For example, when there's thunder, Emma becomes very anxious and sometimes won't eat at all. She hides, sometimes pees, and seeks refuge in a corner of the bedroom where she feels safe. During these moments, I have to stay with her closely while she eats. I've learned that environment, structure, and habits are extremely important - feeding at regular times, feeding after exercise, and making sure dogs feel safe while eating.

My experience with Mercylight, especially Kelly, has been amazing. We still communicate regularly about the dogs' progress, and it's very clear how deeply she cares about them. You can tell the dogs love her - they naturally follow her around and gravitate towards her.

Mercylight's criteria for adoption is very strict, given the nature of Singapore Specials. Some dogs can appear calm and docile but may react very differently around strangers or other dogs. Experience and careful matching are incredibly important to ensure each dog goes to a suitable home. 



**BRINGING OUT A NEW SIDE OF EMMA — Through her experience with many dogs, Marie has helped Emma and Mia grow into healthy, confident companions together.**

## MEET THE ADOPTERS: GIA

### FROM QUIET SHELTER BEGINNINGS TO A HOME BUILT ON PATIENCE & UNDERSTANDING

#### What was your first impression of Gia?

As a Mercylight volunteer, Gia actually wasn't the first dog that caught my eye, it was Colby. I noted that Gia would hide in a corner and keep to herself in the shelter, but once she went outside, she was like a completely different dog - happy and calm, with a chill personality. Because I wanted to bring Gia for outings, I became her designated feeder during shelter sessions. I took her out about four to five times and eventually asked to bring her home for a staycation in May. Honestly, I was scared that if I moved too slowly to adopt her, I would regret it. My parents had warmed up to adopting a dog as they had wanted a dog for a while, but I didn't think they would consider a Singapore Special. I shared stories, photos, and spoke to them about Gia. Eventually, they agreed to give it a go.



**FROM CARE TO HOME — Gia with Kliona and her family, where patience turned into belonging.**

#### How did you prepare for the home trial?

We made small adjustments around the home - we bought a fan, a bed, and raised food stands so she didn't have to bend down while eating. She adjusted well to the space. The home trial lasted a month, and it was honestly very stressful. The first week went well, she ate on her own and seemed okay. However, in the second week, her behaviour changed. She became scared of the lift lobby, stubborn on walks, afraid of children and her appetite went down. It took about three weeks for her to slowly come out of it. Gia is very unpredictable with food. Sometimes she's okay, sometimes she's not, with no clear pattern.

During the staycation, she was happy and explored the entire house. At that point, I didn't have any intentions to adopt her yet. I asked my parents, expecting them to say no, but they said they would think about it properly and once they thought of all scenarios, we would make a decision as a family.

#### Were there any unexpected challenges or surprises?

Recently, she got spooked in the living room - maybe because it was raining with strong winds that slammed the windows. She started hiding in random spots around the house. Only this week did she begin to relax and chill in the living room again. One unexpected thing is also that she is terrified of houseflies. Even one can make her tremble, she's extremely timid in that sense.

#### How has Gia been settling into your home?

She's settled quite well. Every morning, when she hears the sound of keys dangling, she knows it's time to go out and gets ready immediately. Recently, she's been scared of bathing. She used to follow me straight into the toilet, now she's hesitant. We're giving her time to return to her normal self.

#### How would you describe the impact on your family's lifestyle?

A lot. It's a huge commitment. Feeding her is very time-consuming; we often need to sit with her for up to an hour just to get her to eat. My family used to go out for the entire day, but now we make sure to come back early for dinner so she can be fed. At the start, my social life was affected, and it felt overwhelming. Eventually, we agreed to take turns feeding and walking. It's really hard if only one person handles everything.

#### Has Gia been on any outings or adventures?

Yes! She's joined Christmas walks, Deepavali walks, and a few outings with other volunteers. We've also been to Wag & Wild. The first time, she stayed very close to me and didn't want to go into the water. The second time, she was happily splashing around. Recently, she surprised me by becoming very outgoing, she was sniffing other dogs and showing how friendly she's become.

