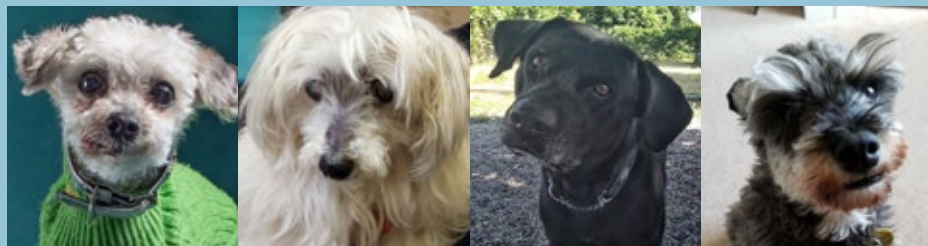


Meet Our Forever in Foster Dogs!

Some dogs—for many reasons—cannot go to adoptive homes, so Speaking of Dogs Rescue cares for them financially for the rest of their lives, covering their vetting, food, and grooming costs. Donations from supporters are what make this program possible.

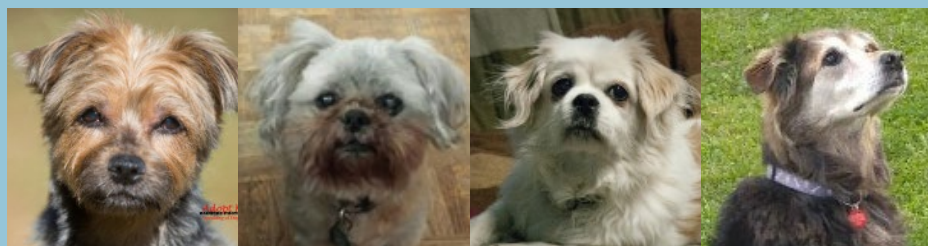


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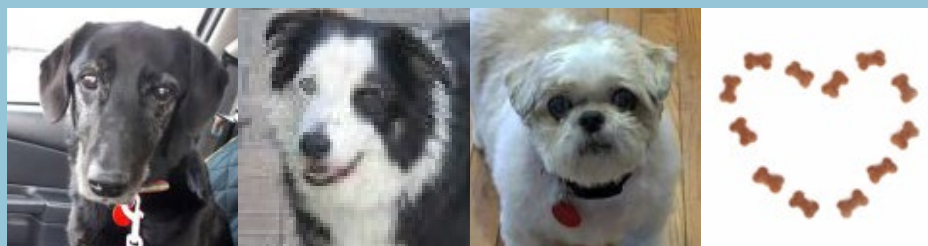


Minnie

Maggie

Vanilla

Dustin



Eve

Chance

Tara

WAGS AND WIGGLES FOR TCCE!

Thank you so much to the Toronto Centre for Canine Education (TCCE) and seminar organizer and trainer Caryn Liles, for choosing Speaking of Dogs Rescue as recipients of their raffle draw!

Their efforts raised over \$200 for the dogs in our care!

You can find out more about TCCE and their positive-reinforcement training programs at www.thetcce.com.

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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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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.

Buddy

GREYHOUND / LAB MIX
MEDIUM, YOUNG, MALE



FEATURED DOG:

Buddy is an energetic neutered male Greyhound/retriever mix who is about 2 years old. He is from our shelter partner in the US. Buddy came in as a stray, so we don't have any history on him, but he does know most basic commands; unfortunately "come" isn't yet reliable.

Buddy is about 50 pounds of love and is fully vetted. During his vet exam, we discovered he has a congenital "tiny eye," a birth defect that means the eye was not properly formed, leading to blindness (on the right side). This has no effect on him, other than his depth perception being a little off sometimes.

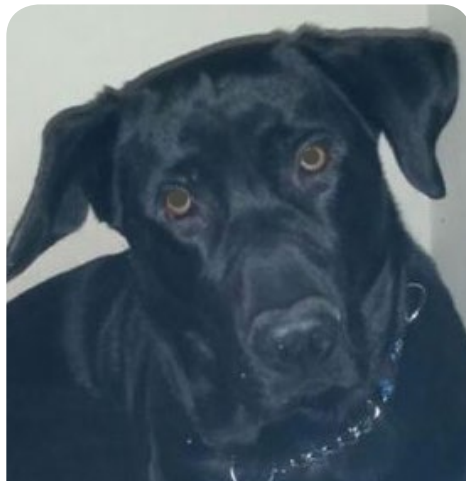
Buddy likes all the attention he can get, his walks, high-speed play, Frisbees, and roughhousing (fosters are working to curtail this), and he always wants to be where the action is. Buddy's not a big barker and doesn't show separation anxiety or any resource guarding.

