

## We Need Walkers and Runners!



The Furry Friends 5K run/walkathons are not only important fundraisers for our rescue, they're also a really fun day out!

There are great goody bags and prizes, including a free professional race photo download. Racers can walk with or without a dog, and all activity levels are welcome. You can even join as a team!

We have one more race this year, at Spencer Smith Park in Burlington on Saturday, October 5th.

Interested in participating in the race or volunteering? Please contact Kim Gladding at [kim@speakingofdogs.com](mailto:kim@speakingofdogs.com).



### SEPTEMBER 2019 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.

### FEATURED DOGS:

Annie and Ella are a bonded pair who came into our rescue from a shelter. Annie is a 2-year-old, 4-pound Yorkie/Maltese mix, and Ella is 4-year-old, 7-pound Shih-Tzu/Yorkie mix. Annie really relies on Ella and constantly looks to her for reassurance. While Ella is fine on her own, she loves to snuggle up with Annie at bedtime.

Annie and Ella can be very vocal, so they are not well-suited to apartment life. However, once they realize there is no threat, the barking calms down quite quickly. At bedtime, they like a “good night” cuddle into their beds and then are quiet until the morning.

Both be anxious and vocal around small children, so they would do best in a home without children under 12. They love other dogs and people after an initial meet-and-greet. Annie does



seem to be more protective – she's 4 pounds of mighty mutt!

Annie is very puppy-like. She will wiggle into your lap and give you kisses galore. Ella is also very affectionate, but she has a much calmer approach. They both appear to be housetrained but have had a few accidents while trying to figure out their new bathroom schedule.

They love running and chasing each other, so we feel a fenced-in yard is a must. You can view a fun video of their chasing games at [youtube.com/watch?v=rKYS0gdYFDo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rKYS0gdYFDo).

Can you turn this dynamic duo a terrific trio? If you think you can give these girls the forever home they truly deserve, please fill out an adoption application!



**Brock**  
SHIH TZU  
SMALL, ADULT, MALE

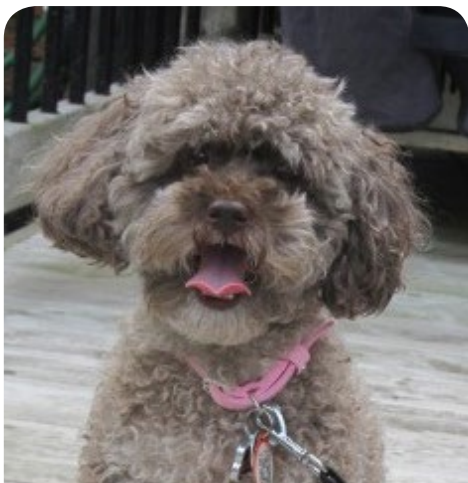


**Fawn**  
POODLE  
SMALL, SENIOR, FEMALE



**Maggy**  
POMERANIAN / CHIHUAHUA MIX  
SMALL, ADULT, FEMALE





**Cookie**  
POODLE  
SMALL, ADULT, FEMALE



**Winnie**  
CORGIE MIX  
MEDIUM, ADULT, FEMALE



**Lucy**  
LABRADOR RETRIEVER  
MEDIUM, ADULT, FEMALE



**Holly**  
POODLE / SHIH TZU MIX  
SMALL, ADULT, FEMALE



**Magoo**  
TOY POODLE  
SMALL, ADULT, MALE



## YOU KNOW YOUR PUP IS A STAR!

Have a great photo of your furry best bud you want to share?  
We'd love to include a photo of your dog in the 2020 Speaking of Dogs  
Rescue calendar!

It could be fun in the sun, a snowy scene, making the most of colourful  
fall leaves, or any other shot you know shows your pup at his or her best.  
Ideal photos don't include people but can include a four-legged friend.

Photos should be 300 dots per inch (DPI) and at least 5 inches  
by 7 inches in size. Photos can be colour or black and white.  
Please email your favourite snapshots to [lorraine@speakingofdogs.com](mailto:lorraine@speakingofdogs.com).

