



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

# Our Dogs Need to Get Around!

Want to help dogs but can't foster? How about becoming a transport volunteer?

Regular routes include to and from Petopia to our vet, which is located near Markham and Lawrence, and Saturday evening transports from Weston Road

and 401 to Petopia. We also often need transports from our partner shelters in the Ottawa and Kitchener areas.

Please let us know if you are keen to "Uber up" for the dogs! Email Lorraine at [Lorraine@speakingofdogs.com](mailto:Lorraine@speakingofdogs.com)



## FEBRUARY 2018 THE OFFICIAL SPEAKING OF DOGS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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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.

*Speaking of Dogs Rescue is the operating name of Speaking of Dogs Rescue Program, a Canada Revenue Agency—registered charity based in Ontario.*

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## THANK YOU FOR VOTING FOR US!

# Dogs Looking for Homes

## 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.

## Raven

BOXER / SHEPHERD MIX  
XLARGE, ADULT, FEMALE



### FEATURED DOG:

Raven is the quintessential dog. She loves life, walks, people, and other dogs, but with the mature enthusiasm that comes with age. She knows all the rules: housetrained, doesn't pull on the leash (which is a blessing for her older foster mom), and sits, shakes a paw, and lies down on command.

Raven loves to nap after her daily walks. She is food-motivated and will frequently tap her empty bowl with her paw to try to convince her foster mom that mealtime is now. Open kitchen cupboards guarantee havoc! She is very fit despite a few extra pounds (which we are slowly working on).

She stayed with caregivers over the holidays, where she barked when left alone, but now that she is back with her original foster mom there has been no barking when left alone. Her foster mom has tested it a number of times, so it could be initial barking until she has acclimated to a new environment, although she didn't bark initially with the foster mom.

All her vetting is done and her bloodwork is all within normal range. This girl is a true gem! Can you give her a warm, happy forever home?





*Hank*

CATTLE DOG / BULLDOG MIX  
LARGE, ADULT, MALE



*Cashew*

YORKSHIRE TERRIER MIX  
SMALL, ADULT, FEMALE



*Lucy*

SHIH TZU  
SMALL, ADULT, FEMALE



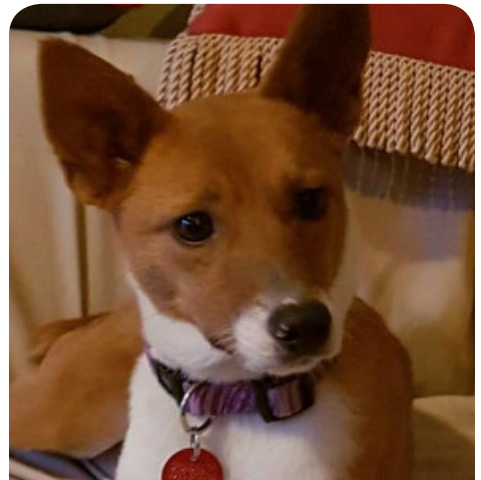
*Mercedes*

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG  
LARGE, ADULT, FEMALE



*Minkus*

YORKSHIRE TERRIER  
SMALL, SENIOR, MALE



*Marydale*

BASENJI MIX  
MEDIUM, YOUNG, FEMALE



*Millburn*

WHEATEN / POODLE MIX  
MEDIUM, BABY, MALE



*Karma*

CHIHUAHUA MIX  
SMALL, ADULT, FEMALE

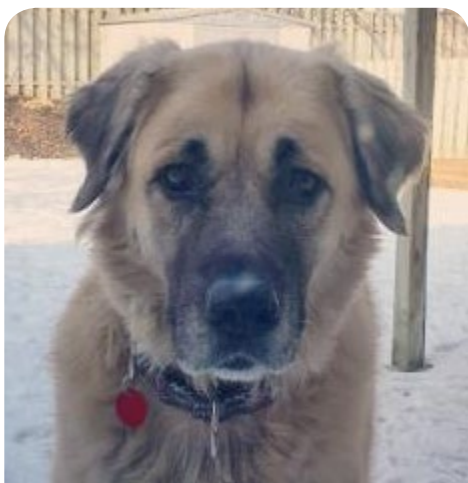


*Abby*

GERMAN SHEPHERD MIX  
MEDIUM, YOUNG, FEMALE



**Henry**  
COLLIE / LABRADOR RETRIEVER MIX  
MEDIUM, SENIOR, MALE



**Lokum**  
ANATOLIAN SHEPHERD  
XLARGE, ADULT, FEMALE

## THIS MONTH'S RECALLS:

Click on a recall to be directed to further information online.

