

Northwoods Humane Society – Melissa Spero, Volunteer

Happy 2024! Last year, was a crazy year for our family! I got engaged! I got married! I moved to Colorado! Let's back up to the marriage part.

When we planned our wedding day, I had two requests.

1. I wanted to get married on my dad's birthday since he is no longer with us.
2. Pepper had to be a part of the wedding. This German shepherd/black lab mix has been part of all the memorable moments during the last 10 years. Pepper was more than happy to oblige.

We didn't realize she had her own requests for our wedding day. Her list of demands were:

3. I must be on top of Daddy during the entire wedding.
4. If my humans get too far away from me, I'm going to bark and cry until I'm on top of Daddy again.
5. Photos must be limited to only a few. I'm too excited to sit still.
6. I get to dance with Daddy and Mama during their first song as a married couple.
7. I'm obviously going to be the most beautiful woman at this wedding (she definitely was!).
8. I also get a bite of wedding cake because Daddy really married Mama just so he could have me. Don't tell Mama!

All of Pepper's demands were met, of course. I had made a custom wedding song for our first dance. Our wedding video has Pepper howling over the song until we grabbed her leash and she danced with us. We were limited to rocking back and forth in one spot because Pepper wouldn't stop leaning on my husband. It was one of the best parts of the day, my husband dancing with two of his girls. The second wedding gift I gave my husband was three adoption certificates for Pepper, Sage and Clove (Sage and Clove are our sister cats). The adoption paperwork had their last names updated to Merrill. It was a beautiful start to our family.

Do you want your own beautiful start to a family? Volunteer today at the Northwood's Humane Society! You might find your baby girl or baby boy there. Always remember, the pet finds the person who needs them the most, just like mine did with me. Who knows what memories you will make with your fur babies?

While I write this article, Pepper is snuggled up to her Daddy in bed, so happy that her family is finally complete.

Dates to Save:

Bingo at Powells on Round Lake – 6 pm start time – March 14, 28, April 11 and 25 and May 9

April 27 – Spay-Ghetti and No Balls – Hayward Vet Center