

Dear Potential Adopter,

Hi! My name is Koa! Hi! Hi! Hi! I am a neutered purebred Black Mouth Cur. I am 2 and a half years old and I already weigh 70 lbs! I am bred for hunting which means I am strong and fast and I need lots of space to run in. Don't let that scare you though, I am a big lover! I love to cuddle and I wish I could sit on your lap all the time. I tell you I love you by giving you sweet kisses. When I am excited I might jump on you, but I am learning that I am just too big to do that. Be patient please, I am trying. I am very sensitive and when you leave me for even 5 minutes I miss you so much that I get very excited when you come home. If you get excited too, I go totally bonkers, but if you just ignore me for a few minutes, it helps me settle down. Please don't yell at me, it really scares me and I feel like I have to run away, so if there is lots of yelling in your house I am not the dog for you. I love to play with my friends at the park, but if I haven't gotten enough exercise, I go totally crazy and I play too rough and they yell at me and say "BRO, CALM DOWN!" and I do, it just takes me about 5 minutes of running around to feel more normal. Needless to say, I need A LOT of training! I was surrendered by my first human because he said I was too much of a handful, but he never trained me and so I didn't know how to act, and it wasn't fair to me because I'm really smart and I'm really eager to learn. I love puzzles and games that make me think and use my nose to figure things out. I love hunting games, of course! I have great recall so do well off leash at the park but I also have a very high prey drive, so if I see a squirrel or a bird, it's like I suddenly become deaf and I just can't hear you anymore. Call all you want, but I've got a long line of hunting dogs inside of me telling me to chase that squirrel or bird, and they are loud. My foster human says that is what instinct is and I need to learn to control it. The only way to help me control my instinct though is by rigorous behavioral training and lots and lots of exercise. My foster human also says that once I am in control of myself I'll be even happier, which doesn't seem possible, because I am SO HAPPY! If you do not have lots of land, or aren't an avid runner or hiker or hunter (even better!), or have some sure way that I will get worn out every day, please don't try and adopt me. Apartments are not my jam, and if you work all the time and I can't come with you, I will misbehave and you might get rid of me too, and I just don't think I could handle that again. In the right setting, I am capable of being the best dog in the whole world, and I bet you and I together will be the envy of the whole town, and I will love you so very very much, and you will be so proud of me. I just can't wait!

Love, Koa the Dog