Speaking of Dogs Rescue is now a CRA-registered charity! Many thanks to Kim, Katie, Linda, Lindsay, Ian, Lorraine, and Ben from Pugalug Pug Rescue for all the reading, researching, and writing they did to make this happen!

We are excited and proud to have been approved by the Canada Revenue Agency and, we can now provide our own charitable receipts for the generous donations we receive! Our charitable status date is May 18, 2016, and our official name is Speaking of Dogs Rescue Program. We even have our own Canada Helps page now, https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/speaking-of-dogs-rescue/.

Thanks again to the hard-working volunteers who helped Speaking of Dogs Rescue secure its charitable status, and thanks also to everyone who has our dogs since the rescue was founded 15 years ago.

WAGS AND WIGGLES FOR GLOBAL PET FOODS AND SHOW US YOUR HEART CAMPAIGN!

Many thanks to Global Pet Foods and the Show Us Your Heart campaign for their very generous donation to Speaking of Dogs Rescue! This donation will help us fund spay/neuter operations, dental and orthopedic surgeries, microchipping, grooming, food, and supplies for the dogs in our foster program.

Huge thanks to the four stores that participated: 1747 Queen Street East, 808 York Mills Road, 243 Danforth Avenue, and 125 Lower Jarvis!

Pictured from left to right: Jacque, Sharon, and Cassie from the York Mills location present Lorraine with the store’s donation.
Hazel’s foster parents call her their sweet poppet because she is always ready to share her love. This amazing 10-year-old hound mix was found as a stray in the Niagara Falls area. She is the quintessential dog: she is housetrained, well-behaved on leash (doesn’t pull), and a top-notch cuddler, and her house manners are impeccable.

She currently lives with three other dogs and gets along great with all of them! She can’t be off leash though, because she is almost deaf and can’t hear when you call or whistle.

Once she finds her spot she’ll lie there until you get up, and then she’ll follow to see what you’re up to. She enjoys her treats, and while her ears don’t work that well her nose is just fine, and she can smell a treat from the other room! She takes treats gently and doesn’t grab or snatch.

Hazel adores people. Her dream home would be with a couple or individual who is retired, loves going for walks, and has good scratching and massaging skills, as she so enjoys being pet! Don’t let her age deter you from offering Hazel your heart and home – she deserves so much love and gives it back 10-fold!

**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 [www.speakingofdogs.com/adoption-process](http://www.speakingofdogs.com/adoption-process).

For more information on each dog, simply click on their name.
Charlie
PUG / BULLDOG MIX
MEDIUM, YOUNG, MALE

Indigo
HOUND / POINTER MIX
MEDIUM, YOUNG, FEMALE

Roman
CHIHUAHUA / PUG MIX
SMALL, ADULT, MALE

Satin
SHEPHERD / DOBERMAN MIX
LARGE, BABY, FEMALE

Helen
GERMAN SHEPHERD MIX
MEDIUM, ADULT, FEMALE

Banjo Bert
COCKER SPANIEL / POODLE MIX
MEDIUM, ADULT, MALE

Raymond
COCKER SPANIEL
MEDIUM, SENIOR, MALE

THANKS DOG DAYS OF SCUGOG VOLUNTEERS!

Enthusiastic wags and wiggles for Gerry, Di, Linda, Lauren, and Brett for their help with the booth and the transport during Dog Days of Scugog.
THE 5 WS OF THE FURRY FRIENDS 5K

Who?
Speaking of Dogs Rescue and you!

What?
The Nutrience Furry Friends 5K is a 5 km fundraising race you can run or walk by yourself, with your dog, or with a group. Register online for $35 and then collect pledges to help more dogs!

Where?
Spencer Smith Park, Lakeshore Road, Burlington, Ontario – only 30 minutes outside Toronto.

When?
Sunday September 11. Race kit pick-up begins at 8 a.m., the race starts at 9:15 a.m., and the awards presentation begins at 11 a.m.

Why?
So many reasons! You’ll have a great day out with friends and your dog. You’ll get a race T-shirt and a professional race photo download. You’ll have a chance to win awesome prizes, including Skechers Performance shoes, food from Nutrience, and two round-trip tickets anywhere WestJet flies! Better still, by collecting pledges you’ll be helping amazing dogs get a second chance at a happy forever home and a happy, healthy life.

