



SPEAKING OF DOGS

Seminars, Outreach & Rescue

*Saving just one dog won't change the world...
but, surely, the world will change for that one dog...*

THE OFFICIAL SPEAKING OF DOGS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | JANUARY 2012



Brodie

HELP US DECIDE!

Please take a moment to view (pages 1–2) the finalists in our 2012 Rescue Directory front cover contest and vote for the picture you feel would be the best fit for the directory. All the pictures are extraordinary and our committee just could not choose one, that is why we've put it out to a survey and we'll let *you* decide!

To vote, visit our online survey at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6ZLGLGB>

One vote per computer. Deadline for votes is January 15, 2012.

A big dog welcome to our new newsletter team Cathy and Nancy! As you will see, they've changed the design and added their own special touches but we promise to keep the format of information and updates consistent with previous newsletters. We've added an ASK THE TRAINER column which will be shared by Marlo Hiltz and Emily Fisher; two top shelf Toronto dog trainers. If you have a question for this column you can email info@speakingofdogs.com and we'll be sure to respond to your training concern. We extend sincerest appreciation and kudos to Angela who designed and launched our very first newsletter back in January 2008 and continued to publish until the December 2011 issue. She set the bar high, did an amazing job on each and every newsletter she produced and we'll have big shoes to fill—many thanks Angela!

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About Speaking of Dogs

Speaking of Dogs is a Toronto-based organization that launched in 2001 and is dedicated to educating and enlightening people about dogs through seminars, workshop forums, outreach and rescue. Our goal is to end cruelty, abandonment, mistreatment and homelessness of man's best friend.

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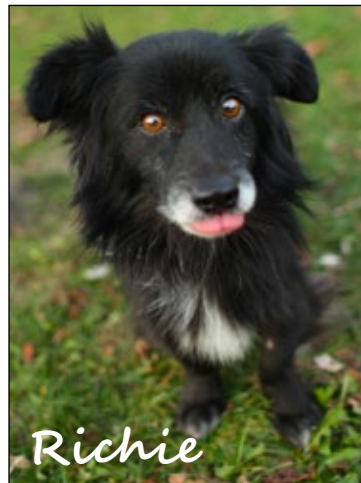
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FEATURED DOG OF THE MONTH:

Charlie

BEAGLE
MEDIUM, ADULT, MALE



A FRIEND IN NEED IS A FRIEND INDEED.

Without a doubt, a dog is a real friend. Our dogs come in all shapes and sizes, but they have one thing in common—they all need loving forever homes.

Open your heart and your home to a rescue dog. You'll be glad you did.

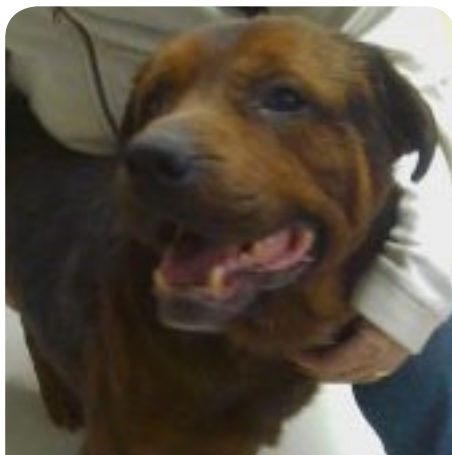
For complete information about the adoption process, please visit <http://www.speakingofdogs-adoption.blogspot.com/>

For more information on each dog, simply click on their name.



