

It's Time for the Oshawa Furry Friends 5K!

This weekend, Speaking of Dogs Rescue will once again be taking part in the Furry Friends 5K walk/run.

The event is taking place on Sunday June 3rd at 1425 Phillip Murray Avenue in Oshawa. Runners and walkers should arrive for 8:30 a.m. to pick up their race kit, and the race begins at 9:15 a.m. The awards presentation begins at 10:00 a.m.

Racers can register up to, and including on, race day. Visit furryfriends5k.ca for more information.

But don't be disappointed if you can't walk or run! You can help raise much-needed funds for the rescue by pledging one of our walkers. To make a donation, simply visit furryfriends5k.ca/oshawa, scroll down, and click on "Pledge a Participant." You will see a list of names, which you can search or scroll through.

Our racers are:

Shelley Baker	Kathy Clark
Kim Gladding	Lorraine Houston
Linda Knowles	Janet Martin
Wanda Prince	Gael Ross
Katie Saich	Angela Stelzer
Gabe Thompson	Catherine Truong
Ruth Wozniak	

Simply click the "donate" button next to the name of the participant you would like to pledge and follow the instructions.

How else can you help? Please share info about this event through your social media channels and come out to support our racers. Our dogs desperately need funds to get the second chance they so deserve, and we can't let them down!

In October, the rescue will be participating in the Furry Friends 5K in Burlington. The newsletter will have monthly updates, so stay tuned!



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

Sierra

GERMAN SHEPHERD
LARGE, YOUNG, FEMALE



FEATURED DOG:

Sierra is a beautiful and lanky 1-year old shepherd/collie mix who was surrendered by her previous owners to our partner shelter in the US. She is a sweet, affectionate, and smart dog who loves people. She enjoys her walks and loves to play with toys. She'll quickly engage you to play, especially catch.

Sierra knows her basic commands (sit, down, paw), and she's treat motivated so is quick to learn. She is housetrained, and you can leave her home alone without incident (and without being crated) – just keep loose tissues and paper out of her reach.

Young Sierra is a high-energy dog who needs mental and physical stimulation, but she'll also chill alongside you. She still often acts like a pup and will jump up or play with her mouth when she gets very excited. We're working on modifying those behaviours and teaching her how to play nicely.

She loves other dogs – so much so that she barks and pulls on her leash to greet them – but once she meets and sniffs them she calms right down. Her big shepherd bark might deter any unwanted visitors, but she's likely to slobber them with kisses and ask for butt rubs when they enter the house.

Sierra is a great dog, but she is too big, goofy, jumpy, and mouthy for a family with small children. Are you willing to continue Sierra's training and shower her with love? She'll love you right back!



Hank

CATTLE DOG / BULLDOG MIX
LARGE, ADULT, MALE



Kingsley

LABRADOR RETRIEVER
MEDIUM, ADULT, MALE



Cosmo

RETRIEVER MIX
MEDIUM, ADULT, MALE



Buddy

GREYHOUND / LAB MIX
MEDIUM, YOUNG, MALE



Mercedes

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG
LARGE, ADULT, FEMALE



Bailey

BEAGLE / LABRADOR RETRIEVER MIX
MEDIUM, SENIOR, MALE



Sherry

TOY POODLE
SMALL, ADULT, FEMALE



Milo

DACHSHUND
SMALL, ADULT, MALE



Max

CHIHUAHUA
SMALL, YOUNG, MALE



Daisy

SCHNAUZER / POODLE MIX
SMALL, SENIOR, FEMALE



Buster

AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD MIX
MEDIUM, ADULT, MALE



Lily

COLLIE / GERMAN SHEPHERD MIX
LARGE, ADULT, FEMALE



WOOFSTOCK WAGS AND WIGGLES!

The weather cooperated, and it was an amazing Woofstock weekend! Lots of people came by Speaking of Dogs Rescue's tent to find out more about our dogs and the benefits of positive, rewards-based training. Many thanks to the superb volunteers who helped set up, tear down, and staff our booth: Gail, Katie, Jo-Ann, Karen, Evguenia, Dixie, and Minna.

WAY TO FUNDRAISE BAKER ANIMAL CLINIC!