For more information please visit www.furryfriends5k.ca/event/burlington.

Can’t Participate but Would Still Like to Help Our Dogs?
Lorraine will be walking for our very special Forever in Foster dogs. By making a pledge for Lorraine’s walk, you’ll be helping dogs like Brenda, a sweet 14-year-old girl who became homeless after her owner went into a nursing home; Quincy, who is happy and comfortable in his foster home, despite his vision and hearing impairments; and Betty, who is at least 14 years old and came into our rescue after being found as a stray.

You can support Lorraine by visiting her pledge page at https://raceroster.com/events/2016/7745/furry-friends-5k-burlington/pledge?id=42&type=participant.
**ONLINE AUCTION HAPPENING THIS FALL!**

Speaking of Dogs Rescue will be holding an online auction this fall. It is currently slated to begin around the end of October. Stay tuned to the newsletter for all the details about how to donate and bid on items!

**DOG TALES FESTIVAL**

Come out and join Speaking of Dogs Rescue for all the fun at the Dog Tales Festival. This celebration of rescue animals will be an amazing weekend of live entertainment, pet-related vendor booths, and gourmet vegetarian and vegan food!

**Date:** Saturday August 20 and Sunday August 21

**Time:** 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Location:** 1405 19th Sideroad, King City, Ontario

For more information please visit [www.dogtalesfestival.ca](http://www.dogtalesfestival.ca).

**WAGS FOR MADELEINE!**

Thank you Madeleine Fiore for your amazing efforts helping homeless dogs while participating in the Laugavegur Marathon in Iceland as part of Run4paws! We applaud your energy and commitment and are so grateful to have been chosen as one of your dog charities alongside the Animal Guardian Society and Toronto Humane Society! Way to go Madeleine!

**YOUR DOG OUGHT TO BE IN PICTURES!**

Don’t keep those adorable photos of your dog to yourself! Share them with the rescue and help us raise funds for the dogs in our care. We are now collecting photos for the 2017 Speaking of Dogs Rescue calendar, and we’d love to include a photo of your special canine companion.

Ideal photos would not include people but can include a four-legged friend. Pictures should be 300 dots per inch (DPI) and at least 5 inches x 7 inches in size, and they can be colour or black and white. Please email photos to lorraine@speakingofdogs.com.
Woof, Woof, Woof, Woof

I am often asked, “How do I get my dog to stop barking when... someone comes to the door? / someone walks past our house? / another dog walks past the house? / they hear another dog barking in the neighbourhood? / they are playing? / they want something?”

Barking is one the most difficult behaviours to deal with because barking actually physically feels good to dogs. Before we can deal appropriately with a barking dog, we need to understand why the dog is barking in the first place and how the barking is being reinforced.

Some breeds of dog were bred to bark. It’s in their genes. Scent hounds will often bark to tell you “here it is.” Herding breeds will often control sheep or cows with an excited and consistent bark. Then there are the toy breeds and terriers, who just seem to love barking.

Other reasons a dog will bark include excitement, loneliness, anxiety, fear, boredom, attention, during play, and when needing to urinate or defecate.

Alert/Alarm Barking
“Hey there’s someone at the door!” “Something smells funny here… Is it smoke?” “Watch out for that squirrel on the front lawn. He may be a burglar!”

Sometimes, what a dog considers alarming may not be so for us.

I don’t want to stop this type of barking, but I also want my dog to stop barking when I give the all clear. Consider managing this behaviour by reducing your dog’s access to the visual stimulus by closing the blinds or drapery, moving the couch away from the front window, putting window film on the bottom half of the window, and/or limiting your dog’s access to the front windows and doorway.

Attention/Demand Barking
What starts out as a low grumble can quickly turn into a full-blown, consistent bark until you pay attention to your dog. I often equate this to a small child trying to get their parent’s attention. Fortunately this type of barking is one of the easiest to deal with.

Ignore this behaviour. Your dog should not receive any attention – no treats, no pets, no shush, not even eye contact.

But beware of what we call extinction bursts. This means that if you start ignoring your dog, you may find his behaviour becomes worse. If this happens, you need to steel yourself because if you give in now you will only reinforce this more intense behaviour.

Barking from Boredom
Dogs who are left alone a lot will often resort to barking from boredom. They have nothing else to do.