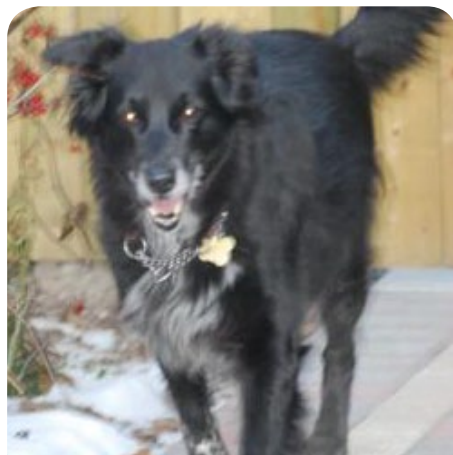
Glory

JACK RUSSEL TERRIER / BEAGLE MIX
SMALL, YOUNG, FEMALE



Tonka Toast

ROTTWEILER / MASTIFF MIX
EXTRA LARGE, ADULT, MALE



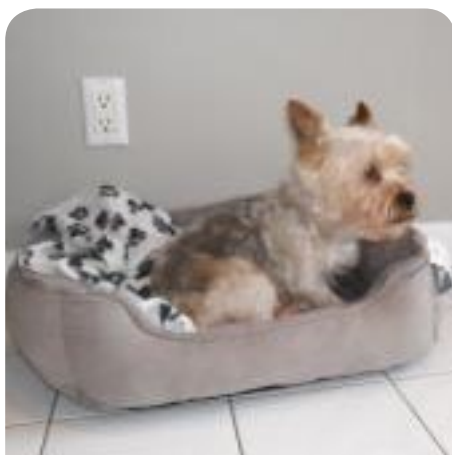
Coquette

BORDER COLLIE MIX
MEDIUM, SENIOR, FEMALE



Pepito

CHIHUAHUA / PAPILLON MIX
SMALL, ADULT, MALE



Alexander

YORKSHIRE TERRIER
SMALL, ADULT, MALE



Bailey

BEAGLE MIX
SMALL, ADULT, FEMALE



Maple

BEAGLE
MEDIUM, ADULT, FEMALE



Lance

BORDER COLLIE MIX
MEDIUM, YOUNG, MALE



Owen

KING CHARLES SPANIEL / PEKINGESE MIX
SMALL, ADULT, MALE



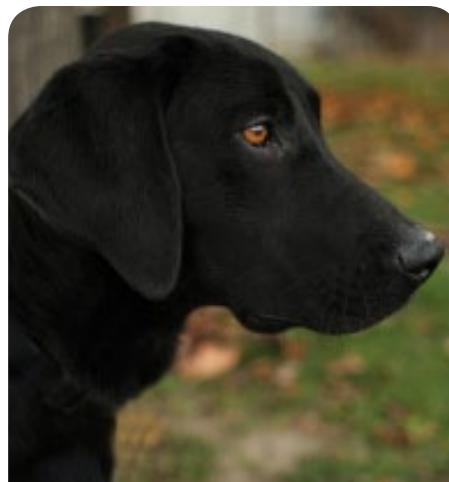
Hercules

MASTIFF
LARGE, YOUNG, MALE



Rambo

GERMAN SHEPHERD / ROTTWEILER
LARGE, ADULT, MALE



Rolly

LABRADOR RETRIEVER
MEDIUM, YOUNG, MALE



King

LABRADOR RETRIEVER / HUSKY MIX
EXTRA LARGE, SENIOR, MALE



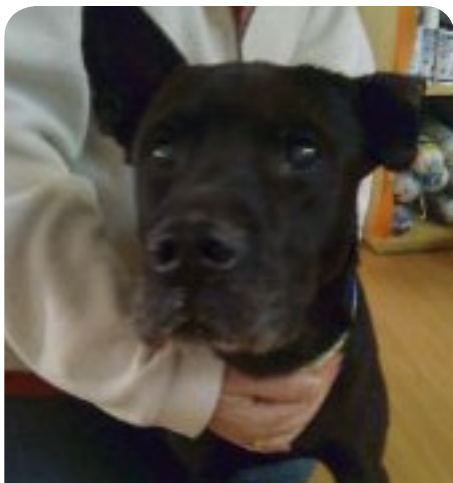
Elly

LABRADOR RETRIEVER
LARGE, ADULT, FEMALE



Juniper

POMERANIAN MIX
SMALL, ADULT, FEMALE



Jerome

SHAR-PEI / LABRADOR RETRIEVER MIX
MEDIUM, SENIOR, MALE



**PAY IT FORWARD.
GET THE T-SHIRT.**

You're the new parent of a fabulous rescue dog. So why not tell the world! Buy a t-shirt that broadcasts

the message loud and clear. Who knows, by wearing your t-shirt you could motivate someone else to adopt a rescue dog. So go ahead and pay it forward!