#### Do you have any advice for potential adopters?

Just do it! If feeding is the main issue, it can definitely be worked on. I understand why people may be hesitant as it's very time-consuming, but some things dogs can grow out of. By not trying, you might be depriving yourself of the chance to experience life with that dog. Even if it doesn't work out, at least you tried. 

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# MEET THE ADOPTERS: MIYOO

## HOW SIMBA HELPED CHOOSE THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE FAMILY

Valerie adopted Simba when he was just a three-month-old puppy rescued from a drain. Vivian met Simba three years ago and instantly fell in love with him and other dogs. Today, Simba is nine years old, the heart of their household and their loyal companion on grocery runs, café visits and neighbourhood walks.

When the couple moved into their home, they knew they wanted to welcome another dog someday. Not just for themselves, but for Simba — a gentle soul who, they felt, would thrive with the right furry companion. Just as importantly, they wanted to give a shelter dog a chance to experience the life every dog deserves: a safe home, a soft bed and a family of their own.

### When the Search Led to Mercylight

Their adoption journey began at Singapore Specials Day in Bishan Park, where they first encountered Mercylight and were drawn to Diamond Blessing. They visited the shelter soon after, meeting Diamond and several other dogs. While Diamond was lovely, they sensed she might not be the best match for Simba.

That's when Kelly introduced them to Miyoo. Unlike more outgoing dogs, Miyoo didn't rush forward. She sat in her corner beside her best friend Saint, watching them with wide, curious eyes. But something about her gentleness and the quiet confidence beneath her shyness caught their attention.

Over the next month, they visited the shelter once a week, walking and bonding with Miyoo, and observing her behaviours. The adoption process was more thorough than expected, but they appreciated it deeply. "It was extremely thorough to ensure that the welfare of the dogs is of utmost priority," they shared.

### Finding Compatibility

A crucial step was introducing Simba to Miyoo. They arranged their first introduction at Jurong Lake Gardens — a neutral, calm environment. The meeting was quiet and uneventful. Simba, ever the introverted boy, didn't interact much. Miyoo maintained her distance too. But there was no tension nor discomfort. Kelly assured them: "This is a positive first meeting."

Next came a half-day home trial. They braced themselves for Simba's reaction as Miyoo stepped into the house. To their surprise, Simba remained calm and accepting. And then came the moment they will never forget. Miyoo gently explored the room, wandered over to Simba's bed, and lay down, as if she had always known she belonged there. Simba let her.

"That was our affirmation," they said. "That's when we knew this could work."

### Settling In

Like many shy dogs, Miyoo needed time to understand that she was finally home. Valerie and Vivian set no expectations — they simply gave her space, patience and the freedom to settle at her own pace.



**HOME LOOKS A LITTLE FULLER — Simba, Miyoo, and the humans who said yes.**

In the first few days, Miyoo was clearly anxious. She had a few poop accidents at home, chose to lie quietly in a corner far from everyone, and showed her skittish side whenever strangers passed during walks. She walked well, but her cautious glances and stiff posture made it obvious she was still scared. After a week, something shifted. Little by little, she opened up, faster than her family expected.

Despite her shyness, Miyoo woke up each day like an energiser bunny, ready for a walk and ready to explore. And without fail, the very first thing she did was adorable: She gathered her squeaky toys one by one, playing with each toy for 20 seconds before hopping off to collect the next, filling the entire couch within minutes. And it made her family laugh every single time. Bit by bit, these tiny moments stitched together a new rhythm — one built on patience, love and the quiet knowing that Miyoo was finally learning what home felt like.

### Life With Two Dogs

Three months in, the biggest change Valerie and Vivian have seen in Miyoo is how much she has opened up. When she first arrived, they were told she wasn't the cuddly type and it seemed true. She would quietly shift away whenever they came too close, unsure of what affection meant. Now, she hops onto the sofa on her own for a cosy squeeze, settles herself comfortably beside them, and even rests her head gently on their laps. She has become braver on walks, less fearful of strangers, and has fallen beautifully into her daily routines. **Continued on Page 7...**



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In the beginning, they lived like polite roommates: one resting in the bedroom, the other in the living room. Simba, ever the sensitive boy, would even bark when he felt he wasn't getting first dibs on head rubs. Slowly, they grew comfortable in each other's presence, even mirroring each other's sleeping positions, choosing rest spots closer and closer together. Recently, they shared the sofa for the first time.

