

# Healing & Hope

second chance stories from Golden Rescue

## **BENTLEY #2137: I was so very lonely...**

My previous owners started to crate me more and more and eventually they had no time for me at all. I was raw with some kind of skin problem - I was so sore and itchy and didn't know what to do with myself. I was very fearful any time someone yelled or raised their hand - bad things happened to me when that happened. One day they took me away and left me in this new place. I was afraid and bewildered.

Slowly, however, I began to realize that these new people actually cared for me. They gave me this stuff that cleared up my itching and pretty soon my skin healed and felt good again. They showered me with affection. They were so attuned to my needs I was amazed. What is this place? Who are these people? Why are they being so kind to me? Is there any chance I could stay here forever? I was a little worried that my bubble was going to burst.

There were some things I did initially that I'm not proud of. I was grabby and possessive. My new mom dropped a napkin one day that I quickly snapped up. As she tried to get it out of my mouth I almost bit her. How could I have been so bad and so ungrateful?

Slowly but surely, I started to believe I was 'home'. Eventually I started to understand and trust these amazing people and I learned the words 'drop it' and also learned what it felt like to be loved. I even learned that it was actually good to share, which I now do with my toys and balls as I play with my new friends.

Time has passed since those dark days and I now understand I am with my new forever family...**FOREVER!** I am the luckiest boy in the world. I have come so far. I have learned so much. Most importantly, I have learned to **TRUST**...I am full of **HOPE** and...



# I have learned to LOVE!