NEW LEASH ON LIFE USA Restore Lives. Reduce Recidivism. Rescue Dogs.

Meet Meghan



Meghan was a person living in addiction when she joined the New Leash on Life USA program in January 2017. She had been in and out of jail and rehab many times and felt like she just couldn't get her life together. "I lost who I was and wasn't a good member of society. I didn't know how to live and kept doing the wrong thing," says Meghan.

Meghan entered the New Leash program because of her love for dogs. She enjoyed having the dog with her 24/7 in her cell because it was like having a piece of home. Meghan said, "I knew my dog was a rescue dog and came from a cage just like me and was getting a second chance, just like me."



Meghan was paired with Latte who was found as a stray and was heartworm positive. Latte was very scared and shy when we rescued her from the shelter. She was not eating and too afraid to leave her kennel. After just a few weeks in Meghan's care, Latte became the playful pup we knew she could be. The two lived together every day for 12 weeks, attending classes and practicing basic training, giving both Meghan and Latte a fresh start at a new life.

Upon release in April 2017 Meghan began her recovery at an intensive outpatient facility and at the same time participated in a New Leash

internship with our partner, Providence Animal Center. We are pleased to say that Meghan is now living in recovery. She has gained full time employment and has a new daughter. Meghan states, "She's my success story, I'm giving her the life she's supposed to have with me in it - she's what I got out of doing what I'm supposed to do."

"New Leash gave me the chance to change the person I became; it was difficult but I did it for my dog."

~ Meghan R. New Leash Graduate, April 2017