

Your support gives hope to
pets like Mijo and Hito, a pair
of fearful dogs who found
courage at Roice-Hurst.

Hi, FRIEND! HiTO (AND MiJO) HERE!

We were born on Christmas Eve last year, but our first holiday wasn't merry or bright.

For us, life began in a pack of backyard dogs living outdoors without much human attention. **We didn't know the joy of chasing squeaky toys, or the excitement of hearing a leash click, or the words "good boy."** The older dogs picked on us, and if you look close, you can still see the scars on our faces.

When our situation came to the attention of the Grand Junction Police Department this fall, we were scooped up into a car for the first time and taken to Roice-Hurst Humane Society.

We were so scared when we arrived that we sank to the ground, stiff with fear, and refused to move. The team had to gently carry us inside because our legs just wouldn't work.

But it was at Roice-Hurst that we met people with the time, patience, and love to help us start to feel safe. Day after day, they sat on the floor beside us, spoke softly, and offered treats until we started to believe that people could be kind.

After a week, I found the courage to take my first steps on a leash, and my brother Mijo soon did the same. **Those brave, shaky steps forward were the first of many toward a brighter future!**

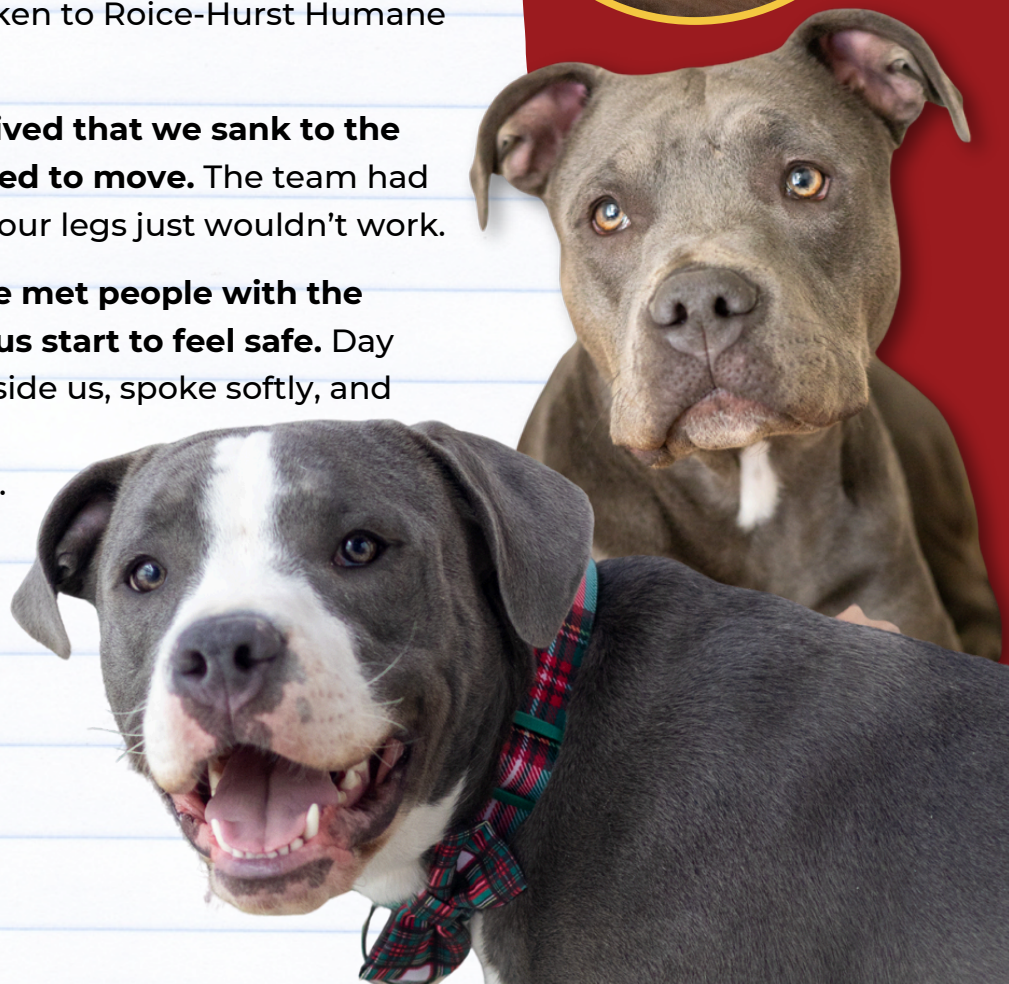
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MiJO



HiTO





LEARNING THE LEASH • HiTO IN FOSTER CARE • MIJO MADE A FRIEND!

Even so, bravery takes time to grow. When my progress slowed in the shelter, a **kind foster family welcomed me into their home where I could take my time in quiet and comfort.** For the first time, I stretched out on a soft bed, sniffed through the park with a new doggy friend, felt the autumn breeze out of a car window, and wagged my tail just because I could. I even tried to chase a cat! (Which, hot tip, I've since learned is frowned upon.)

A few weeks later, I had made so much progress that I came back to the shelter for an adoption event — **and guess who I saw waiting for me? Mijo!** We ran to each other like no time had passed. Confidence looked good on him, too!

That fateful day, when a family walked in and saw Mijo and I reunited, it was clear that we belonged together. **Just like that, Mijo and I were adopted together forever!**

We'll be celebrating our first birthday this holiday season safe, warm, loved, and with family. **With your support, Mijo and I had the chance to learn that peanut butter is delicious, tennis balls are for chasing, and hands can be gentle.**

In the new year, more pets will arrive at Roice-Hurst scared and uncertain, just like we were. But with your help, they'll find courage, confidence, and loving homes, too.

Will you make a gift to Roice-Hurst Humane Society in our honor to give hope to more pets like us who will need help in 2026?

Love,

HiTO & MiJO



**VIDEO:
Watch our
transformation!**