

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



Speaking of Dogs Rescue is proud to be a part of the Furry Friends 5K run/walkathon circuit. This Sunday, June 9th, we'll be participating in the Caledon race.

Location: Albion Hills Conservation Park
16500 Peel Regional Road 50
Caledon

Race Day Schedule:

9:00 a.m. Race kit pick-up
10:00 a.m. Warmup
10:15 a.m. Start for runners and walkers
11:00 a.m. Awards and prizes

These important fundraisers help us help more needy, homeless dogs, including the wonderful dogs in our Forever in Foster program. But it's not just the dogs who benefit! These races are always an

entertaining day, and there are great goody bags and prizes.

The race is run rain or shine, so come out and support our racers! These tireless fundraisers include:

- **Lorraine Houston**
- **Kim Gladding**

If you'd like to volunteer at the event, please contact Kim Gladding at kim@speakingofdogs.com.

Can't make it this Sunday? Stay tuned to the newsletter for all the details about the next event, which will be happening on Saturday, October 5th in Burlington.

To find out more about the events, register as a participant, or pledge one of our racers, please visit furryfriends5k.ca.

Last Sunday, Speaking of Dogs runners and walkers participated in the Furry Friends 5K in Oshawa. Check out the race recap from our very own Cathy Vandergeest on page 5.

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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.

Holly

LABRADOR RETRIEVER
LARGE, ADULT, FEMALE



FEATURED DOG:

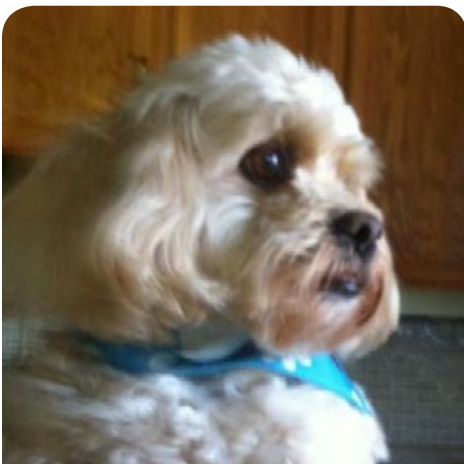
Holly is gentle, sweet, quiet and friendly. This 5-year-old, 75-bound beauty is housetrained, good with other dogs and rides calmly in a vehicle. She is curious but respectful. Holly is a single-breed Labrador Retriever who is a silver colour (a chocolate lab gene sometimes makes silver).

Holly has obviously had many litters, and her belly shows the effects of this. She is good with people, but she can take time to warm up to new men. When given time and space, she overcomes her initial wariness.

Holly has a gentle-nature and may have some initial anxiousness when left alone, but that is getting better now that she's settling in (she was initially pacing and whining but no chewing).

She would do best in a calm household, preferably a bungalow as she is not familiar with stairs. Ideally, her adopter will be home at least part of the time.

Lovely Holly has likely spent most of her life being bred, and now it's time for this kind dog to find the love she deserves. Although she is comfortable around other dogs, a home without another dog would be ideal. She has been in the company of cats and does not chase or bother them. Can you give Holly her second chance?



