

## Patricia (Patti) Lauzier

**Patricia (Patti) Lauzier**, started volunteering in August of 2016 after learning about DSR from a former co-worker who volunteered with Dog Star. "I had a hiatus of over ten years with rescues since I had bad experiences in the past. Dog Star not only turned out to be a 180 from my past experiences, it became my hobby because of the great volunteers in the rescue. I signed up and never looked back." Patti volunteers at the adoption events and more likely than not, you will find her handling and transporting a dog at those events. She also prepares and organizes the half sheets for adoption events; is a creative member of the bio writing team; a craft team member; and last but not least, fosters dogs. "To take in a dog that has little confidence because of all the sudden changes in a short amount of time and then to see that confidence emerge with a warm and friendly personality is unlike anything I ever experienced. I know I made a difference in the life a dog and it feels good. It's not just about the dogs but the people also. It is a feel good deed and a win for everybody involved."

Patti has always adored animals and has lived with a cat and a dog her entire childhood. "My passion and love for the dogs is such a powerful and moving experience that I continue to grow from the experiences through the rescue."

Patti is a firm believer in things happening for a reason. "A few months ago, I was fostering a hound mix named Boomer. He had my heart soon after first introductions. Boomer had a scheduled meet and greet at an adoption event with a resident in Massachusetts. He became sick with kennel cough but the perspective adopter was still interested in meeting him. We were on our way when I got the call that the potential adopter was feeling ill and had to cancel. I already had Boomer in the car with me so we headed out to Roaring Brook Vet Hospital to pick up his antibiotic. A worker at the front desk recognized me from earlier when I brought Boomer there for a health certificate and told me she was disappointed that she missed meeting him earlier. I told her that I had Boomer was in my car and she could meet him right then. It was love at first sight! She was so excited and called her husband that minute and put in an application. Two hours later I got a call from her and wanting to have the meet and greet that night. But first, we needed to give the potential adopter the opportunity to reschedule. The next day he changed his mind - it was a green light for the meet and greet with the RBK employee. Boomer fit into the family like a glove as soon as he walked through the door. She even had a bow tie for her dog and for Boomer when they had the family picture taken. Their other dog, who is a senior dachshund, accepted

Boomer right away. All the pieces fit together. The experience was heart-warming and I was thrilled to have a front row seat.”

Patti and her husband live in Torrington and have two male dogs - an 11-year-old shih tzu named Wags and a 5-year-old rottweiler named Ruckus. She works as an administrative clerk for the juvenile court in Torrington for the past 20 years and considers herself fortunate to be a part of a minority of people who enjoy their job. In her spare time, she likes to read, write poems and spend time with her husband and “boys.” Patti’s favorite holiday is Halloween because she loves to decorate her house and sit outside and hand out candy. “I like to think that I am creating some wonderful memories for the kids that they can have for a lifetime.”