



Heart and Soul Counseling

Hi! My name is Barney, and I want to introduce myself to you. I am a Beagle, but I look different than what most people expect a Beagle to look like. That's because I am a Lemon Beagle, meaning I only have light tan and white colors in my coat. I passed my Counseling Dog evaluation in April 2023, so I am a Certified Therapy Dog like Gordon!

I was born at Ms. Kim's house after her family gave my mom a home. My mom was a rescue beagle and very sick. She is not alive anymore. That was sad. Ms. Kim and my brother Sammy were there to help me, though. Sammy and I have a very happy life living with Ms. Kim, her family, and Gordon. Oh, did I tell you that Sammy and I are twins? Our birthday is on February 19, 2020.

We were born during the COVID lockdown, and I was really anxious when I first started leaving our house and meeting people. I used to bark at EVERYONE I saw! Then I started taking doggie lessons and found out how to make new friends. The picture shows me with my stuffed turtle that one of my teachers gave me. I carry it around with me and always want it with me when I go to sleep. Now Ms. Kim is helping me to learn how to work with adults and kids in counseling, and I love that! That is why I'm writing to you today.

My adopted brother, Gordon, will be letting me fill in for him sometimes. If you would like to meet me and play with me, you can tell Ms. Kim. She will show you how to say hello to me and help me feel safe. I'm really very sweet, but shy at first. I'm still a puppy at heart and love to play once I feel comfortable. Maybe you can help me learn some new games and tricks! I'd LOVE that!

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

Barney