This seems obvious, but if the dog is outside, bring her inside and give her something to do. If the dog is inside, you still need to give her something to do. Give her puzzle toys or food-dispensing toys, or stuff a Kong or two, freeze them, and then give them to your dog. Freezing them means it will take your dog longer to work her way through it. You can give your dog her entire day’s ration of food in food-dispensing toys, which will keep her busy throughout the day.

Excitement/Greeting Barking
You will most often see this type of barking when you arrive home or when your dog sees someone he hasn’t seen in a while. He is excited and just as happy to see you as you are to see him, I’m sure.

You will have to remain calm and, if needed, ignore your dog until he stops barking. If you respond by telling your dog to be quiet, you might just be encouraging the barking. Think of it this way: your dog is barking to say “Hello! I’m so excited to see you! Where have you been? I’ve missed you!” You say “Quiet,” but your dog may interpret that as “Cool. She’s starting a conversation with me.”

Play Barking
Many dogs will bark when trying to initiate play with their humans or another dog. Lots of them will become so excited when playing that they start barking. Playing is fun, exciting, and very stimulating, and it is sometimes hard for dogs to control their excitement, so they bark. This type of barking is usually found in herding breeds.

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Most dog owners are aware of the do's and don'ts when it comes to summer time safety and their companion:

- Do stay cool by taking frequent water breaks, keeping your dog in the shade and planning your walks for early morning or late afternoon.
- Don’t leave your dog in the car, even if it’s just for a moment.
- Avoid leaving your dog unattended around the pool or near open water.
- Be aware if your dog is less tolerant to heat due to their breed, age, or conformation.

Baby it’s Hot Outside!

Hot pavement is a summer hazard that is all too often overlooked. Dogs’ paw pads are sensitive and can easily get burned when walking on hot streets and sidewalks. Check out these tips from the Toronto Humane Society to keep your pup safe and healthy.

- A deaf dog surrendered to the Nova Scotia SPCA for being “untrainable” recently received the Agility Trial Champion of Canada title!
- When a father told his four-year-old to learn how to train his new puppy by watching YouTube videos, the little boy went about it in a rather unexpected way!
- Find out about Bill C-246, which aims to modernize Canada’s severely outdated animal protection laws.
- Over 500 cases of pets left unattended in vehicles have been reported to the Ontario SPCA since April of this year.

The last American medical school still using animals to teach surgery has switched to simulators, thereby eliminating the controversial practice across all of the United States and Canada.

Learn more about Toronto's feral cat population and what you can do to help through the Toronto Feral Cat TNR Coalition.

Barking to Go Outside

Dogs will often bark at the back door to let you know they need to urinate or excrete or, sometimes (I have a foster dog like this), the dog comes in front of you and lets out a couple of quick, sharp barks to let you know she has to go outside. They stop barking when you head toward the door to let them out. Most people would like their dog to bark in this scenario. I make sure to get up quickly and let the dog out, and I would not discourage this behaviour.

Unlocking the Cage chronicles the work of lawyer Steven Wise, who is trying to prove that animals should be persons under the law. Filmmakers D.A. Pennebaker and Chris Hegedus visited TVO’s The Agenda to speak about the film.

Anxiety, Loneliness, and Stress Barking

Dogs who suffer from separation anxiety, isolation distress,* or stress often bark, howl, and whine when left alone. They become panicked and show other signs of distress, such as salivating, destruction, and fluid loss. This is a serious concern, and you need to speak with a specialist to help you and your dog work through this particular issue.

*See my articles in the August and September 2015 issues of this newsletter for more information on separation anxiety and isolation distress.
JULY 2016
ADOPTIONS:
A big thank you to our foster parents and our new adoptive guardians for helping give these loving dogs a second chance.

Ricoh
Tara

Morty
Zoe

Winston

Cooper
Blue

Clifford

Lindy
Lulu

Pink
Mayflower
LOVED BY FOSTER PARENTS
IAN AND LORRAINE HOUSTON
PASSED JULY 19, 2016

Dickens
LOVED BY ARLENE KIMICK
ADOPTED FEBRUARY 2011
PASSED JULY 2016

Bodger
LOVED BY JIM AND KARINA
ADOPTED FEBRUARY 26, 2012
PASSED JULY 9, 2016