- Just Food for Dogs



## T-Shirt Fundraiser!

We've joined with multiple rescues to create the Group Tee Fundraiser! These are excellent quality, Fruit of the Loom t-shirts, and every sale helps rescues across Canada. Please share with family and friends and animal lovers in general. When you buy your t-shirt, Collie Rescue Network receives \$1.00 of the sale. When you choose Speaking of Dogs as an additional rescue, we will receive \$5.00 for every shirt sold! The more we sell together, the more we can change lives in rescue groups across Canada.

**Please visit [www.collierescuenetwork.com/grouptees.html](http://www.collierescuenetwork.com/grouptees.html) to order your tees.**





# Ask the Trainer

## WHAT TO DO IF YOUR DOG IS ATTACKED OR A FIGHT STARTS IN AN OFF-LEASH PARK

An important first step is learning what appropriate and inappropriate play looks like, as well as what the signs of stress, fear and bullying/intimidating behaviour look like in dogs of all sizes.

Closely monitor your dogs' play (put that phone away!), and be ready to calmly interrupt and redirect play that seems to be getting too intense. Most dog parks are large enough to allow you to move your dog away from dogs that may be problematic, and be prepared to leave the park immediately if you think things may escalate. A nice, relaxing leash walk with your pup may be the order of the day.

In the event of an unprovoked attack (not just posturing but an actual attack), separate the attacker from your dog by any means necessary. If your dog is smaller, picking him or her up may be the solution, but be aware that you may make yourself the target if the attacking dog continues to approach (as we know can happen). Scream, shout and keep moving so that your back is always to the offending dog (and hold your little dog in front of you, so she's safely separated).

If picking up your dog isn't an option, you can try to grab the attacking dog by the tail or hind legs and pull them straight backwards – the wheelbarrow method – but be aware that any contact with the attacking dog puts you at risk of the attacker turning their aggression towards you. This is extremely common when someone tries to grab for the dog's collar.

It is, of course, easier to prevent an attack than to stop one once it starts. I have had good success with body blocks. To block a dog who is obsessively targeting one of my dogs, I move confidently and steadily into the offending dog's space while keeping my charges behind me and issuing firm, loud cues such as "Go home. Sit. Down." (But this can also risk your own safety, as the dog may redirect their aggression to you). I do not recommend this method for any dog who is showing aggression towards people.

Once the dogs are contained, the next important step is breathe! Then check your dog thoroughly for injuries and get the other owner's contact information (bystanders or friends can be getting this info while you check your dog). If the other owner is uncooperative and you can safely do so, use your smartphone to get photos or video of them. If that's not possible, follow the owner at a safe distance and see if they go to a vehicle, in which case you can take down their licence plate number.

If your dog needs immediate medical attention, ask a bystander to get this info for you or attempt to trace the owner. You should also try to find out the other dog's vaccination status, if possible (especially if skin was broken, either on a dog or a human).

If you cannot get information on the scene, post a description or photo of the owner and the dog on social media, as well as at the park. It may also be worthwhile to go back to the park around the same approximate time to see if you can spot them – we're creatures of habit, and many dog owners exercise their dogs at the same time and place every day.

Be sure to report the incident to 311 and/or the police non-emergency



number. Take your dog to the vet right away, even if there are no visible injuries – there may be damage you cannot see. If you yourself need medical attention, finding out if the dog is up to date on their rabies vaccine is vitally important.

Personally, I have seen less than a dozen serious injuries at dog parks. Nearly all inter-dog conflicts are just posturing and noise and don't escalate beyond that. Everything is then forgotten once the dogs are separated and given a bit of distance or removed from the park.

However, most of the really bad conflicts I have seen involve either large disparities in size, possessiveness over toys or treats, or targeting of a specific breed or type (for example, dogs who don't like great Danes, think little dogs are squeak toys, or loathe intact males).

Obviously every situation is different and no two dogs are exactly alike, but keeping these tips in mind is a good step towards making your time at the dog park happier and safer, for you, your dogs, and hopefully all of the other dogs and owners as well.



*Nancy Franklin, owner of Welcome Waggin' Pet Services and dog sport competitor, with titles earned in agility, rally-obedience, and conformation events.*

# Rock Lacrosse Raffle!

A generous donor has given Speaking of Dogs Rescue two tickets to a Rock's lacrosse game against the Colorado Mammoth to raffle off! The game is at the Air Canada Centre on Friday March 30 at 7:30 p.m.