He sometimes mouths gently, so we don't feel he is a match for younger children. His ideal forever home is a house with a fenced backyard or with an adopter who will take him to the dog park daily. His new family needs to be active, preferably have dog experience, and be willing to take him to training classes, give him a social outlet, and provide lots of mental stimulation. We've no doubt he'll be a rock star!



Hank

CATTLE DOG / BULLDOG MIX
LARGE, ADULT, MALE



Kingsley

LABRADOR RETRIEVER
MEDIUM, ADULT, MALE



Cosmo

RETRIEVER MIX
MEDIUM, ADULT, MALE



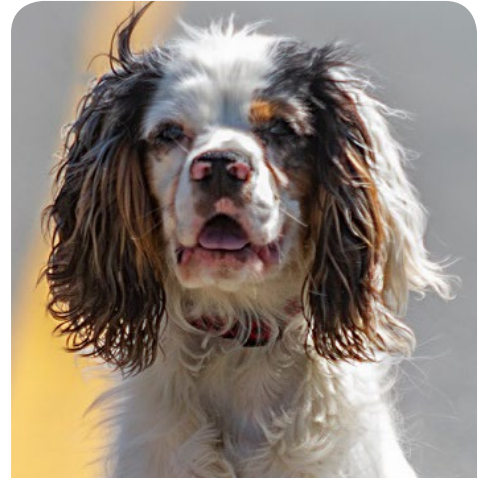
Gidget

SCHNAUZER / POODLE MIX
SMALL, YOUNG, FEMALE



Mercedes

GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG
LARGE, ADULT, FEMALE



Ozzy

COCKER SPANIEL
MEDIUM, YOUNG, MALE



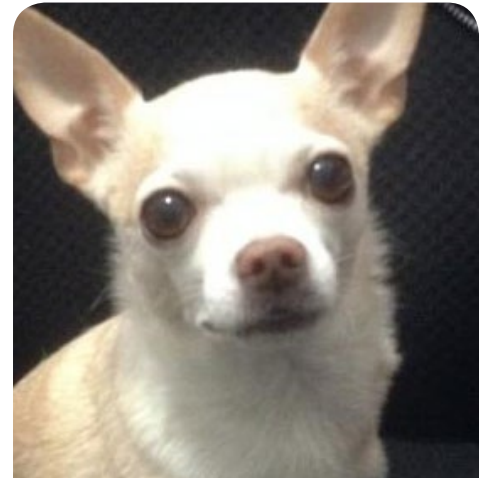
Sierra

GERMAN SHEPHERD
LARGE, YOUNG, FEMALE



Munroe

BEAGLE / HOUND MIX
MEDIUM, YOUNG, MALE



Chino

CHIHUAHUA
SMALL, ADULT, MALE



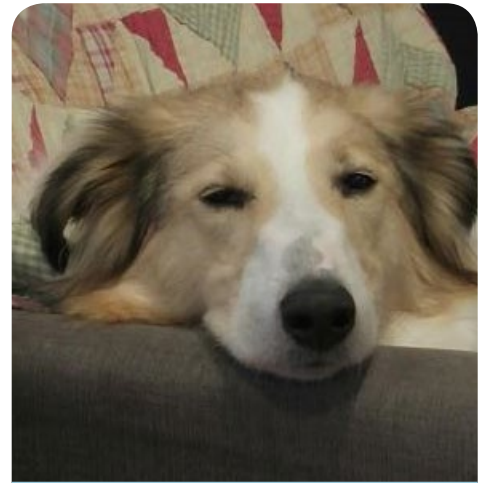
Daisy

SCHNAUZER / POODLE MIX
SMALL, SENIOR, FEMALE



Manny

PUG / CHIHUAHUA MIX
SMALL, ADULT, MALE



Riley

COLLIE / RETRIEVER MIX
LARGE, ADULT, MALE

Can you lend a paw?