- \$20 each plus shipping
- Available in sizes small, medium, large and extra large

To get your *Proud Guardian of a Rescue Dog t-shirt*, contact lorraine@speakingofdogs.com



THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all of you who made Speaking of Dogs Rescue your Christmas charity—we are so grateful for the support and confidence!

Folks like Julie and Laura (pictured at left) came bearing gifts on Christmas Eve for our rescue dogs; the spirit of the season could not have been more alive!

Julie is from The Little Pet House <http://thelittlepethouse.blogspot.com/> and Laura is from For Paws Cat Sitting

Wags, wiggles and woofs to all our supporters, donors and friends in thanks!



Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets to our Leafs/Kings game in December!

Funds raised have gone towards vetting for dogs like Ella, an 8-year-old Labrador from a puppy mill that was continuously bred. When she arrived at our rescue's doorstep she was in rough shape but her gentle nature and spirit never wavered. Thanks to ongoing support and fundraisers like the hockey raffle, we were able to have Ella spayed, have her mammary tumours removed and biopsied, have her stomach "tacked" to help secure it and avoid a bloating situation and have her entropic eyes repaired. On behalf of the over 150 dogs who have blessed our rescue in 2011—thank you. We are forever grateful to all of you for your generosity and kindness.

We would also like to thank our anonymous donor who dedicated the tickets in memory of all rescue and shelter dogs and to Gerry B. and Suzanne W. for overseeing the raffle.

Congratulations to winning raffle number 94!

PET FIRST AID CERTIFICATION COURSE

Date: February 4 and 11, 2012

(must attend both days)

Time: 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Location: Blackstock, ON

Cost: \$185 + tax

(includes workbook/manual)

Would you know what to do if your pet got hit by a car, was bitten by another dog, suffered a seizure, ate something poisonous or stopped breathing?

Pet First Aid is not an alternative to veterinary care. First aid is the emergency measure required to save lives, prevent further injury and ease pain and discomfort until qualified veterinarian assistance is obtained. In an emergency, first aid knowledge and skills can make the difference between life and death.

This two-day course covers everything from prevention to treatment of illness and injury and how to keep your pet in optimal health. You will have the opportunity to practice artificial respiration and CPR skills on "Casper, the CPR dog." Casper is a lifelike, mechanical breathing dog. Individual-use airway/lung systems eliminate cross contamination between students. Veterinarian review during the development of this unit assures the caregiver that they are learning the right procedures for their cherished pets.

The instructor's dog will be shared among students for practice. It is not necessary to bring your own dog. However, those that are friendly and quiet in a crate are welcome. Please bring your own crate to the course.

Seminar includes a pet first aid manual/workbook. You must attend both days and pass an open the book exam in order to receive a certificate of completion.

Space is very limited for this seminar.

For registration details, visit: <http://www.daytripperdogtraining.com/events.html>

SPEAKING OF DOGS PRESENTS: "A DOG'S DREAM" SEMINAR FEATURING DR. SOPHIA YIN

Date: April 14 and 15, 2012

Place: Toronto Don Valley Hotel, 1250 Eglinton Ave. East, Toronto

For more information visit www.speakingofdogs.com

or call 416-444-4190

Registration form will be available online shortly!