Many thanks to Julie Lotton and Baker Animal Clinic for having a nail trimming fundraiser in early May for Speaking of Dogs Rescue. Their efforts raised over \$500.00 for our foster dogs! Thank you Julie and Baker Animal Clinic!

Forever in Foster Pupdate

MEET DUSTIN!

Dustin came to us in early fall 2017, when his owner was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. The minute he stepped a paw into our home, it was like he had always been a part of our family.

When we took him to our vet for a check-up, we learned he had renal insufficiency, but our vet felt he could be adopted out as long as his new family was given, and understood, that follow-up was essential to keeping his kidneys in the best possible shape.

We uploaded his bio (truly the kindest dog on earth!) and handsome face (move over George Clooney, Dustin has arrived!) and waited weeks, then months, for someone to offer him a loving home, but no one ever asked about him.

In January, we took him back to the vet for follow-up diagnostics. When the results came in, our vet suggested we move Dustin to our Forever in Foster program due to kidney function changes.

How blessed we are to have Dustin in our lives. His gentle, patient, and social nature make him our go-to guy when new foster dogs arrive and need someone to show them that everything is going to be just fine.

He's now the neighbourhood favourite as he strolls along, wishing everyone he meets a "good day" with a soft smile and wide swish of his feathered tail. He goes to family get-togethers and seems to always be the centre of attention and affections – he also has a new grandbaby who lights up every time he walks into her line of vision!

Dustin just seems to have a special, magical way about him; we call it the Dustin affect! We embrace him each day and have vowed to make every day a Dustin day.

With love from Ian, Lorraine, and Stewart Houston



Speaking of Dogs Rescue focuses on compassionate care for senior dogs. When these beloved dogs come into our rescue, they often have needs that are beyond the scope of adoption. Still others are up for adoption for months without finding a forever home, and they eventually become attached to their foster parents. At that point we often feel that it is not in the best interest of the dog to be uprooted and put into a new home. And so, we keep some of our senior dogs in our Forever in Foster program, which has been running since 2005 and has seen many dogs live out their last chapter in a loving, caring foster home, cherished until they cross over to the Rainbow Bridge. Speaking of Dogs Rescue cares for these dogs financially for the rest of their lives, covering their vetting, food, and grooming costs.

Ask the Trainer

SUMMER AND THE LIVING IS EASY?

While many of us look forward to the warmer weather, which allows us to spend more time outside, but many of the activities we enjoy can pose dangers to our beloved pets. It's important to have strategies in place for coping with these dangers prior to any problems arising. Strategic planning can help make the outdoor life great for everyone!

Gardening

Dogs love to be with their people and are often motivated to do what they're doing. Freshly turned earth, fertilizer that may have especially wonderful aromas, and young green plants can all be tantalizing for dogs. Many plants and bulbs are toxic to dogs, so it isn't just a matter of them making a mess of your carefully planned garden!

However, you can help your dog enjoy their version of gardening while protecting them – and your hard work.

Designate a safe digging spot and seed it with a few buried treasures. Help your dog find that first bone or toy, which you've buried just under the surface, and then let them loose to have some fun. This way, when you go back to your gardening, rather than just saying "no" if your dog is digging in the wrong place, you can redirect them to a safe spot all their own.

Try to locate your dog's spot somewhere near where you garden, so that they can still be near you. It can be a part of your garden area or a child's play pool or sandbox filled with sand. Do include some topsoil though, as it smells far more enticing than plain sand!

Leave It!

Barbecue season is great, and having one with friends at a nearby park is a wonderful experience. However, other

families may not have done a great job of cleaning up, and you'll need to be on guard for leftover bones, onions, foil, or other potentially harmful goodies that your dog will likely want to inhale. You'll need to be very aware when walking your dog around picnic areas.

Practice your "leave it" command at home with lots of different and challenging items. Start with just a treat in hand to be sure that your dog really understands the concept. They need to move their nose away from your hand for a few seconds before you'll let them "take it!"

Gradually move up the challenge to real-world items, such as a chicken bone under your foot. They clearly won't be released to get it, but they will need lots of praise and a high-value treat for making the tough decision to "leave it."

Be sure that you don't ask them for a sit or stay before giving the "leave it" command, because when you come across things on the path, they'll be up and moving around.