Tucker

BICHON FRISE / POODLE
SMALL, ADULT, MALE



Stacie

BORDER COLLIE / SPANIEL MIX
MEDIUM, SENIOR, FEMALE



Charlotte

FOX TERRIER / TERRIER MIX
MEDIUM, SENIOR, FEMALE



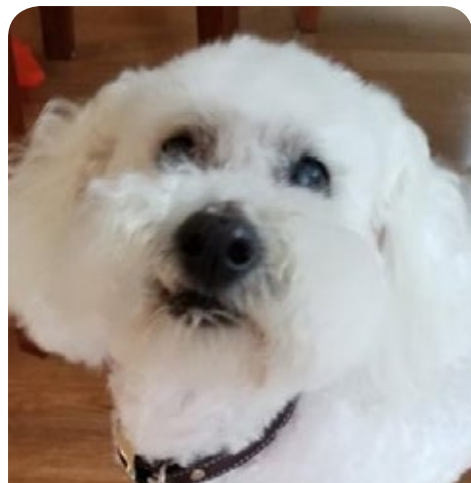
Lola

LABRADOR / SHEPHERD MIX
MEDIUM, SENIOR, FEMALE



Barclay

POODLE / LABRADOR MIX
LARGE, ADULT, MALE



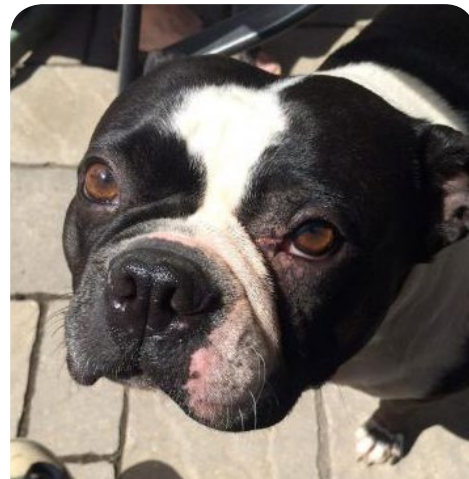
Toppy

BICHON / POODLE MIX
SMALL, SENIOR, MALE



Honeysuckle

SPANIEL / POODLE MIX
MEDIUM, SENIOR, FEMALE



Molly B

BOSTON TERRIER
MEDIUM, ADULT, FEMALE



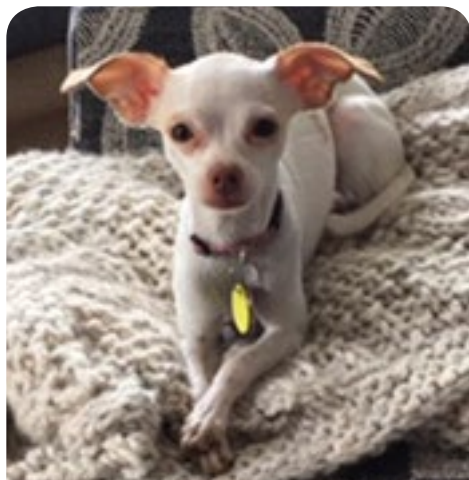
Jorge

CHIHUAHUA / PUG MIX
SMALL, ADULT, MALE



Tippy

MALTESE / POODLE MIX
SMALL, SENIOR, MALE

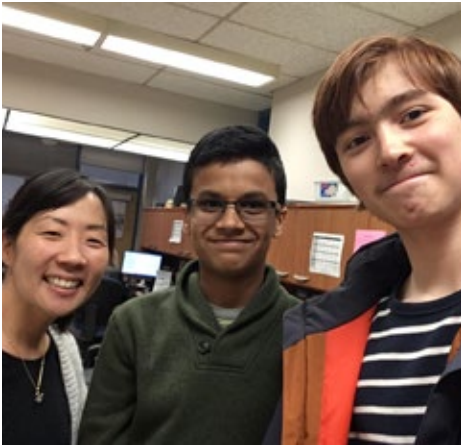


Miranda

CHIHUAHUA
SMALL, YOUNG, FEMALE



Updates



THANKS PRANAV AND JACOB!

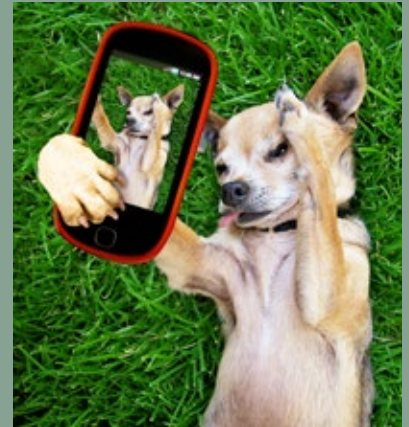
Big wags and wiggles to Pranav and Jacob for their outstanding efforts to help our foster dog program! Pranav and Jacob held a donation drive in late April, and many of the students, faculty and parents brought goodies for our dogs! Food, supplies and toys galore were



donated to the drive, which was held at Windfields Middle School in the North York area!

