

Why we named our business Dapper Blue

Those that know me even a little, probably know I have a Miniature Poodle named Blue that I adopted from Green Hills Animal Shelter in Trenton, Mo about four years ago. I adopted him while I was in college, and we lived in a little apartment together in Columbia for a year before we moved back home.

When I adopted Blue he was already 5 years old and he was this scared, timid, skinny little thing. I'm not exactly sure what his past life consisted of, but I could see it wasn't good. He was absolutely scared of everything...noises, sudden movements, people, other dogs...everything. He didn't know how to "dog." He didn't bark, he didn't run, he didn't know how to play...It was very sad. It took Blue an entire year to even trust me. Sometimes I felt like we would take five steps forward and then two steps back. There were days I would get so frustrated that I would sit down and have myself a good cry. But eventually, he started consistently getting better. He really took to my mom's very social, happy, goofy Golden Doodle, named Ripken, and learned a lot about how to be a dog from him. They are best buds!

Now, Blue is just the absolute best dog. I couldn't have dreamed up a better dog, really. He loves people and other dogs. He plays, he barks, he runs...he's just the happiest little thing!

Blue means the world to me. He is loyal, loving, and he has taught me so much about patience, love, and just life in general. If I'm walking around the house, he's right on my heels. The little pitter patter of his feet make my heart so happy. When I'm sitting down eating dinner, his bowls are right beside me and he's doing the same. When I'm sitting down writing a blog, he's on my lap "proof-reading," (like right now, haha).

So, it felt fitting to name the business after my dapper boy, Blue. After all, he is the one that taught me what I need to know to run a wonderful pet business...how to be patient with scared, stubborn pets, and how to love and trust those who don't necessarily love or trust me back. I have faith they will come around eventually :) Just like Blue.

