

About Carmen Leal

Event Bio

Carmen Leal is a storyteller and the author of multiple books, articles, devotionals, and human-interest stories. Carmen relocated from Hawaii to Oshkosh, yes, there is a story behind the move, and has become an awesome dog mom. Carmen and her husband have become reluctant gardeners and know a crazy amount about Wisconsin weeds. She is the mother of two sons, two incredible grandsons, and Coconut, the best imperfectly perfect rescue dog in the world. Learn more about Carmen and Coconut by visiting carmenleal.com.

Carmen's Long Bio

A professed non-dog person, it's thanks to a driver who fell asleep at the wheel in 2015 that Carmen now has the best dog in the world. We all think that about our dogs.

The official diagnosis was post-concussive syndrome with moderate frontal brain damage resulting in level ten headaches, PTSD, depression, anxiety, insomnia, and visual hallucinations.

Carmen didn't know that the blinding headaches were because of the concussion and traumatic brain injury. For eighteen months she worked and then cried on her way to and from one of her six weekly medical appointments. She was in so much physical and mental pain that suicide was a very real and hopeful option.

Her doctor suggested an emotional support dog. She scoffed. Over two years after the wreck, a dog was a last-ditch effort. Carmen adopted Coconut, named for her Hawaiian roots, after a move from Hawaii to Oshkosh, WI. He has given her a reason to live.

Carmen served as the marketing and communications of NEW PAWSibilities for over four years until they closed due to financial pressures after COVID. Over their ten years they rescued and homed over 12,000 dogs. Carmen wrote was personally involved in the homing of over 6,500 dogs.

Carmen's journey to being owned by my dog and all that entails was not been without lots of twists and turns and costly mistakes. But she kept going and now she doesn't know how she'd survive without her best friend.

Even with her complete lack of research or knowledge she ended up with an imperfectly perfect dog despite her not knowing how to rescue.

Carmen's Links

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