Simba, who once struggled to connect with other dogs, now watches over Miyoo like a big brother. Miyoo returns that affection in her own way, constantly glancing back during walks to make sure Simba is close, sneaking in little sniffs and licks when she thinks he isn't looking.

### What they've learned and hope others will too

Adopting a shy dog has taught Valerie and Vivian the quiet power of time, patience and gentle consistency.

With Miyoo, every breakthrough felt like a small miracle — her first tail wag, her first approach for pats, her first confident "good morning" while trotting out with a toy in her mouth. Each moment was a reminder that trust, when earned slowly, feels incredibly precious.

"If you're willing to give them your love," they shared, "you'll be rewarded with the same love, times a billion." They learned that shy dogs aren't "difficult", they're simply waiting for someone to meet them where they are. Once they feel secure, their personalities burst into full bloom, like sunshine after a long stretch of rain.

For families thinking about adopting a second dog, their advice is heartfelt and simple: "Go for it — if you have the capacity. Someone out there is waiting for you, and it'll be the best decision you ever make." 🐾

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## THE PAW-LIDAY SEASON AT MERCYLIGHT SNAPSHOTS FROM AROUND THE SHELTER

**FELIX**



**ARDON**



**ESPRIT**



**KODI**



**LAYLA**

**AMIGO**



## MEET THE ADOPTERS: TED

### FROM FEAR AND DOUBT TO TRUST, ONE SMALL WIN CHANGED EVERYTHING



#### LOOK HOW FAR — Smiles that reflect how far Rachel, Hedren and Ted have come together.

Rachel and Hedren have always been dog people, and they strongly believe in giving shelter dogs a chance rather than buying from breeders or pet shops. Years ago, they shared their lives with two small dogs, Socks and Benjee, both Schnauzer mixes who passed away in 2019 and 2020. In 2018, Socks was diagnosed with hemangiosarcoma and needed an urgent blood transfusion to survive the surgery. His lifesaving donor was a remarkably brave Singapore Special who regularly donates blood. From that moment on, Singapore Specials held a very special place in their hearts.

Although they had adopted before, adopting directly from a shelter felt like new territory. They began following several animal welfare groups online, taking time to understand the process. Mercylight stood out immediately with an informative website that helped them understand the dogs waiting for homes. And then there was Ted. Handsome, goofy and impossible to ignore — especially in one photo where he hugged a toy like it was his most prized possession. That was the moment Ted found his way into their hearts.

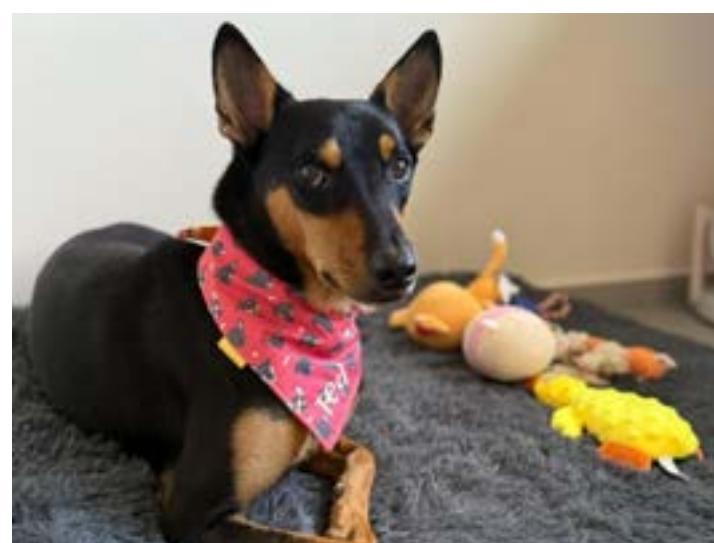
After filling in the online form, they received a detailed email outlining expectations and responsibilities when adopting a Singapore Special. A visit was arranged, and although Ted's journey took slightly longer than usual due to a medical hiccup, the Mercylight team remained patient, supportive and communicative throughout. The first two staycations were especially tough.

