

Suffield Veterinary Hospital July 2015 Patient of the Month

Meet "KK," a Chihuahua owned by the Jarinko family of Suffield. She looks relaxed in this cute photo by Lorilee Photography in Enfield, but we can attest that this girl is speedy! First, some background, as reported by Kristine Jarinko:

"Our family drove to Danbury to purchase KK's brother, but he was sold 15 minutes before we arrived. Instead we started playing with his two sisters. Since one daughter, Danelle, fell for one puppy, and the other daughter, Cathrine, fell for the other, both came home to Suffield that afternoon. They are now named JJ and KK.

KK is timid around people, and is very tiny, so that she wears either a cat collar or a ferret harness because the dog varieties are all too large. Most of the time, she just loves being carried around in a purse or going for "walks" in a stroller. She never has gotten the hang of walking on a leash, despite valiant efforts on the part of the family. At home she's a snuggle bug, protective of the baby — and she loves to hide in laundry just out of the dryer."



A couple of weeks ago KK and JJ came to Suffield Veterinary Hospital to get their nails trimmed. Steve Jarinko, who isn't the primary dog walker in the family, forgot that KK won't walk on a leash but needs to be carried. Unfortunately she slipped out of her collar in our parking lot, got frightened, and fled. It was a scary 12 hours in which she was followed through the fields behind the hospital, then glimpsed as she doubled back and raced across East Street and into the woods between the river and the houses. For many hours we didn't know where she was, until after dark she was found huddled and scared behind a recycling bin in a neighbor's garage. Thank goodness!

In our 32 years here, several dogs and cats have escaped from their owners in our parking lot. Not all were found, and one ran out in front of a car and was killed. Pets that are obedient or placid in most circumstances can become scared or panic in new or unusual environments, leading them to try to bolt. To serve as a reminder that all cats really should be in carriers, and dogs must be wearing harnesses or collars they can't slip out of, we are happy and relieved to name KK the July 2015 Suffield Veterinary Hospital Patient of the month.

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