

Hi! My name is Gordon, and I want to introduce myself to you. I am an Australian Cattle Dog, which some people call a Blue Heeler. I am a therapy dog. I love to play and be with kids. The best thing ever is getting to play AND be with kids at the same time!

I had a rough start in life. Someone wrapped something tight around my snout, and I fractured my front legs. None of those things hurt anymore although you can still see the scars behind my nose. Some nice people found me when I was only 4 months old and then Ms. Kim took me home and adopted me. My Gotcha Day is on January 24, 2013.

Cattle dogs love to work. That's why Ms. Kim trained me to be a therapy dog. We took a puppy manners class when I was younger, but it was hard for me to pay attention. When I was more mature and ready, we took an Animal-Assisted Counseling class together at Texas State University. Remember how I said that I love to play and be with kids? Ms. Kim helped me to learn how to work with adults and kids in counseling, and I love that, too! That is why I'm writing to you today.

If you would like to meet me and play with me, you can tell Ms. Kim. She will meet with you first to show you some great ways to say hello to me. I'm really very sweet. I try hard to behave like a good dog, but sometimes I get really excited. Ms. Kim can show you how to help me know that you want me to calm down.

Mostly I behave myself pretty well. I play lots of games like Thumb Ball and Find It. I know tricks like shaking hands, rolling over, and can even crawl through the tunnel. I'll bet you can help me learn even more games and tricks. I'd LOVE that!

I guess that's all for now. I hope we get to meet some day.

Gordon