Day 1: Saturday, April 14, 2012

- A two-step process for solving most non-medical behavior issues
- Recognizing brewing fear and aggression
- Rapid and lasting reversal of fear and aggression
- If punishment is so bad, why does it work for the trainer on TV?
- Low stress handling and restraint of difficult dogs

Day 2: Sunday, April 15, 2012

- The learn to earn program: A quick, safe and fun alternative to the alpha roll
- Your mouth is saying one thing but your body is saying another
- Lucky Lucy: Training the perfect puppy in 7 days to a month
- The many faces of fear and aggression

About Dr. Sophia Yin



Dr. Sophia Yin is a veterinarian, applied animal behaviourist, speaker and author of numerous scholarly articles and books about pets and their training. She is a 1993 graduate of the University of California-Davis School of Veterinary Medicine and earned her Master's Degree in Animal Science in 2001, also from UC-Davis, where she studied vocal communication in dogs and worked on behaviour modification in horses, giraffes, ostriches and chickens. Dr. Yin currently makes behaviour house calls, teaches dog training and kitty kindergarten classes, works at San Francisco Veterinary Specialists, writes

for several veterinary and popular magazines and teaches workshops internationally on animal behaviour and low stress handling. Dr. Yin made The Bark's list of the 100 Best & Brightest in the World of Dogs in 2010.

ASK THE TRAINER

Dear Marlo:

I am having trouble house training my new pup. Everyone is offering advice, including scolding and showing him his "mistake." I've tried this, but it's not working, and he seems afraid of me now. What do you suggest?



Congratulations on your new addition.

I would discourage scolding your puppy for having an accident. This

may cause him to become fearful of eliminating in front of you altogether, which is a counterproductive strategy. You want your puppy to go in front of you, especially when he's outside. Don't show him the mistake. Should you see him having an accident, a gentle "oops" will sufficiently interrupt it. Then take him outside to finish. Focus on what you can reward, not punish. Accidents happen. It's all about setting your puppy up for success.

First, you'll want to rule out any parasites or infections, so a vet check is crucial.

A crate is a valuable tool in the house-training program. Your puppy is less likely to eliminate in the crate, helping him to build up his bladder control. The crate should be big enough for him to stand up, turn around and lie down comfortably.

The rule of thumb is "months = hours." If your puppy is 2 months old, crating for 2 hours is a reasonable amount of time. Give your puppy an opportunity to eliminate before and after crating. A tether and/or a puppy playpen are also helpful. Tethering or umbilical cording is a technique whereby the leash attaches your puppy to you.



Feed your puppy meals, rather than leaving food out at all times. Keep the food down for 30 minutes and then remove it. Puppies tend to eliminate within an hour of eating. Take him out often after he has eaten. Do not offer food or water a couple hours before bedtime to help prevent overnight accidents. If he cries throughout the night, take him out to his elimination area to offer relief and then right back into the crate.

Having a routine is beneficial. Take him out to eliminate after sleeping, after eating, after playing, and before and after crating. Look for the telltale signs that he has to eliminate, such as creating distance from you, getting up and walking away from playing, sniffing the ground, circling and orienting towards the door.

Accompany him outside so you can see that he's eliminated. Have him on a leash to prevent him from running around. You can reward him with a walk or some outdoor play once he's done his business. Be silent, as talking can be distracting, and avoid pre-praising, as that can stop them in the middle. Once he's eliminated in the appropriate spot, then you can give him a treat or a piece of kibble. The treat needs to be given within a couple of seconds of elimination for your puppy to make the connection that 'whoohoo, peeing equals treat.'

Complete supervision is the most important part of a successful house-training program. This means watching your puppy 100% of the time. Otherwise put him in his crate or a puppy playpen.

Keep a journal of times of elimination—what, where and when he went. This can help you figure out your puppy's pattern.

When accidents happen, and they will, use a good enzyme cleaner to clean them up. I like Natures Miracle.

Eventually your puppy will start orienting towards the door or bark at it. At that time you can introduce a signal like "do you have to go potty?"

