Bear: Jeep Top Canine Winner Fact Sheet

Questions answered by Margot Lee, Bear's owner:

1. How old is Bear?

He is 4 years old.

2. What kind of breed is he?

His DNA test came back as mostly black labrador, with collie, chow chow, a little standard poodle and some unknown blend.

3. How long have you had him?

I have had Bear since the end of March 2016; he was just 3 months old when I got him (he was the cutest puppy)!

4. Is he a rescue?

Yes, from Georgia. He now lives with his family in Northborough, Massachusetts.

5. Does he have any dog siblings?

No, but he has two cat siblings and many dog friends.

6. What's his favorite Jeep vehicle? Is that a Jeep Wrangler he's pictured in?

He loves his Wranglers! Ours is a 2018 Jeep Wrangler (JL). He also enjoys going for rides in our friend's old Jeep CJ5.

7. Does he like to swim? Hike? Play fetch?

All of the above. He absolutely loves swimming and hiking. He is a strong swimmer and loves to take a dip when it's warm out, even when I think it's not warm enough. We also hike very often and he has the best sense of direction. Seriously helps me out when I get turned around - or prevents me from doing that in the first place, because he leads me up and down the mountain!

8. What are some of Bear's quirks? (Every dog has them! Snoring? Sleeping position?)

Bear has a couple quirks, too! Sometimes Bear will get a new bone and it will disappear soon after. A couple days later he will be at the back door after being let out, waiting to come in, with dirt all over his nose and his new bone in his mouth. He loves to bury them and go back to retrieve them later!

He also wants to be in on a hug when he sees one. If two people are hugging, he will jump up and put himself in the middle. He has a lot of love in his heart.

9. Favorite treat?

He loves dental treats called Whimzees that are shaped like little alligators. He also loves Frosty Paws frozen doggie ice creams in the summer.

10. Does he have a favorite toy?

It's kind of funny, Bear loves these new animatronic fish we got that flop around and were originally for the cats. Total shocker, the cats completely ignored the fish, but Bear absolutely loves them. He also loves his Frisbee (or any toy) for playing fetch in the yard. He has more toys than he can use, separated into two boxes - "indoor toys" and "outdoor toys." He is very loved.

11. Does he do any special tricks?

He has done quite a bit of training and we are working on some more fun tricks currently. When he takes a bath and is all wet, I tell him to "shake" before hopping out to make towel drying go faster and he always does. His favorite tricks though are "paw," "high five" and "high 10," but he can do spins, puppy push-ups (sits and downs consecutively) and sit pretty, too.

I told his trainer today (August 26) that we will have to perfect some good photo poses now!

12. Does Bear have a nickname?

Sometimes I call him, "Boo Boo" or "Boo Boo Bear."

13. How did Bear react to the news of his big win?

He was very excited! Lots of tail wagging, jumping up and down and whisper barks!

14. How do you plan on celebrating Bear's coronation as Jeep's Top Canine?

Well, there is a car event down the street that happens a few times in the summer. The one in October will have a lot of Jeep (vehicles) -- it's a food drive for a local veteran charity -- and the Jeep community here is very supportive of veterans, so many will show up.

Bear will be in attendance and probably have a lot of fans happy to see him and shake his paw. Other than that, Bear will soak up the last of the summer days with the top down and I will take him out for a celebratory doggie ice cream!