Although we have a partnership with a doggy daycare, we do not have a physical shelter; our dogs are in-home fostered by caring, loving volunteers. Because of the way our rescue is structured, the only hands-on volunteer position with our dogs is fostering. Can't foster but want to help our dogs? Consider donating new or gently used items for them. We are always in need of

- Gas gift cards
- Global Pet Foods or Pet Valu gift cards
- Kong or other treat-disensing toys
- Canned and dry quality dog foods
- Martingale collars
- Kuranda beds
- Thunder Shirts



Three Woofs for Woofstock!

Woofstock is back at Woodbine Park this year and will be held on Saturday May 26 and Sunday May 27.

Woofstock is North America's largest outdoor festival for dogs and a fun day out for you and your favourite furry friends. There are dog-related vendors, contests, and special events of all types and kinds, and – best of all – Speaking of Dogs Rescue will be there! Make sure you stop by the rescue's booth to meet some of our volunteers and find out a bit more about our dogs. The next best thing about Woofstock? It's free!

For more information about the event please visit www.woofstock.ca.

Ask the Trainer

"MY DOG IS SO STUBBORN!"

How often do you think "My dog is stubborn!"? Or maybe you hear that from friends and family. Usually we describe dogs as being "stubborn" when things don't go our way or the dog doesn't immediately do what we want him to do.

But is this really a helpful way of describing a pet's behaviour?

"Stubbornness" is a character trait or temperament, and it is far more applicable to human behaviour rather than animal behaviour. In terms of developing a strategy to train your dog, it's a dead end. When you think to yourself "my dog is so stubborn!," just put down the leash, step away from the dog, and hit the drawing board to think through what is actually happening.

Confusion

Think back to a time when you were given instructions and were left feeling unsure of exactly what you were supposed to do. Or maybe you confidently proceeded to do what you thought you were instructed to do – only to find out that you had done it completely wrong! How helpful would it be if your instructor had blamed you and called you stubborn? If your dog doesn't comply with your request, she may simply be confused about what you want from her.

Motivation

Behaviour always serves a functional purpose. This means that dogs always have a reason for what they do — even if you're unsure of what that reason is. This might mean that your dog has a good reason not to comply with your instructions – and it's your job to find out what is motivating that undesirable behaviour. Similarly, if you don't provide

any motivation for your dog to do what you ask, your dog is unlikely to comply.

Problems with motivation can also be linked back to confusion. Even if you're using the best treats, you will find that your dog will stop working with you or even show problematic behaviour like barking or jumping if she's confused. Confusion is an unpleasant feeling, and most of us want to avoid feeling that way. This may come across as your dog appearing "bored" or "stubborn."

Health Issues

It's not always obvious when a dog is feeling unwell. Many owners don't consider that their dog's problematic behaviour is caused by pain or another physical ailment because the ailment is not immediately apparent to them.

Consider the following: "My puppy can't have a urinary tract infection. He can hold it all night and there's no blood! He just gets mad at me and pees on the floor when I leave the house." Or "I know my dog isn't in pain because he doesn't whine or yelp. He stops on walks because he's stubborn."

Medical problems in dogs very often show up as behavioural symptoms. Training can never fix a medical issue, but sometimes health care can fix a behavioural problem.

Sometimes feeling unwell isn't as serious as an infection or pain. Sometimes a dog is hungry, tired or even just mentally fatigued. While most dogs always seem to be hungry, there is a difference between eating food because it's delicious and eating food to relieve the discomfort of a growly stomach. Over-training can be a problem for some people (and their dogs). Working a dog for too long will result in mental fatigue, which can sometimes make an owner think that their dog suddenly doesn't want to work, that she isn't trying hard enough, or that she is "stubborn."

Now that you know some of the reasons why your dog may appear to be acting stubborn, what can you do instead?

Find Out What Is Reinforcing to Your Dog

Think about motivators as a "pay scale." Would you go to work if you didn't get paid? Even if you love your job, you still need to buy food, pay rent – and buy dog food. Your dog will have a similar pay scale when you're asking her to do something that is otherwise not appealing to her.

Here are two things to keep in mind: First, have you used reinforcers that are valuable for your dog? Or are you asking your dog to do something without giving him a reason to do it? Second, what is motivating your dog to do the problematic behaviour? What is he getting out of doing that behaviour or, alternately, what unpleasant thing is he avoiding by doing that behaviour?

Learn About Body Language

Don't jump to conclusions about how your dog is feeling or why she's behaving a particular way. When you find yourself throwing around a label like "stubborn," pause for a moment and think critically.