Good job guys!

We really appreciate your energy and great organization skills. It was a pleasure working with you! Many thanks to Speaking of Dogs Rescue volunteers Lindsay B. and Karen G. for their help with this event.

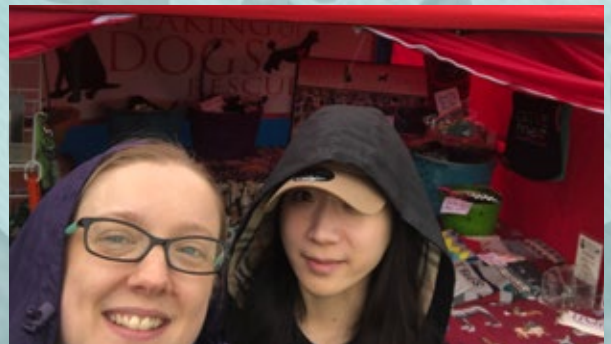


BE SURE TO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR OUR SUMMER FUN DOG PHOTO CONTEST, COMING IN JULY!



WOOFSTOCK WAGS AND WIGGLES

Big thanks to all of the Speaking of Dogs Rescue volunteers and supporters who braved the wind, rain, thunder, and lightning to come out to Woofstock. We weren't able to stop the bad weather, but we did raise much-needed funds for the wonderful dogs in our care!



FURRY FRIENDS 5K OSHAWA

By Cathy Vandergeest

In 2013, I started running. Our wheaten-terrier Miley came along for the ride and covered every kilometre with me in the first few years I ran. On Sunday, June 2nd, Miley and I had the opportunity to race together at the Furry Friends 5K in Oshawa.

We arrived early, so we took the opportunity to wander the race path, visit the exhibitor tents, pick up our race kit and take some photos. There was a fast-paced frisbee, flyball and obstacle course demonstration that had the crowds cheering despite the light drizzle.

We watched the start of the kid's race, which is always so exciting, as they never hold back on giving it their all! A teacher at a local school had gathered 100 kids to compete at the race, and you could tell they had been training.

Soon it was time for the 5K walk/run. Thankfully the rain had almost stopped when the race director counted down, and a sea of people and dogs launched for the start line. There was a bit of a scramble of leashes and dogs and legs, but within about 100 metres everyone seemed to space themselves out. Miley pulled like a sled dog when she saw all these other dogs and people running! There was absolutely no way to hold back her joy! Her typical four-legged "trot" that she uses when she runs with me was replaced with a gallop that pulled the leash and my arm as far as they would go.

Prior to the race I'd decided to let Miley dictate our pace. I'd finished a marathon in May and had been running easy the past month, so I knew that it could just be Miley's day. Run coaches frequently tell their clients to not get caught up in the excitement at the start of a race and go out too fast. Well, those coaches obviously never had an excited dog attached to them! Miley just wanted to GO!

All of the dogs were so wonderfully behaved. None even tried to say hi to other dogs passing on the out and back of the route. It's like they all understood why they were there.

We rounded the turnaround point at and headed back toward the finish, with both of us able to hang onto a really good pace.

As we approached the 4K sign, Miley gave me a glance. Oh-oh. Yup! Thankfully she didn't need to wait in the porta-potty line, but she did need to wait for her assistant to find a poop bag in her pocket!

We walked for about 30 seconds, which gave me a chance to get the poop situation sorted – thankfully there was a garbage can at the top of the hill, as I was picturing a pretty funny finish line photo holding a bag of poop!

The last 1K, we modified our pace and took things a little slower. I knew this race was all about the fun, and I think Miley knew it as well! We kept trekking, and then, there was the finish! We crossed to the cheers of spectators, and I was handed a lovely medal, snacks, and water.

I had no expectations about this race besides having a fun day and being able to raise funds for the rescue Miley (and our previous dog, Maggie) had come from. In the end we managed to come in 17th of those running with dogs, and 11th for my gender!



Wags and Wiggles for Our Volunteers!

