

# It's a Match!

Brother Wolf foster parents use Tinder to find "forever" home



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A few months ago, Ranger was living in a quarry in Georgia, fighting for survival. Now he spends his time swiping right trying to find someone to go home with.

Ranger is a 10-year-old dog fostered through Brother Wolf Animal Rescue. His foster parents, Shane Gamble and Meghan Benavides, decided to start a Tinder page for him to try to find an adoptive family for the mutt.

"We were thinking about making an Instagram originally," senior new media student Benavides said. "We

had gone to Brother Wolf so the doctors could give him a vaccination and we mentioned the Instagram page. They said, 'Well, some of our foster parents have actually done Tinder pages,' and I was like, 'Oh that's such a great idea.'"

Benavides said she was surprised to actually get responses from the page. Despite the response, Ranger is still in foster care because he is on too many medications to go into a permanent home. Ranger's fur is gone from almost all of his body except his head as a result of mange, a skin disease caused by mites. The medications help to combat this and make him more comfortable.

Despite setbacks from the disease, Gamble said Rang-

er is doing extremely well.

"He was found with 40 other dogs and was the only one of those dogs to willingly walk up to the rescuers," Gamble said. "He is doing leaps and bounds better than he was. He is eating well and walking well and growing a lot of hair back."

Ranger is only one of nearly 500 animals in the care of Brother Wolf, according to Jackie Teeple, marketing and media director of Brother Wolf. Of these, only about 300 are healthy enough for adoption.

Although Brother Wolf has a no-kill policy, the shelter in Ranger's hometown did. Benavides said because the kill rate was so high, people would leave their pets in the