What body language are you seeing that makes you want to call your dog stubborn? Often, dogs who are showing appeasement behaviour are labelled "guilty." (Dogs show appeasement behaviour to prevent aggression in the other person or dog by indicating "I am not a threat.") Dogs who are highly stressed and lack social skills are often labelled "dominant."

Owners sometimes grossly misinterpret their dog's body language, leading them to mislabel their dog's behaviour. As a result, they may take the wrong actions to solve the problem.

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Control the Environment

You can control your dog's behaviour by controlling the triggers that cause the problematic behaviour. For example, if your dog greets people crazily on the street, can you give him more space while you work on the problem? You and your dog will succeed more quickly if you tackle the problem while it's still minor, rather than ignoring the early signs and throwing your dog into a situation he can't cope with. If you can control your dog's triggers, you'll find that the "stubbornness" will dissipate.

Change Your Dog's Emotional Response

"Stubborn" dogs are often experiencing lots of feelings that they don't know how to handle. Misinterpreting this emotional

state as the dog intentionally trying to get your goat is unhelpful at best, but it may actually escalate the problem. Your dog isn't trying to give you a hard time; your dog is having a hard time. A little empathy can go a long way to helping you find a solution.

Seek Help

Seeking help from a qualified professional shouldn't ever be a last-ditch effort. Find a positive reinforcement-based trainer to help you wade through your dog's problematic behaviour to find a practical solution. Also, your veterinarian may be able to identify a health problem that could be contributing to behaviours that you may interpret as stubbornness.

Our dogs can be frustrating at times, but labelling a dog "stubborn" will never

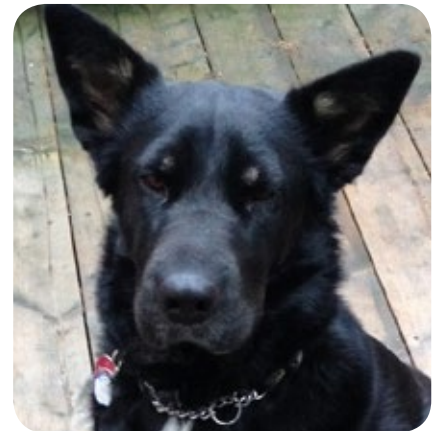
lead you to a solution to a behaviour problem. Leave the labels at the door and take a step back. Assess why your dog might be doing something, don't disregard the potential of a health problem, and look closely at how your dog is feeling. Critique your assumptions about your dog, and you'll have a much easier time actually fixing the problem!...



Emily Fisher, CPDT-KA, CDBC, Scratch and Sniff Canine Services, Guelph, ON

From: Helen Pollock and family
To: Speaking of Dogs Rescue
Subject: Helen

We adopted Helen on Labour Day 2016 and started training with her shortly afterward. Helen is fabulous and a total doll. When we inquired about Helen, Lorraine told us she was originally from North Carolina, but the rescue had picked her up from an Ontario shelter and she was a lovely girl. She fit into our household easily, although our older dog, Poncho, is still not crazy about having anyone share the house, but he makes an exception for Helen. She is the easiest dog we have ever had (and we've have many beloved dogs!). Helen hates loud noises and loves to have her tummy rubbed. We just love her to pieces.