Our participation in events such as the Furry Friends 5K wouldn't be possible without our dedicated volunteers and supporters. Huge thanks to all of our walkers, runners, volunteers and pledgers, with special thanks to team captain Wanda.



I was so proud of my girl.

I was incredibly impressed with this race. It was well organized, with far more attendees than I ever expected, a great route with parking, a great race shirt and medal for me and bandana for Miley, fun additional things to do, and great direction from the volunteers.

The event has something for everyone: a kids' event and the longer 5K event. There were many people walking and many others running. There were people with dogs and people without. There were puppies learning to socialize, a sweet and spunky dog in a wheelchair, several tiny yorkies, several huge great danes, and a team of duck tolling retrievers.

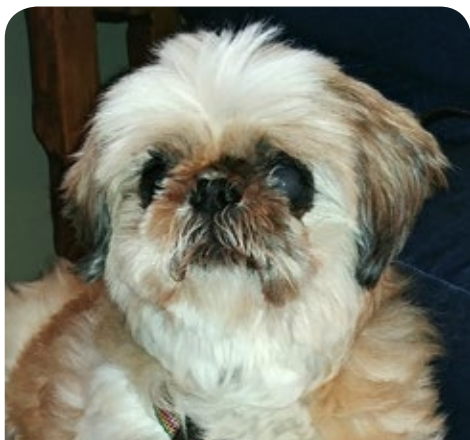
It was so wonderful to see so many people out to support these amazing rescues! It made me very proud to have been a part of Speaking of Dogs for the past eight years and to have Miley be one of the faces of the rescue for the day.



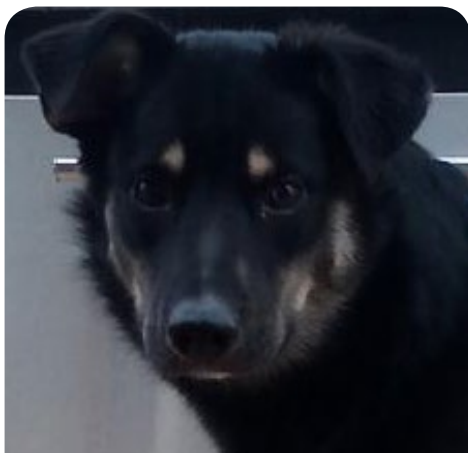
Happy Tails

MAY ADOPTIONS:

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



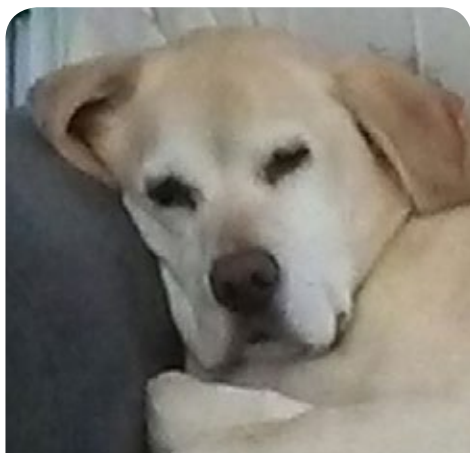
Cindy-Lou
FOREVER-IN-FOSTER



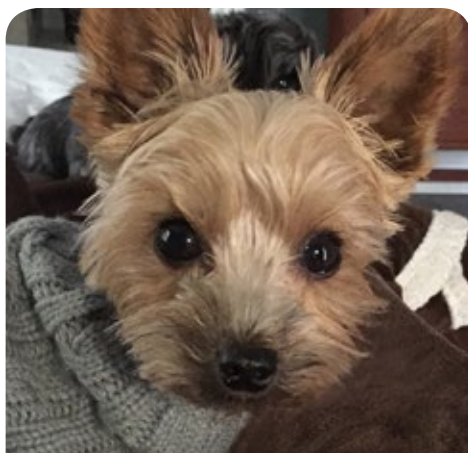
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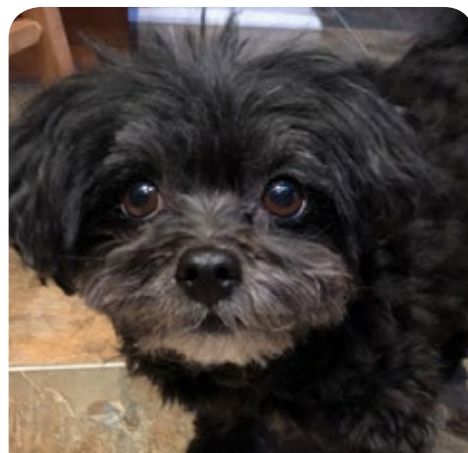
Coco