So when can you give him some unsupervised freedom? When he has been "accident free" for 30 days and is also giving you a signal that he needs to go out, like barking at the door.

Don't let anyone tell you that your puppy "should be" house-trained by a certain age. Some take longer than others to "get with the program."

Accidents always seem to happen in that split second when we answer the phone or open the fridge. That's why supervision is the key, along with a confinement area, having a routine and positive reinforcement.

Marlo Hiltz, CPDT-KA

SANTA PAWS CAME TO SELKIRK FOR DOG RESCUE FUNDRAISER

Saturday, November 26 saw lots of commotion at Selkirk Town Hall for the annual Pawsitively Christmas fundraiser.

This event brings together people, dogs and lots of goodies, all for the purpose of raising funds for various dog rescue groups.

Far too many dogs are obtained without careful consideration on the part of the new owner then discarded when the novelty wears off, the kids fail to care for it, it grows too big, doesn't manage to become a well-behaved pet without training or any number of other excuses.

Other dogs land in rescue just because they were strays, either by accident or design, but are not claimed by their owners. Many of these are wonderful dogs, just needing that second chance to become someone's loving pet.

Mattie is one such dog. He found his "forever" home last year at Pawsitively Christmas.

He was back this year in support of other dogs, along with his buddy Stanley the Pembroke Welsh Corgi.

Another success story is Pippin, a terrier mix, who was found stray on the streets of Hamilton. The little guy was severely infested with fleas and only 15 pounds when found; he's now flea-free and a healthy, correct weight of 22 pounds. He was scheduled for euthanasia but was rescued by Speaking of Dogs Rescue and placed in a new home in September. Pippin and his new family, Lynda and Tom Sanderson, came out from Toronto in support of the rescue that brought them together.

All sorts of dog accessories and gifts for people, too, were available from the vendors who had set up tables with their wares.



[ABOVE] Margaret Frid, of Hagersville, a volunteer elf at Pawsitively Christmas, shows her two canine friends, Mattie, a Havanese, and Howard, a Pembroke Welsh Corgi. Margaret met and fell for Mattie at Pawsitively Christmas in 2010.

Food and fun were the operative words, as people mingled and enjoyed searching out treasures on the tables.

Santa Paws was present, and people were able to purchase photos of their pets with him. Funds raised were divided among several rescue groups.

Article and photo by Alice Guthrie, <http://www.sachem.ca/news/article/241213>



Rescue Dog Calendar Photos

We've started collecting photos for the 2013 calendar, and we'd love to include your winter, snow and Christmas photos!

NOTE:

Ideal photos would not include people (or Santa) but can include a four-legged friend! Pictures should be 300 dpi and at least 5 x 7" in size and can be colour or black and white. Please send photos via email to lorraine@speakingofdogs.com



IT'S NEVER TO LATE TO DONATE

We are always looking for donations (new or gently used) for our foster dogs and Second Hand Shopping Baskets (items sold at the events we attend).

Specifically we need:

- harnesses—all sizes
- dog coats and sweaters—all sizes
- dog notecards
- stuffed toys
- balls and kongs
- dog boots (all sizes, ensure there are 4)
- martingale collars (all sizes)
- dog books
- stainless-steel bowls

Your donations are greatly appreciated and make a big difference to the lives of our foster dogs. For location drop off or pick up, please email Lorraine at lorraine@speakingofdogs.com

A COLLECTION OF SPECIAL INTEREST LINKS

Public safety related to dogs statute law



Over 4,400 people have already signed Randy Hillier's (Ontario MPP) petition to the Legislative

Assembly of Ontario. But more signatures are needed.

Bill 16 (Hershey's Bill) will see amendments to the DOLA (Dog Owners Liability Act) and the end of BSL (Breed Specific Legislation) in Ontario.