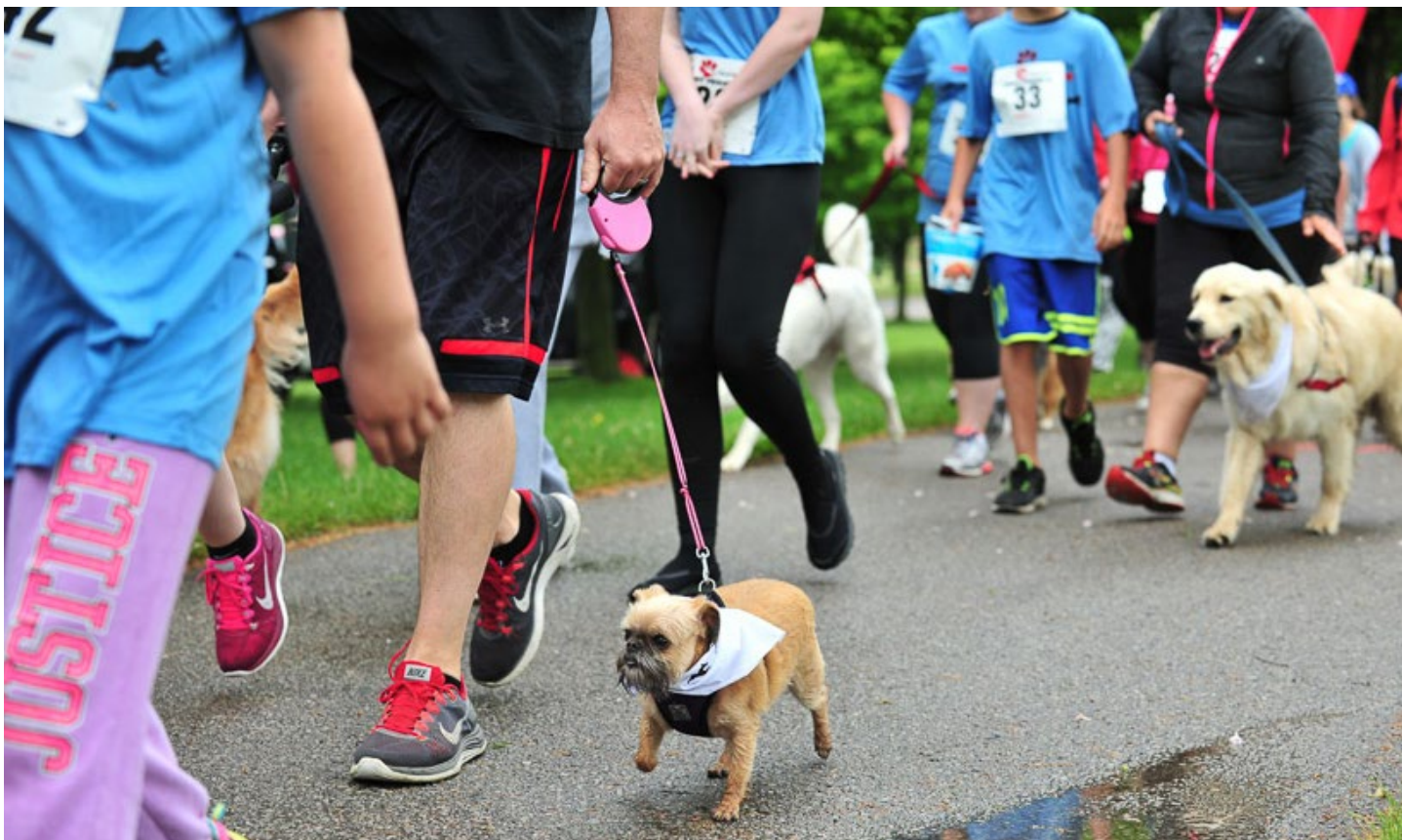


T-Shirt Fundraiser!

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.

The Furry Friends 5K Is Next Month!



Speaking of Dogs Rescue has once again been chosen to take part in the Furry Friends 5K walk/run. This year there will be two events, one next month and one in the fall, and we will be participating in both: June 3rd in Oshawa and October 21st in Burlington

We need walkers and runners!

Don't worry if you're not a top athlete. You can walk at your own pace and even bring your dog!

Not only will you help raise funds for the wonderful dogs in our care, but you will have a chance to win amazing prizes!

So far, prizes include:

- A trip to Cancun
- A Sweets from the Earth gift card
- A dog grooming session at Kit and KaPoodle

And for every \$100 a walker or runner raises, their name will be entered in a draw for a free photo shoot for their furry friend to be the face of FF5k in 2019!

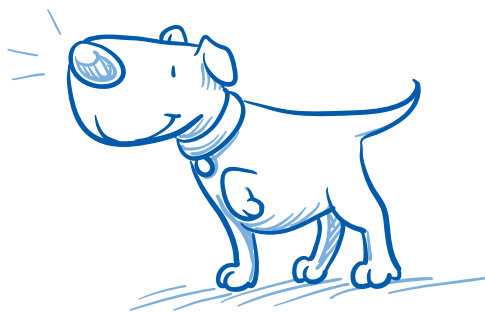
Visit furryfriends5k.ca for more information, including details about how to register.

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. **Visit Kim's pledge page if you would like to make a donation.**

How else can you help? Please share info about this event through your social media channels, especially if you have friends or family who are walkers or runners. Our dogs desperately need support to get the second chance they so deserve, and we need funds to care

for them. We also have 11 dogs in our Forever-in-Foster program who all have significant medical needs. Please support us – we can't let them down!