Keeping Cool – And What Heatstroke Looks Like

We still want to have fun with our dogs when the mercury rises, and many dogs feel that they should keep going until they drop. It's up to owners to manage the activities to keep everything fun but safe. There are lots of things that we can change in our routines. Exercise your dog in the early morning or later in the evening, when the sun's rays are not as strong and it's cooler outside.

There are also many products on the market that help dogs maintain proper body temperature on hot days. Cooling jackets and bandanas can be worn during activities, and there are cooling mats that can go under their bed or in their crate.

While chewing on the occasional ice cube isn't terrible, you don't want water to be

too cold, especially after a big run. Your dog may drink too much all at once and shock their system.

Freezing treats and toys inside a pot of ice is a fun way to engage your dog and help keep them cool. Do let it defrost some before giving it to them, so that they don't damage their teeth.

Our dogs can't talk to us, and they often try to mask any type of pain. As dog owners, we need to be aware of subtle changes in our dog's body language in potentially dangerous situations. You can check your dog's heart rate at their chest, to see if it is abnormally fast, which means you need to know what your dogs normal heart rate feels like. Be sure to check your dog's heart rate when they're at rest, so you have a benchmark.

Danger signs of heatstroke and hyperthermia include a fast heart rate, light pink or grey gums, unusually languid behaviour, the tongue being fully out of the dog's mouth, and heavy panting.

If you suspect your dog is suffering from heatstroke, don't cool them down too quickly. Avoid putting anything icy-cold on the dog and don't give them overly cold water right away, to avoid shocking their system. Give them room-temperature water and sprinkle or spray some of it on their belly and paws to help dissipate the heat. A cool but not icy damp towel on their back will help to lower their core temperature. Bring them somewhere cool inside or to a shady location. If your dog doesn't start recovering or showing signs of improvement in 10 to 15 minutes, get them to the vet immediately!

Fireworks!

While fireworks are beautiful to humans, who understand what they are, they are truly terrifying for dogs. The sounds and unexplained explosions all around them often cause dogs to bolt from yards or

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escape from leashes. Every year dogs are lost or hit by cars when frantically trying to escape. Please do NOT bring dogs to see fireworks or leave them outside in the yard if any fireworks displays are within earshot.

While we can help our dogs learn to accept most experiences with gentle exposure, fireworks do not work this way. A young dog might not show much negative reaction outwardly, but they are actually becoming more sensitized to the sight and sound. Each year the fireworks will frighten them a little more, and we usually see this becoming a full fear expression around four years of age.

The ideal location for any dog during a fireworks display is a quiet room with white noise, such as a fan, TV, or radio playing,

and closed curtains. They should be settled there long before the start of the activities.

Outdoor Training

Do take advantage of the wonderful weather to train your dog in real-world situations. While you may have trained a pretty solid “stay” command in the house, it’s much more difficult with real-world distractions. Pay attention to the rules of the 3D stay – when the distractions around you are high, decrease the distance and duration of the stay.

“Stay” is the go-to behaviour to help your dog manage difficult situations, such as allowing a dog to walk past them or kids on bikes or skateboards riding past. You can also step on the leash to avert any last-minute lunging.

Once the distraction has passed, reward your dog with a happy bounce out of the

stay position in the opposite direction and engage in some toy play. Be sure to practise the stays randomly on your walks, so that it isn’t predictive of something exciting passing by.

With these tips in mind, you’ll be sure to have a wonderful summer with your dog!



Lucinda Glenny, MSc. Animal Behaviour, HBSc. Psych., CPDT-KA, owner and lead trainer of Canine Campus (caninecampus.ca)

From: Nita V.
To: Speaking of Dogs Rescue
Subject: Brownie

We just wanted to take a moment to say hello and show you our wonderful boy enjoying the lovely weather we’ve been having. He was keeping Ren company in the backyard! He loves the outdoors, and I am really looking forward to many days out there with Brownie. Brownie is such an exceptional, intelligent boy. I am going to bathe him myself and want his first bath to be a bonding and pleasurable experience for him.

Thanks again for choosing us to be his forever family!



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 to order your tees.

Bits & Bites

Simply click on a summary to be whisked away to the internet page where you can read the full story.

