



We are deeply saddened to report the news that we lost Duke suddenly to gastric bloat on November 12, 2006 . He was tucked in for the night and when a volunteer went to let him out to go potty in the morning, he had already passed

away. Duke was a magnificent animal and much loved by all who had the privilege to know him. His body was taken to our vet and sent for private cremation as we try to do out of respect for the ones who never get to leave rescue. He was not without love, cuddles, respect, and fun during his stay. Though we had hoped for a happy retirement in a spoiled home, that was just not to be. Thank you to all who offered a home to Duke. We were actually actively in the process of placing him. Thank you for those who sent support for Duke, he had just undergone several hundreds of dollars of medical care to cure a persistantly ailing ear.

Update: Due to family hardships, Duke was returned to the Central IL GSD Rescue in 2006. See [Duke's 2006 bio](#) for more information.

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Duke took his first trip to the State Park and crossed the Kankakee River after a little coaxing...after that he didn't want to get out! He loved being in the river lapping up the water! He's such a great dog, thanks again!



Photos: 1) playing ball with Kia 2) Duke enjoys his big yard 3) Duke's "girly purple pillow"

June 14, 2004

Duke is doing great! Since he's been adopted we've had another baby (now almost 1 [year old])

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