Northwoods Humane Society – **Courtney Nohe – Canine Coordinator**

SCOOBY HAS COME SO FAR… NOW IT'S HIS TURN TO FIND 'FOREVER'!



Meet Scooby, a 4–6-year-old Chihuahua mix with a story that will tug at your heart. This little guy has been through more than any dog should ever have to experience, but over the last few months, he has made SO much progress. Now, we think it's time for Scooby to find his forever person. Someone who will let him be exactly who he is.

Scooby's life before coming to the shelter was anything but normal. He came from a severe hoarding situation, where the home was filled with so much clutter and chaos that his world was anything but safe or predictable. He learned to be afraid of people and the things happening around him.

When Scooby first arrived, he was absolutely terrified. Being touched was so frightening for him that he would pee and poop all over himself. It was heartbreaking to see just how much his past had affected him.

But look at him now! After several months in foster care, Scooby has made incredible strides. He has learned to enjoy having people around, he is happy to see his humans when they come home, and he has discovered that good things can come from trusting people.

And while there is still one big hurdle he hasn't been able to cross, we don't think that should keep him from finding a home of his own. His past has been so traumatic that physical touch is still something he isn't comfortable with. He will follow you around, happily be part of the family, take treats right from your hand, and enjoy having you nearby. He wants to be included in your everyday life; he just isn't at the point where he wants hands reaching out to pet him. And that's OK.

Scooby doesn't have to be a lap dog to be someone's beloved family member. He doesn't have to enjoy cuddles or belly rubs to deserve a soft bed, a safe home, a predictable routine, and someone who loves him unconditionally.

A few things to know about Scooby:

- He does well with other dogs and would benefit from having a confident, stable canine companion to help show him the ropes.
- He has made wonderful progress with hand-feeding and will happily take treats and food right from your hand!
- He has made HUGE improvements with his housetraining after initially struggling with marking in his foster home.
- He walks nicely on a leash and seems to really enjoy going for walks.
- He must remain leashed when outside, even in a fenced yard. He is not a dog who can safely be let loose and expected to come back when called.
- *He enjoys being around his people, follows them around, and is happy to see them when they return home.

What Scooby needs most is an Emotional Support Human. Someone who understands that love doesn't always look like a dog curled up in your lap. Someone who can appreciate a little shadow following them from room to room, a happy tail wag when they walk through the door, and a little guy who is learning to enjoy life on his own terms.
He needs a home that will give him the love, patience, and care he deserves while being completely OK with the possibility that he may never be a dog who enjoys being touched. Maybe that will change someday, maybe it won't. Either way, he deserves a forever home.

After the life this little guy has lived, he deserves to finally know what it feels like to belong somewhere. To have a routine, a safe place to sleep, familiar faces, and someone who will be his constant source of comfort and security.

Please don't overlook Scooby because he isn't your typical cuddly little Chihuahua. He has so much more to offer than what he is comfortable showing through physical affection. His progress has been incredible, and we would love nothing more than to see him continue that journey in a home of his own.

You don't have to be his hands-on human. You just have to be his forever human.
Could you be the person Scooby has been waiting for?
Please fill out our Dog Adoption Application here:
👉**https://northwoodshumanesociety.org/dog-adoption-form/**
🎉Already approved to adopt? Give the shelter a call at 715-634-5394, Monday–Saturday from 11 AM–3 PM, to schedule an appointment to meet Scooby. Please keep in mind that building a relationship with Scooby will likely take a couple of meetings.
Let's give this little guy the chance to finally have a forever. He has waited long enough.

Dates to Save:
December 5 - NHS Bake Sale – Hayward High School – 9 am to 2 pm – bake good needed.
December 17 – NHS Holiday Party for volunteers, staff and board members – new comers welcomed.
4 – 6:30 pm – Out of The Woods Winery.