You can also help by volunteering at the event. If you're interested in volunteering, please email Kim at kim@speakingofdogs.com.



Bits & Bites

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

- Now that spring is finally here, many dogs will be spending more time outdoors. Keep an eye out for these nine springtime hazards.
- Here are some tips to finding the right training class for your dog, along with some of the right questions to ask a potential trainer.
- A University of Calgary study suggests that living with a dog may actually reduce chronic pain and depression.
- When this Alberta woman lost her beloved dog, she turned her grief into a venture to help find other missing pets, and she's successfully tracked down many lost dogs.
- A Brantford woman has been sentenced to jail after being convicted of two counts of animal cruelty in relation to the deaths of two dogs. Other charges, related to the deaths of two cats and a turtle, are pending.
- Various studies have been able to demonstrate a link between lawn chemicals – particularly ones that contain 2,4-D – and cancer in both humans and pets.
- This video discusses some of the patient-focused reasons to avoid slow-kill heartworm treatments.
- The Dr. Oz show did an investigative report about some recent dog deaths at groomers in the U.S. and offered some tips on how to keep your pet safe when they need a grooming.



2018 RESCUE DIRECTORY NOW AVAILABLE ON-LINE

Click the photo above to access the web version.

THIS MONTH'S RECALLS:

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

- OC Raw freeze-dried sardines
- OC Raw chicken, fish, and produce raw frozen canine formulations
- K9 Natural Chicken Feast
- Vital Essentials Beef Toppers and Beef Entrée dog food
- TruDog BoostMe Mighty Meaty Beef Topper



WE NEED CALENDAR PHOTOS!

Spring is finally here, and we're already thinking about the 2019 Speaking of Dogs Rescue calendar! We'd love to include a photo of your most special furry friends. Ideal photos would not include people but can include a non-canine four legged friend. Photos should be 300 dots per inch (DPI) and at least 5 inches by 7 inches in size, and ideally be in colour. Please email photos to lorraine@speakingofdogs.com.

Happy Tails

APRIL ADOPTIONS:

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



Tucker



Charlie



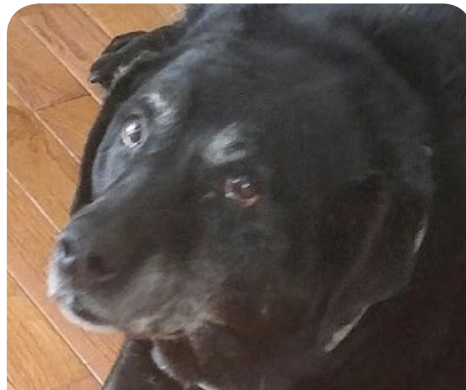
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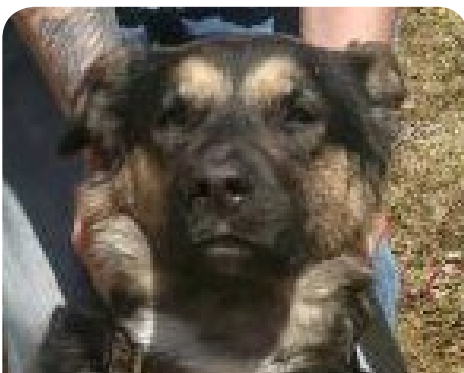
Chewy



Katrina



Lester



Phoenix



Tyson



Kya

Speaking of Dogs Rescue thanks all of the incredible foster moms who ensure our dogs get the best possible care while they await their forever homes. Foster dogs can sometimes need special care for medical or emotional needs, but our foster moms are always up to the challenge! Their love and support help so many dogs get their second chance at life and love.

Happy Mother's Day to all
our foster moms!

In Memoriam



Purdy

LOVED BY SARAH AND PATRICK M.
FOREVER IN FOSTER
PASSED APRIL 30, 2018



Tessa

LOVED BY LORRAINE, IAN AND DUSTIN H.
FOREVER IN FOSTER
PASSED APRIL 19TH 2018



Jessie

LOVED BY CLAUDIA S. AND FAMILY
FOREVER IN FOSTER
PASSED APRIL 30, 2018

In Memoriam



Copper Penny
LOVED BY TAMARA F. AND EVERYONE WHO MET HER
ADOPTED MARCH 22, 2012
PASSED APRIL 13, 2018



Tara
LOVED BY THE LANE FAMILY
ADOPTED JULY 2016
PASSED APRIL 2018