The raffle will begin on Monday February 5th and run to February 12th inclusive. The lucky ticket will be drawn on Tuesday February 13th. The winner will also receive a Rock t-shirt and foam finger to cheer with!

Raffle tickets are one for \$10.00 or three for \$25.00, and your raffle stewards will be Gerry and Lorraine.

**If you would like to participate please email [Lorraine@speakingofdogs.com](mailto:Lorraine@speakingofdogs.com) for a chance to win a night out with the Toronto Rock!**



# Leafs Gold Tickets Raffle!

A generous donor has given Speaking of Dogs Rescue two Gold Leafs tickets to raffle off! The Leafs will be playing the Winnipeg Jets on Saturday March 31st.

The raffle will begin on Monday February 26th and will run to Monday March 5th inclusive, and the lucky ticket will be drawn on Tuesday March 6th. Tickets will be one for \$10.00 or three for \$25.00, and your raffle stewards will be Gerry and Lorraine.

**If you would like to participate, please email [Lorraine@speakingofdogs.com](mailto:Lorraine@speakingofdogs.com) for your chance to win a night out with the Leafs and the Jets – all for the dogs!**



# Canadian Pet Expo!



Join us at the Canadian Pet Expo, Canada's largest consumer pet show. Speaking of Dogs rescue will be there to promote our dogs and provide information about responsible pet adoption and ownership. The expo will feature more than 300 exhibitors and pet-themed events, including Canada's largest cat show. And don't miss Speaking of Dogs Rescue's booth! Pets are, of course, welcome.

**Time:** 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday

**Date:** Friday March 30 to Sunday April 1

**Location:** International Centre, 6900 Airport Road, Mississauga

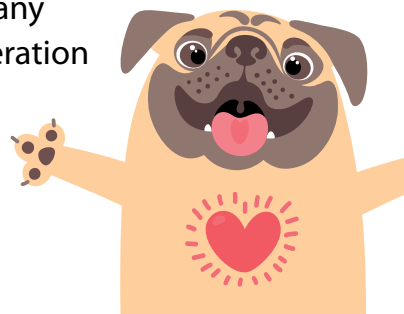
For more information you can visit [www.canadianpetexpo.ca](http://www.canadianpetexpo.ca)

# Can You Share Some Love?

February is the month of love, so why not share some dog love by signing up with Speaking of Dogs Rescue's Canada Helps monthly donor program! Monthly donors help us with budgeting, our forever in foster program, and vetting expenses, and donating monthly allows you to give the gift of love while getting a monthly tax receipt!

For more information please visit [www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/speaking-of-dogs-rescue/](http://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/speaking-of-dogs-rescue/)

Thank you for any and all consideration for our dogs!



**From:** Monica and Bob  
**To:** Speaking of Dogs Rescue  
**Subject:** Lola (aka Lolita)

Lola (aka Lolita) is the sweetest little girl. We feel lucky and blessed to have her. All she wants is to be loved and her tummy rubbed. She can still become frightened but has made great strides since we got her. She is a mommy's girl and always full of love and kisses. Her health is great, we took her for her annual shots and we get her nails clipped regularly at the vet. She has gained 4 pounds and loves her raw food diet. Walking her is still challenging with her fear issues, so that's a work in progress. She is sitting next to me right now under her blanket. Thank you for all the great work you do and for trusting us with Lolita. She has made such a difference in our lives!





# Happy Tails

## JANUARY ADOPTIONS:

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



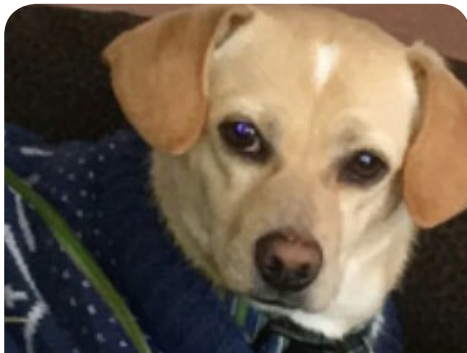
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*Zoey*