To print and sign the petition, visit:

http://www.randyhilliermpp.com/ontariocanleadagain/images/stories/Bill16_BSL.pdf

More about Hershey's Bill:

<http://supporthersheysbill.com/about-hersheys-bill/>

Lessons learned from the Beagle Freedom Project



The Beagle Freedom Project began in December 2010, when Shannon Keith learned that beagles

used in research lab experiments were eligible to have a second chance at life.

Watch them take their first steps at www.beaglefreedomproject.org

Here are the lessons:

1. There are people you don't know who care about your happiness and success.
2. Strangers will pull together to make good things happen, yes, even for you.
3. No matter how bleak your past has been, there is always hope for a better tomorrow.
4. Even something as seemingly harmless as walking on luscious

green grass can be scary if you've never done it before.

5. Every little bit helps, no matter how small. Those small things, whether they're donations or positive thoughts or smiles, can all add up to do the seemingly impossible: bring happiness and hope.
6. Life isn't meant to be only for one purpose, and even if your previous purpose wasn't that great, you deserve fun and happiness—play time even!
7. One person's vision to make the world a better place can make a difference, no matter what steps or obstacles have to be conquered.
8. The first step is always the hardest. But it gets easier after that.
9. Do things when you feel safe and secure—even if it's not on someone else's time-table.
10. You can lead and inspire others to be brave, too, even when you're not sure what you're doing (like taking that first step).

11. Just because someone else has hurt you, doesn't mean everyone will.
12. Love doesn't hurt. It encourages. It accepts. It understands you.
13. Celebrate every step and every success!

For more information visit:

<http://www.womenmanagingstress.com/2011/11/13-lessons-change-life-beagle-freedom-project/#.Tt2m9U7oCtY.facebook=>

The world's oldest dog passes away at the age of 26



Pusuke, a Shiba mix, believed to be the world's oldest dog, has died in Japan at the age of 26 years.

<http://www.thestar.com/news/world/article/1098930--world-s-oldest-dog-dies-at-26>

I Hate Balls!



I Hate Balls is an edgy campaign targeted to raise awareness about spay/neuter, a simple and

extremely effective means of stopping the killing of animals in shelters.

For more information, visit:

<http://ihateballs.com/>

Growling is good



Dogs growl for a reason—it is a valuable warning signal. Correcting a growl, snarl or even a lunge/snap

is like putting a bandage on an infected wound.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.pawprintsthemagazine.com/?p=14492>

A councillor's visit to an "elephant paradise"



Councillors Raymond Cho and Michelle Berardinetti visit the Performing Animals Welfare

Society (PAWS) animal sanctuary in San Andreas, California.

<http://www.thestar.com/opinion/editorialopinion/article/1100896--a-councill>

Purebred dogs: A moral minefield



Despite warnings from animal welfare groups and media investigations exposing scams by online animal

sellers, consumers continue to flock to these sites to find their perfect dog.

<http://www.vancouver.sun.com/life/Purebred+dogs+moral+minefield/5868138/story.html>

The Free Lucy Campaign



Lucy, a 34-year-old female Asian elephant, was captured from the wild in Sri Lanka as an infant and now

houses in Edmonton Valley Zoo. Lucy is alone, plagued by ongoing health problems and lethargic. She steps repeatedly back and forth in her small, barren enclosure and endures the cold winters of Edmonton. Lucy needs to be moved.

<http://www.zoocheck.com/campaigns/elephant.html>

The Action Volunteers for Animals Winter newsletter is available online



Read our wishes for animals and AVA 2012, meet Fiona, our featured cat who is looking for a forever home, and consider joining one of our committees.

<http://www.actionvolunteersforanimals.com/news/indexnews.html>

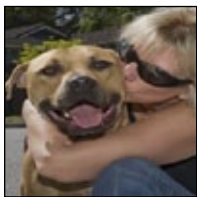
Save Toronto Animal Services



We need to tell City Council that Toronto Animal Services is not gravy and does not need to be cut!