Woody



Humphrey



Rhett Butler



Simba



Sweet Pea



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Boo & Marie



To: Speaking of Dogs Rescue

From: Jackie and Lou

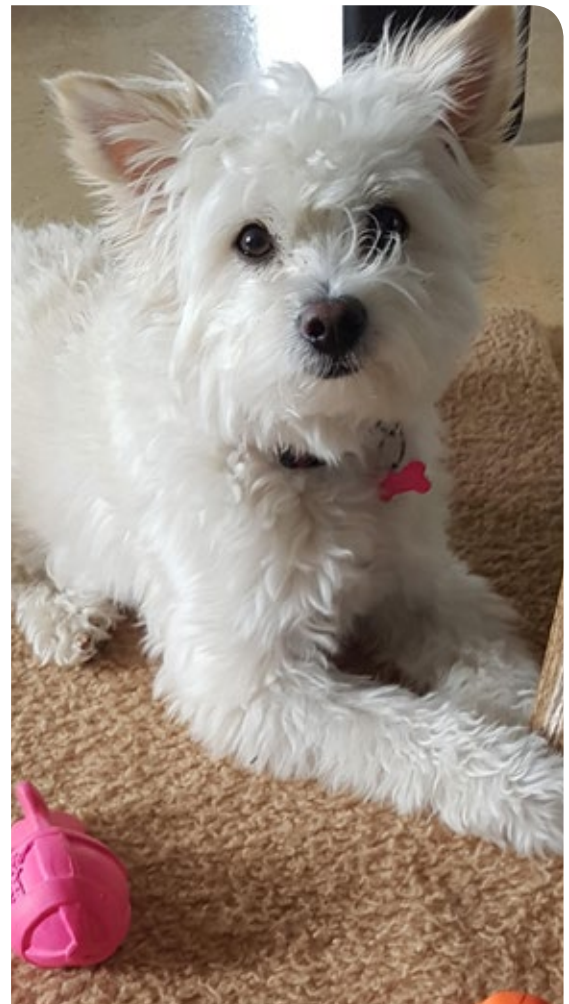
Subject: Zoey

Dear Speaking of Dogs Rescue,

Zoey is a real sweetie. She has come a long way. Even though she can't straighten her back legs, she runs like a rabbit. She loves the outdoors and likes to swim. She has a spa day every month; the people there also do dog-sitting and they just love her. She loves to play ball and is very smart – she knows the names of all of her toys. She has had no health issues – the vet thinks she is doing very well. She has gained weight and her legs are stronger. She needs a bit of time to feel comfortable with new people and will often bark at them, but give her the needed time and she'll be ready to play ball in short order!

We love Zoey!

Zoey, a little poodle/Maltese with a birth defect that affected her legs and mobility, was adopted in January 2018. She came to us from a Toronto-area shelter, where she had been abandoned. Zoey was featured as Dog of the Month in January 2018 and luckily caught the eye of her adopters!



Who doesn't love a bake sale?

Two of our amazing volunteers
are hosting a **bake sale**
on **Saturday, June 8th** during the
annual Woodlawn Avenue street sale!

All proceeds of the bake sale will
go to **Speaking of Dogs.**

You can help by donating some of your favourite
goodies or drop by to sample other sweet treats!

If you can contribute, please contact
Mari-Anne or Carl McCleary at 905-274-7455.

