

## The Online Auction Is Almost Here!



The Speaking of Dogs Rescue fall online auction will be running from November 10th to 17th. It's the perfect opportunity to get some holiday shopping done early!

Thanks to our generous supporters, there will be many exciting items to bid on, including an iPod touch, a Rogers Hometown Hockey jersey signed by Ron MacLean and Tara Slone, and a video doorbell.

You'll also have the chance to bid on perennial favourites like pet beds, dog coats, dog toys, animal communication sessions, other pet-related products, a variety of hand-made items, and much, much more.

Simply visit the Speaking of Dogs website at [speakingofdogs.com](http://speakingofdogs.com) anytime after 9 a.m. on November 10th, and follow the link the auction website, where you can place your bids.

Check the website daily, bid often, and know that you'll be helping us help so many wonderful dogs. All funds raised go to veterinary costs and quality care of our foster dogs and Forever in Foster dogs.

Ready, set, bid!

### NOVEMBER 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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# 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.

## Mildred

BOSTON TERRIER MIX  
SMALL, YOUNG, FEMALE



### FEATURED DOG:

Mildred is an adorable Boston Terrier mix. Her head is a little too big for her body, and those ears just don't stop! The vet has put her age at about two and a half years old. She is fully vetted, microchipped and is heartworm negative.

She came to us as a stray from a shelter, so nothing is known about her past. She's now in a foster home and is extremely cuddly and a huge heat-seeker, and she loves people. She can be very enthusiastic when it comes to greetings, however, so she might be a bit much for a toddler.

She is housetrained and can be left alone without any destructive behaviour. As she is quite young and energetic, she would need a dog walker if left alone during the day. She successfully spent a weekend in a social dog daycare and loved playing with the other dogs.

Although she lives with another dog in foster care, we think her best match would be a home without another dog. She has shown some reactivity to dogs while on leash and during a meet-and-greet. She has improved with positive training but will require further training. She should not be in a home with a cat.

If you are interested in Mildred, you need to be prepared for long, brisk walks – no leisurely strolls around the block for this girl! But when the harness and leash come out, her joy is contagious. If you can give Mildred an understanding, active forever home, she'll repay you every day with love and laughs.





**Hank**

CATTLE DOG / BULLDOG MIX  
LARGE, ADULT, MALE



**Elf**

CHIHUAHUA / JACK RUSSELL MIX  
SMALL, YOUNG, MALE



**Lilly**

CHOW CHOW MIX  
MEDIUM, SENIOR, FEMALE



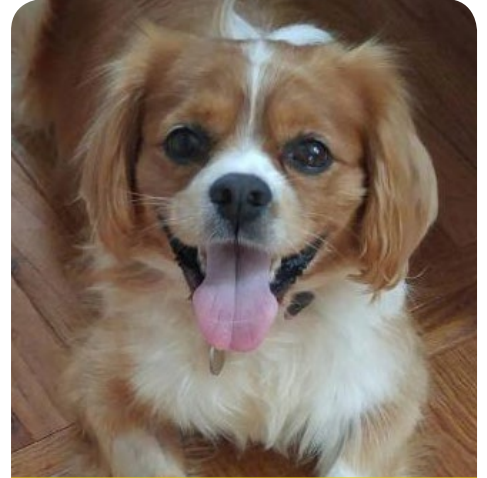
**Charlie**

RETRIEVER MIX  
MEDIUM, YOUNG, MALE



**Sarabi**

MASTIFF  
X-LARGE, ADULT, FEMALE



**Gizmo**

CAVALIER KING CHARLES SPANIEL MIX  
MEDIUM / ADULT / MALE



**Gabby**

LABRADOR / HUSKY MIX  
LARGE, SENIOR, FEMALE



**Fiona**

CATAHOULA / MAREMMA MIX  
LARGE, ADULT, FEMALE



**Sunday**

GREAT PYRENEES / RETRIEVER MIX  
X-LARGE, YOUNG, FEMALE





**Norman**  
BEAGLE  
MEDIUM, SENIOR, MALE



**Nikki**  
LABRADOR RETRIEVER MIX  
MEDIUM, ADULT, FEMALE

## THIS MONTH'S RECALLS:

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

- G&C raw dog and cat foods

## WOOF & CHEESE THANKS!

Thank you to Gabe, Lorne, Ruth, and Sara for representing our rescue at the Doggieville Halloween Woof & Cheese. A fun day was had by all, both two-legged and four-legged!



# Event Recap

## FURRY FRIENDS 5K WAGS AND WIGGLES!

It was a chilly morning, but nothing could dampen the spirits of the walkers and runners at the Furry Friends 5K in Burlington.

Thank you to everyone who walked or ran, volunteered at the event, or pledged us. The following people braved the brisk temperatures just to help dogs in need: Cindy, Leanne, Jan, Courtney and Ian, Deanna and family, Carolina and Mike,

Lindsay, Katie, Linda, Ritu, David, Kim, Janis and Lorraine.

Lorraine was the top fundraiser! Special thanks to Caron Shepley and Allison Hansen for organizing and inviting us to their wonderful event.





