

## **Finn Steinberg**

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And the results are in... Drum roll please... He is a Chow Chow, Pomeranian and Labrador Retriever mix!

While Finn Steinberg, the one and a half year old mixed breed from Tennessee, may look like a Golden Retriever, the DNA results show otherwise. Because the Steinberg's got Finn from the Schultz Guest House in Dedham, Massachusetts after he had been transferred from Tennessee, they didn't know what breed he actually was. Taken by his adorable features and friendly personality, the Steinbergs were constantly stopped and asked what breed Finn was often mistaking him for a Golden retriever. Since the Steinberg's didn't know how to respond, they decided to get his DNA tested. Much to their surprise, the DNA test showed that Finn was actually 0% Golden Retriever.

The Steinberg family were persuaded to get a dog by a friend who volunteered at the Schultz Guest House, a local animal rescue shelter for homeless dogs. Their friend had mentioned a great new litter of puppies who had just arrived at the shelter from Tennessee. When the Steinberg's went to visit, they were given the first pick. As they sat down and played with the puppies one by one, they were drawn to one in particular. When Finn was brought over from the puppy pile where he had been napping, he walked right up to them and curled up in their laps. Not only was it adorable, but it was the deciding factor for the family that he was the one. Finn was 9-weeks-old when he came home to Wellesley with his new family. While Finn went nameless for a little while, the Steinberg's finally picked the name Finn after all five members of the family agreed that it was a perfect fit.

Finn is very playful, loving, well-trained, energetic and social. He loves playing with other dogs, and people. His favorite toy is a baby monkey chew toy in which he cuddles with, licks and cares for with intense paternal instincts. He especially loves going on his walks with "Doggy Dates" and whenever he hears the car roll up he can't contain his excitement. He loves being super active and always needs a big play time or walk to get his puppy energy out. While he has warmed up to his family, there are two other family members who haven't necessarily warmed up to his presence. Their names are Ruby and Indy-- the Steinberg's two 7-year-old cats. Finn loves the cats very much and wishes to be best friends with them. The cats, however, have very little tolerance for him. Whenever Finn sees one of them he flattens himself on the floor as to not scare them away, yet they pay little attention to him. The two cats love the family and deep down probably love Finn, but they also enjoy keeping to themselves. While Finn loves sitting on the table behind the couch to look out the window and let the family know what's happening on the Brook path, the cats like to claim that territory when Finn is on one of his walks or in his crate asleep. Hopefully you get a chance to say hello to either Finn, Ruby or Indy-- or if you're lucky all three-- sometime soon!