<http://www.thepetitionsite.com/1/savetas/>

Former Michael Vick dog dies



Leo, one of the dogs brutalized in Michael Vick's kennel, died last week. Gaining fame as a therapy dog, Leo was a shining example of how animals can heal if given the chance.

<http://www.care2.com/causes/leo-former-michael-vick-dog-dies-slides.html>

VIDEO BITS & BITES

Quebec puppy mills



A CBC Radio interview with Minister Geoffrey Kelley on how regulations regarding puppy mills have changed in Quebec since 2008. New legislations are being implemented to strengthen fines against offenders while finding ways to improve animal welfare in what was previously known as "The puppy mill capital of North America."

http://www.cbc.ca/video/#/Radio/As_It_Happens/1492126828/ID=2174508789 (fast forward to 7:50 minutes)

Pizza cravings



Humans aren't the only ones drooling over Pizza Hut's new Ultimate Stuffed Crust pizza—the canine community is also begging to sample the cheesy meat-filled crust!

<http://bit.ly/ruEfdQ>

I'M A FOREVER DOG.
NOT AN 'UNTIL' DOG.

I'm not an "until you get bored with me" dog.
I'm not an "until you find a girlfriend" dog.
I'm not an "until you have a baby" dog.
I'm not an "until you have to move" dog.
I'm not an "until you have no time" dog.

I'm a forever dog.

If you can't give me forever,
I'm not your dog.

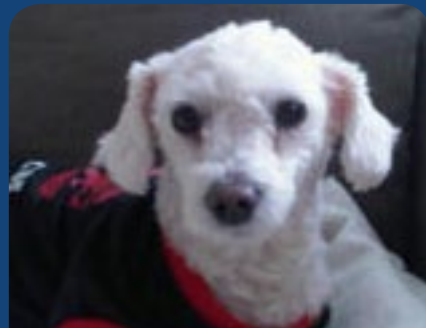
IT'S REALLY THAT SIMPLE.

Calgary *Humane* Society

Happy Tails

December 2011 adoptions:

A big thank you to our foster parents and our new adoptive guardians for helping give these loving dogs a second chance.



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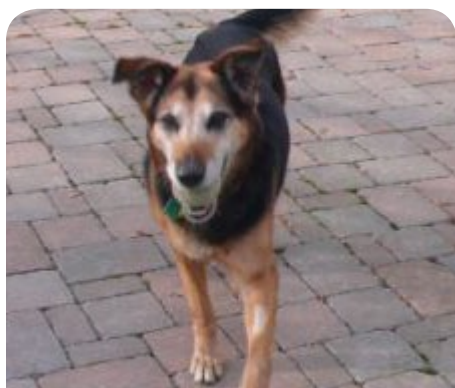
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Pepper