# Events

## THE TORONTO CHRISTMAS PET SHOW IS THIS MONTH!



I'm sure that Christmas is coming faster than most of us realise, but it's not all snow and ice. There the Toronto Christmas Pet Show to look forward to!

This two-day event is Canada's largest Christmas pet festival and features

many pet-related vendors and activities. Pets are welcome, and free parking is available.

**Date:** Saturday, November 24 and Sunday, November 25

**Time:** 10 a.m. to 8 pm. (Saturday) and 10 a.m. to 5 pm. (Sunday)

**Place:** Halls 2, 3 and 4, International Centre, 6900 Airport Road, Mississauga

*You can visit [www.canadianpetexpo.ca](http://www.canadianpetexpo.ca) for more information.*

## SANTA PAWS IN HAGERSVILLE!



Come out to Hagersville, Ontario, on **Sunday, December 2nd** to celebrate the joys and wags and wiggles of the season with us at Santa Paws!

The event will feature an auction, raffle, nail trims, and a visit from Santa Claus, of course.

**From:** Toni and family  
**To:** Speaking of Dogs Rescue  
**Subject:** Chubby

Dear Speaking of Dogs Rescue,

We adore Chubby! He settled in as if he'd always been with us and is just the best dog! I can't tell you how much we love him – and he's the king of cuddling!

He had his annual physical in April and was given a clean bill of health. I've heard about the increase of ticks this year, and being in a ravine area I made sure to be vigilant and preventative. He enjoys weekends at the cottage, his daily walks, and his weight control food.

He is not comfortable with dogs taller than him, but that is a work in progress. He loves Frisky, another Speaking of Dogs alumnus who lives with my mom and dad. (She is amazing, too, by the way. Healthy and happy.)

Thank you Speaking of Dogs! You are all a true godsend 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

## TIPS FOR ASSESSING AND SELECTING A DOG TRAINER

Dog training is an unregulated industry, so it can be very hard to figure out who has the skills and abilities you want and who does not. Sadly, use of “force free,” positive training and other humane-sounding language may not tell the whole story. It can be hard to figure out from a website what the trainer actually does and how they do it. Here are some basic guidelines on assessing and selecting a trainer.

### What to Look For

- Clear statements about what training methods are used
- Photos of dogs in flat collars, harnesses, or martingale collars
- Evidence of education, credentials, and organizational affiliations with positive-reinforcement focused organizations
- Breadth of experience
- Evidence of appropriate and adequate insurance
- Evidence of ongoing professional development with organizations and professionals in the field who are recognized experts in the use of positive-reinforcement training methods
- Willingness to let you observe a class and/or interview the trainer

### Warning Signs

- Trainer is vague about methods used, or implies that different breeds require different training methods
- Website shows an online store that sells aversive equipment (chokes, prongs, electric collars)

- Dogs on the website all seem to be wearing bandanas for no discernible reason (those bandanas could be hiding a corrective measure, such as a choke, prong, or electric collar)
- Trainer or website references dominance, pack order, pack leader, rank reduction, alpha status, or handling dogs “like the mother dog would” or “as the pack leader would”
- Trainer offers a guarantee of success (no one can guarantee behaviour)
- Trainer or website talks about working with “red zone” or “level 10” dogs
- Trainer or website denigrates the use of food in training, or refers to food rewards as “bribing”
- Trainer refers to the use of food in modifying behaviour issues as “rewarding bad behaviour”

### Questions to Ask

- Can I interview you and/or observe a class?
- Who are the trainers you admire and have learned from?
- What training equipment do you use and is any equipment not allowed?
- What happens in your class when the dog responds in the way you want him to?
- What happens in your class when the dog responds in a way you do not want him to?
- How will you know if my dog is stressed during the training?
- How would you address growling or snapping at dogs or people by a dog in your class?



Review any prospective trainer's responses to these questions carefully, and keep the things to look for and warning signs in mind.

Don't be shy about asking questions or initiating a discussion! Finding a trainer that suits your needs is harder than you may think. Remember, a bad fit can have lasting consequences on your and your dog. Make sure you are comfortable with the trainer and the methods they use.



*Blanche Axton is a dog trainer and coordinates the fostering program with Pugalug Pug Rescue. She has been a volunteer and foster parent for Speaking of Dogs for many years.*

# Happy Tails

## OCTOBER ADOPTIONS:

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



*Lady*



*Rusty*



*Maxi*



*Lulu*



*Xavier*

## ADOPTION FEE

As of January 1, 2019, Speaking of Dogs Rescue is raising our adoption fee from \$350 to \$375, to keep up with the rising costs of supplies and services associated with operating our rescue.



## 2019 CALENDARS AVAILABLE!

The 2019 Speaking of Dogs Rescue Calendar will be available for sale at Cedarbrae Veterinary Clinic, at 700 Markham Road, Unit 5, Scarborough.



# In Memoriam



**Roo**

LOVED BY GLENN AND JEAN  
ADOPTED MARCH 2017  
PASSED OCTOBER 2018



**Twyla**

LOVED BY ROSE H.  
PASSED OCTOBER 2018