**FUNDRAISER FOR
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*Happy Father's Day to all the
Speaking of Dogs Rescue Foster Dads!*

Faithful

Outstanding

Steadfast

Tireless

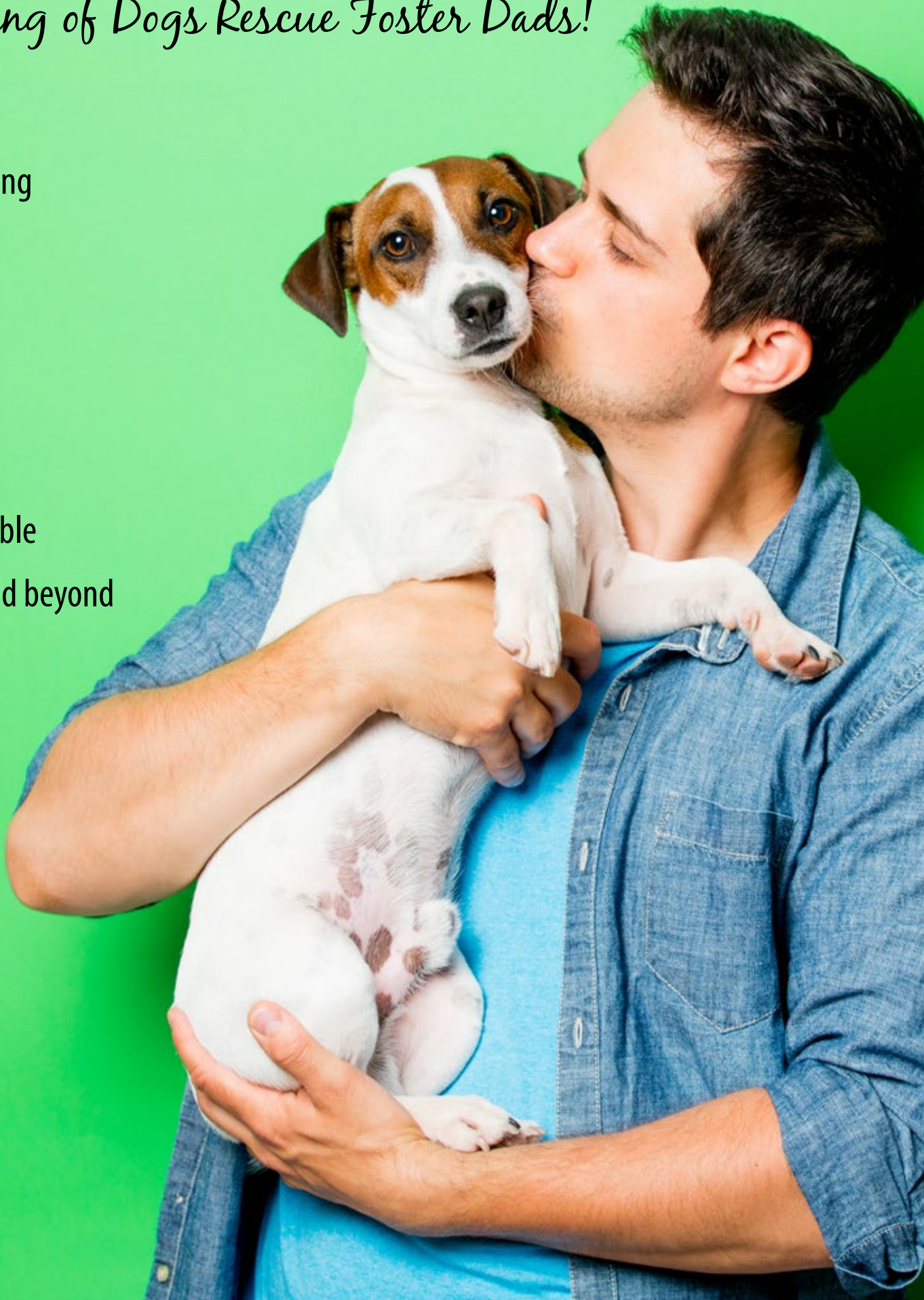
Essential

Reliable

Dependable

Above and beyond

Devoted



In Memoriam



Sassy

LOVED BY BETTY B. AND FAMILY
ADOPTED MAY 2018
PASSED MAY 2019