

# Hiker-dog

## Homeless to “Covergirl”



**Age:** 5 years (approximately)

**Sex:** Female

**Weight:** 65 pounds

**Breed:** Black Lab mix

### PERSONALITY

I'm energetic and playful, especially in cooler weather. I'm overly friendly, which annoys my owner because my initial greeting to others is often a lick on their hand. He has tried to train me not to do that. I don't do it sometimes to make him think he's making progress.

I'm silly and a little goofy sometimes, but I'm intelligent and remember anything that has to do with food.

### HEALTH & GROOMING

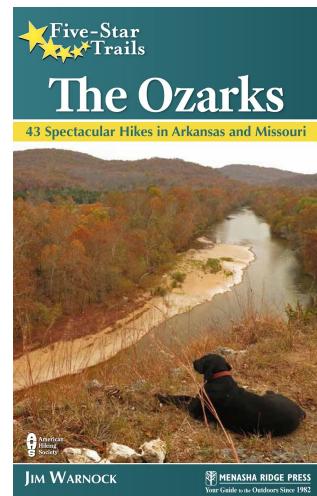
I love to eat and would weigh 100 pounds if my owner didn't measure out my food. I have eye allergies, so my owner cleans my eyes with drops every day.

I love to be brushed and don't mind having my eyes and ears cleaned. I love to take baths in Lake Alma when we go walking there.

### ABOUT MY OWNER

I met Jim at mile 138 of the Ozark Highlands Trail. He likes to hike. My previous owner had a truck full of dogs he used for hunting. I was the pup of the bunch. I jumped out of the truck to chase a squirrel and ended up spending three weeks in the woods trying to survive.

I followed Jim and his friend, Bob. They didn't feed me at first but started giving me salty beef jerky. When we got to Jim's house, he took me to meet Dr. Green at the [Alma Animal Clinic](#). I've felt better ever since my first visit, so I like it when we go to see him.



I helped Jim write [Five Star Trails: The Ozarks](#). He spent two years doing this, and I was there every step of the way. A photo of me is on the cover. I was resting on a bluff in Missouri wondering if there were squirrels down below. I don't remember signing a photo release, but I like being a book cover girl.

Check out my owner's blog. He writes about me and trails that we hike.

[OzarkMountainHiker.com](#)