**“ Patience is everything. Don’t lose hope too quickly, even if the dog doesn’t respond well at the start. The beginning can be tough and emotional, but once they open up, it becomes pure joy. ”**

Ted was terrified, he would tremble in a corner, refusing to eat or drink, and reject every treat offered to him. It was heartbreaking and frightening. “You start questioning everything,” they shared. “Are we doing this wrong?”

Walks were another challenge. Ted was highly anxious, pulled constantly and didn’t want to relieve himself outdoors at all. It was overwhelming, especially when paired with the fear that he simply wasn’t settling in. It was hard not to spiral, imagining worst-case scenarios.

Instead of giving up, they decided to push through and give Ted time. It was only in the final days of Ted’s third staycation that something changed. Ted finished his meal. That small moment was a huge turning point, a spark of hope that told them he was finally opening up.



#### COMFORT AT HOME — Relaxed and settled in his own space, yet instantly alert when the familiar sound of treats fills the room.

Today, Ted is unrecognisable from the timid dog he once was. Ted no longer hides in a single corner — he moves freely around the house like he owns it, initiates play, and asks for attention. He eats enthusiastically, sometimes too enthusiastically, and has transformed into a dog who eagerly pulls them out for longer walks. They’ve even started trying to jog with him.

His confidence has grown in subtle but meaningful ways too. He’s more comfortable sharing lifts with strangers, and learning simple commands like “give paw”, which he now performs whenever the treats drawer opens. 

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# MEET THE ADOPTERS: LUKA

## EACH TINY WIN BUILDS CONFIDENCE AS LUKA SETTLES INTO LIFE AT HOME

For Michelle and Jared, adopting Luka wasn't just about bringing home a dog, it was about choosing patience, trust, and a journey filled with small but meaningful victories.

Michelle grew up in a family with dogs and spent time volunteering at shelters during her university days. That experience stayed with her. She saw firsthand how Singapore Specials are often misunderstood, and adoption slowly became something she felt deeply drawn to.

### Love at Chicken Breast

Though they had visited several adoption events, it was a Mercylight adoption drive during Singapore Special Day at Bishan Park that changed everything. Luka stood out immediately. Shy, skittish and gentle, he captured their hearts, especially when volunteers coaxed him forward with bits of chicken breast. That moment sealed it.

"It really felt like love at first sight," Michelle shared. The adoption process itself was smooth, though not effortless. As first-time dog owners, the requirements initially felt daunting. There were multiple visits, careful screening, and detailed conversations. But looking back, Jared says the thoroughness made all the difference.

"Mercylight's process was very proper and structured," he said. "It wasn't the easiest, but it made the adoption feel more fulfilling."

Michelle added that what stood out most was how Mercylight treats every dog as an individual, right down to details like padded harnesses and volunteers who truly understand each dog's needs. And beyond the paperwork, there was something even more important: community.

### Doubts, Fear, and Holding On

Like many adoption stories, Luka's journey home wasn't without moments of doubt.

During one early outing at Jurong Lake Gardens, Luka was overwhelmed, trembling and shivering due to the unfamiliar environment. Later, during the home trial, when Michelle took Luka out on her own, when sudden noises by people in the neighbourhood spooked him. Luka bolted into nearby bushes, with Michelle desperately holding on to the leash, terrified he might slip out of his harness.

That was the moment she questioned whether they had made the right decision.

What helped them push through was reaching out to other Singapore Special owners, leaning on shared experiences, and having Kelly constantly checking in. "Kelly was really our anchor," Michelle laughed. "Basically 24/7 support."



**AT HOME, FINALLY — From quirky habits to quiet cuddles, Luka is thriving with Michelle and Jared.**

Luka has since started exploring more of the house, showing excitement when he comes home from walks, and settling into a routine. He's still learning to be comfortable around other dogs, and he can be a picky eater, but every step forward counts.

Michelle describes it as a collection of "tiny wins," each one hard-earned and deeply rewarding.