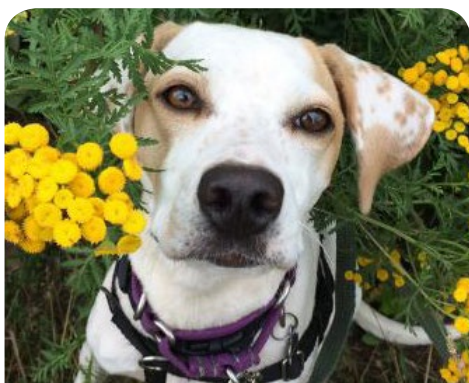
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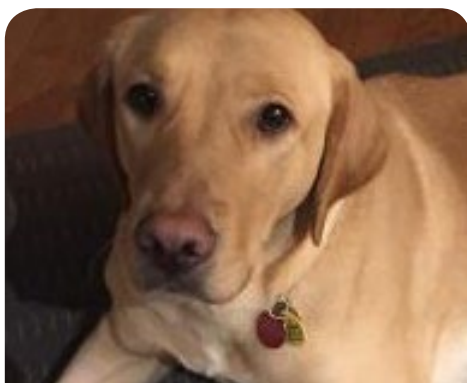
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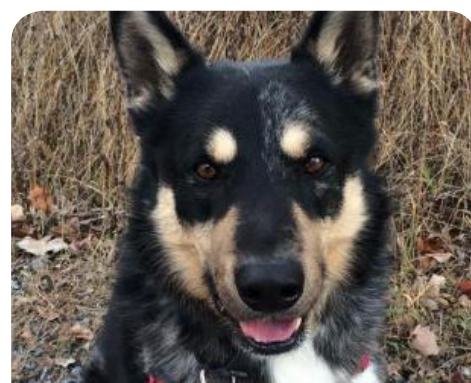
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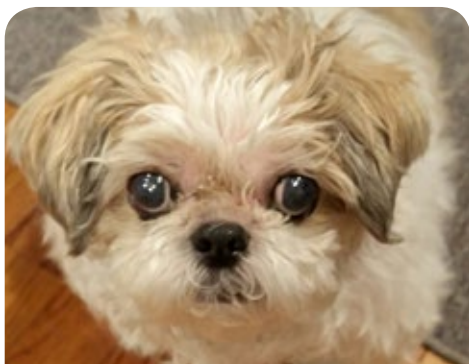
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*Chanel*

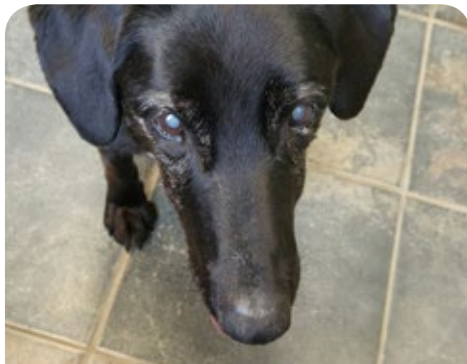


*Jack*



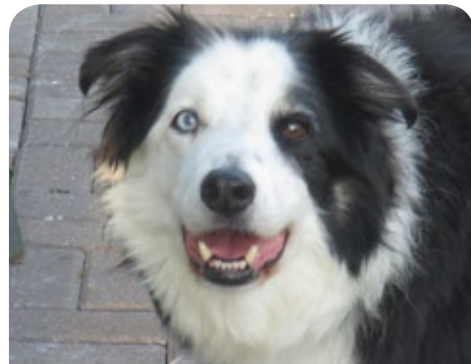
*Tara*

FOREVER IN FOSTER



*Eve*

FOREVER IN FOSTER



*Chance*

FOREVER IN FOSTER



# In Memoriam



*Happy*

LOVED BY DOREEN AND MIKE NIELSON AND  
STAFF AT CEDARBRAE VETERINARY CLINIC  
FOREVER IN FOSTER  
PASSED JANUARY 2018



*Cia*

LOVED BY DOREEN AND MIKE NIELSON AND FAMILY  
BORN 2004  
PASSED JANUARY 2018



*Molly (aka Pearl)*

LOVED BY JANET M. AND LYNNE H.  
ADOPTED 2010  
PASSED JANUARY 2018



*China*

LOVED BY DEBBIE REYNOLDS AND FAMILY  
ST. JOHN THERAPY DOG SINCE 2009  
BORN 2003 | PASSED DECEMBER 2017

# In Memoriam



*Maddox*

LOVED BY SUSAN, BRUCE AND FAMILY  
FOREVER-IN-FOSTER  
PASSED JANUARY 29, 2018



*Diesel*

LOVED BY ALL WHO MET HIM  
PASSED JANUARY 27, 2018



*Misty Marple*

LOVED BY THE PACINI FAMILY  
FOREVER-IN-FOSTER  
PASSED JANUARY 8, 2018