

Dear Max,

The shelter staff and board of directors of the Adams County SPCA would like to take this opportunity to offer our sincerest thanks for all of the help, guidance and assistance you have so graciously and freely given to our shelter over the past few months. Although a letter cannot adequately convey our deep appreciation for all you have done, we nevertheless wish to thank you a thousand times over for your help.

The time you have spent working with our shelter staff educating them on proper training and handling techniques, as well as recognizing certain behavioral problems and how to handle them has directly correlated into better behaved dogs in general, and a happier, more confident staff.

In addition, we cannot begin to express our appreciation for the time you have taken to work with several of our dogs that were considered very difficult cases. One of those cases was "Abel", a chow mix who had been abandoned at the shelter in a crate with another dog and six puppies. Abel was extremely dog aggressive and would lunge and bark at the dogs in their runs when staff tried to walk him through the kennel area. In the short time you worked with him, he was actually able to lie down calmly and quietly in the kennel area and ignore all of the barking and jumping of the other dogs. As a result, the other dogs took their "cue" from Abel and also became calm and quiet. The staff and other observers were quite amazed to say the least! Abel has become one of the easiest dogs to handle now and we anticipate a successful adoption.

As a not-for-profit organization, the Adams County SPCA depends on the generosity of people like you who generously donate their time and talent to help the neglected, abused and abandoned animals of the Adams County SPCA. Thank you so much again for all of your help and we look forward to continuing to work with you and creating more success stories like Abel!

Sincerely,

The Shelter Staff and Board of Directors of the Adams
County, SPCA in Gettysburg, PA