Vince



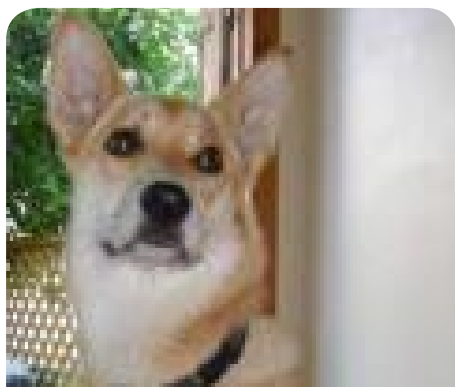
Maryanne



Shongo



Paris



Kylie



Zelda



Simon

I Remember

*I stood by your bed last night,
I came to have a peep.*

*I could see that you were crying.
You found it hard to sleep.*

*I whined to you softly as you
brushed away a tear,*

*“It’s me, I haven’t left you,
I’m well, I’m fine, I’m here.”*

*I was close to you at breakfast,
I watched you pour the tea,*

*You were thinking of the many
times your hands reached down
to me.*

*I was with you at the shops
today. Your arms were getting
sore.*

*I longed to take your parcels,
I wish I could do more.*

*I was with you at my grave
today, You tend it with such
care.*

*I want to re-assure you,
that I’m not lying there.*

*I walked with you towards
the house, as you fumbled
for your key.*

*I gently put my paw on you,
I smiled and said “It’s me.”*

*You looked so very tired,
and sank into a chair.*

*I tried so hard to let you know,
that I was standing there.*

*It’s possible for me to be so
near you every day.*

*To say to you with certainty,
“I never went away.”*

*You sat there very quietly,
then smiled, I think you knew...*

*in the stillness of that evening,
I was very close to you.*

*The day is over... I smile and
watch you yawning*

*and say “Good-night, God bless,
I’ll see you in the morning.”*

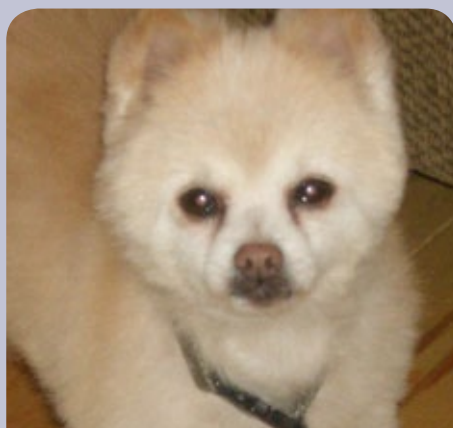
*And when the time is right for
you to cross the brief divide,*

*I’ll rush across to greet you
and we’ll stand, side by side.*

*I have so many things to show
you, there is so much for you
to see.*

*Be patient, live your journey
out... then come home to be
with me.*

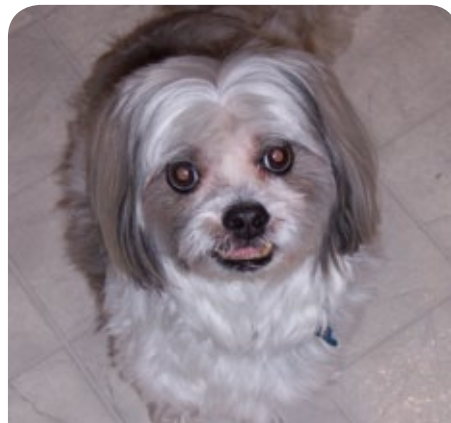
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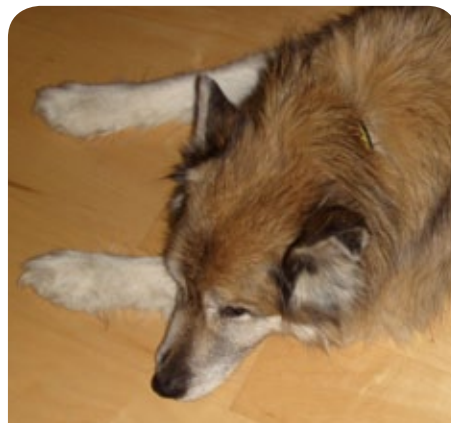
Dotty
ADOPTED, 1995

*In memory of the wonderful dogs
who have enriched our lives with
their unconditional love.*

*We will always treasure the
memories and special moments
we have shared.*



Bennie
OCT. 1, 1994–DEC. 5, 2011



Luna
ADOPTED, 2006



Willie Wilson
ADOPTED, 2009

Speaking of Dogs Christmas Luncheon



Captions: [1] Lorraine and Kim thank all our wonderful volunteers and foster parents for their amazing contributions, and have some fun while at it! [2] Lindsay Bauckham, 2011 Volunteer of the Year. [3] James. [4] Enjoying each other's company at Christmas. [5] Lorraine, Angela and Kim. Thanking Angela for her many years of dedication and hard work. [6] Rose P., calendar creator and Pawsitively Christmas host.



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www.speakingofdogsbasketsandgifts.ca