Luka's personality is slowly shining through as well. He's very much a homebody, happiest curled up with his family. He has a hilarious habit of nuzzling into hair right after someone showers, and he kicks grass with surprising enthusiasm on walks. He's also a bit of a clean freak, avoiding puddles and wet grass like they've personally offended him.

And for those wondering about his name, Luka is inspired by Jared's favourite basketball player, Luka Dončić.

### A Message to Future Adopters

Both Michelle and Jared hope their story reaches someone who's on the fence.

"It may be really hard at first but please don't give up. With love, they'll come around in time and it's the most amazing feeling ever." Michelle said. "Thank you for choosing to adopt," Michelle added. "And thank you, Mercylight, for walking this journey with us." 🐾

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## MEET THE NEWSLETTER TEAM!



NINA



CHRYSTAL



ANNA

### Kennel volunteer - 2020

### Newsletter team since Dec 2020

“Usually behind the scenes and occasionally on the ground across different time zones, I’ve helped shape each edition since 2021, with my Blessing Jireh cheering me on. I value staying connected to the Mercylight community and love sharing stories of our Blessings finding their forever packs and building stronger bonds with their families.”

### Kennel volunteer since Jul 2020

### Newsletter team since Dec 2020

“What I appreciate the most being part of the newsletter team is having the opportunity to meet the dogs that have been adopted, and seeing how they have grown and settled in their new forever homes. I enjoy talking to our adopters and volunteers, and listening to their stories on their motivations behind adopting and volunteering. No two stories are the same.”

### Kennel volunteer - 2015 to 2024

### Newsletter team since June 2023

“I’ve been part of Mercylight long enough to know that behind every happy ending is a lot of unseen work. Writing for the newsletter gives me space to tell the full story – the responsibility, resilience, and commitment behind rescue and adoption.”



ISABEL



VINCENT

### Kennel volunteer since May 2020

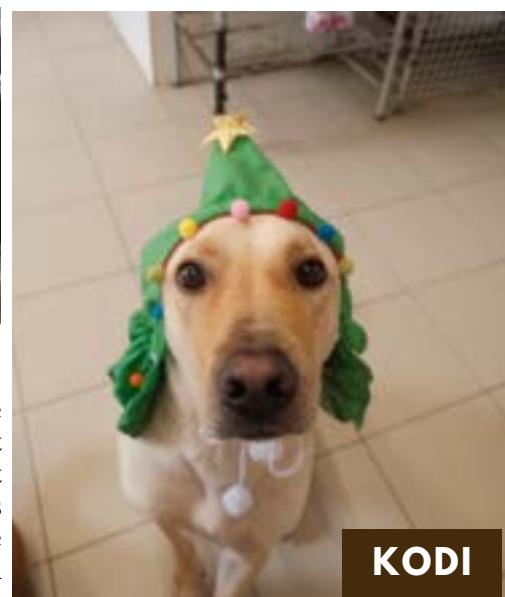
### Newsletter team since Dec 2020

“My favourite part is seeing the adopted dogs thrive in their new homes and chatting with their new owners – I’m always learning a thing or two from their experiences! Hopefully by telling their stories, we can inspire more people to adopt, and provide valuable insight to current dog owners.”

### Xander's Adopter

### Newsletter team since 2025

“Inspiring more people to choose adoption while growing the Mercylight community is what I value most about being part of the newsletter team. Plus getting to listen to and share all the weird, goofy things our dogs do is a total treat!”



KODI

## SEEKING: NEW MEMBERS TO JOIN THE NEWSLETTER TEAM

The newsletter team works to deliver the Mercylight newsletter four times a year. We are looking for new members to join our team! If you're eager to help share the stories of our dogs, please get in touch with us.

\*Open to those aged 16 and above



Think of stories to support volunteers, community and feeders



Conduct interviews with families, volunteers and community



Capture, organise and edit photos of our Blessings and caretakers



Design, layout and edit of all the stories and moments

Mercylight is dedicated to rescuing, rehabilitating and rehoming stray dogs so that they may get a second chance in life. Rescue efforts require a great amount of time, effort and manpower, but we believe that every single dog rescued makes it worthwhile.



Catch the next issue in March 2026!