- The Toronto Humane Society is again offering canine heartworm testing and preventative medication as part of its high-volume, low-cost vaccination service.
- Warmer weather means tick season is underway. Find out about six tick-borne diseases from the Pet Health Network.
- The Ontario Landowners Association and the animal rights group Animal Justice make an unlikely team, but they've joined forces to challenge the OSPCA's search and seizure powers in court.
- It's cottage season! The OSPCA offers these tips for a safe and fun cottage experience for your pets.
- Dog trainer Danielle Hodges explains four essential commands every dog should know – and how owners can teach them.
- A dog is being quarantine following an attack on a puppy and young girl in Leaside's Serena Gundy Park. The owner was arrested and charged with assaulting a peace officer, among other things, following an incident that occurred during the investigation.
- A precedent was set when Peterborough resident Deep Bista was sentenced to a lifetime ban on owning an animal after being caught on video beating his dog. He will also serve three 90-day jail sentences consecutively.
- Ever wonder what goes in to the socialization and training of a service dog? This article explains "The Making of a Service Dog."
- Pet feed ingredient supplier Wilbur-Ellis has pled guilty to charges related to the Purina v. Blue Buffalo lawsuit. They are likely to be on probation for three years and pay out nearly \$5.5 million in fines.

THIS MONTH'S RECALLS:

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

- Merrick Backcountry Great Plains beef treats and Castor & Pollux Good Buddy beef treats.

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LET'S GO BLUE JAYS RAFFLE!

A generous supporter (and two-time adopter!) has donated a pair of Blue Jays tickets (section 219R, row 9, seats 5 and 6) to raffle off to help our foster dogs! The game is on June 19th against the Atlanta Braves. Raffle tickets are one for \$10.00 or three for \$25.00, and the raffle runs from May 30th to June 6th inclusive. The lucky ticket will be drawn on June 7th by an independent volunteer. Your raffle stewards are Gerry and Lorraine. If you are interested in purchasing raffle tickets for this game, please email Lorraine@speakingofdogs.com.

Happy Tails

MAY ADOPTIONS:

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



Chino



Gidget



Manny



Munroe



Ozzy



Riley



Sassy

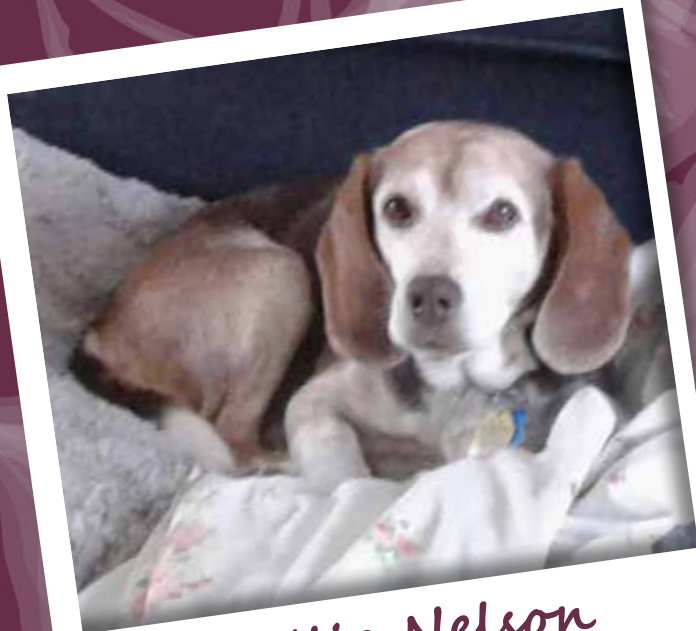


Tanka



Bonnie

In Memoriam



Willie Nelson
LOVED BY JOAN, TOBY AND FAMILY
ADOPTED MARCH 2017
PASSED MAY 2018



Daisy Mae
LOVED BY CINDY, MICHAEL AND THE MCNALLY FAMILY
ADOPTED AUGUST 2013
PASSED MAY 19, 2018



Robert
LOVED BY THE ABEL FAMILY
ADOPTED JULY 2015
PASSED MAY 2018

In Memoriam



Molly and Albert

LOVED BY SHARON G.
PASSED MAY 2018



Timo

LOVED BY DIANNA AND KEVIN
ADOPTED MARCH 2007
PASSED MAY 7, 2018



Madison

LOVED BY CARIEN AND IAN RUSSELL
ADOPTED JANUARY 2016
PASSED MAY 2018