# Updates

## FIND OUT A BIT MORE ABOUT THE BENJAMIN PROJECT

You may have noticed information about The Benjamin Project in the newsletters over the last few months. We wanted to know a bit more about the project, so we had a chat with Malcolm Bernstein, one of the project's founders.

### 1. What is The Benjamin Project?

The Benjamin Project is a non-profit initiative whose mission is to educate children about responsible pet ownership and animal stewardship, as well as to raise funds for animal shelters and rescues.

### 2. Who was Benjamin?

Benjamin was our family's dog for 13 wonderful years. We adopted him from the OSPCA in 2000 at the age of approximately 18 months. He was a beautiful, friendly, athletic, smart, sentient being who brought incredible joy to us and to everyone he met – 2- and 4-legged!

### 3. You have published two books about Benjamin, including a children's book in 2018. Why did you want to expand beyond these initiatives to help rescues and shelters?

Helping rescues and shelters has always been at the core to our efforts, given Benjamin's history. I think these are such important organizations run by incredible people, and we want to do whatever we can with the proceeds from the books to help them.



### 4. What is your message to people, and how do you get the message out?

I present on Benjamin's life to "kids of all ages," from young children in schools to seniors in residences. Everyone loves the story and receives a *Benjamin Booster* certificate. My message is that animals are sentient beings and deserve our love and respect and that pets must be taken care of responsibly. In addition to presentations, I speak at fundraising events, issue a newsletter, print and sell an annual calendar, and promote The Benjamin Project on my website, [thebenjaminproject.ca](http://thebenjaminproject.ca), our Facebook page, and partner websites.

### 5. Why did you decide to partner with Speaking of Dogs Rescue?

Speaking of Dogs is a wonderful rescue doing such great work. I am particularly attracted to its focus on helping senior dogs, whom my heart goes out to. Lorraine, Kim, and everyone involved work so hard, and we feel privileged to be partnering with you.

### 6. What can our readers do to help?

They can buy my books about Benjamin, introduce me to schools,

libraries, companies, child and family groups, social service clubs, and other venues where I can present, and spread the word through their networks. In addition to advancing our educational efforts, all funds raised through book sales to your readers and their networks will go to Speaking of Dogs in full.

If you purchase *The Benjamin Book* or *Benjamin* through our special link – <https://www.speakingofdogs.com/benjamin-book-order-form/> – the proceeds of your purchase will be directed to Speaking of Dogs Rescue.

These wonderful books are only \$20 each and make a great gift for the animal lovers in your life or a treat for yourself.

For more information about The Benjamin Project, please visit [thebenjaminproject.ca](http://thebenjaminproject.ca)

# AUCTION

## THE FALL ONLINE AUCTION IS COMING!

Our fall online auction will be taking place in November.

We're almost ready to accept donations of new or very gently used items. Past auctions have included dog gear and other pet products, electronics, household items, and decor pieces.

We also accept services (such as grooming sessions, photography sessions, and the like) and valid gift certificates and gift cards that have their full face value.

**Please email [auction@speakingofdogs.com](mailto:auction@speakingofdogs.com) if you have anything you would like to donate.**

All funds raised go directly to the veterinary costs and other needs of the dogs in our care, including our Forever in Foster dogs.

The October newsletter will have more info, including details about how to view auction items and – most importantly – how to place your bids!

# Help Wanted

**Speaking of Dogs Rescue is 100% run by volunteers.**

**We are currently seeking a volunteer who meets the following criteria:**

- Lives in Toronto
- Able to fulfill a commitment to the auction from start to finish (from now to November)
- Able to volunteer a few hours per week from now until mid-October, after which the commitment will increase to about 1 hour per day, until the start of the auction
- Works well independently but also with a team of people (both virtually and occasionally in person)
- Is well organized and able to use Excel and Google sheets
- Has good communication skills
- Able to receive and store about 70 auction items (a space around 5 feet x 7 feet will be needed, depending on the donations)
- Able to measure these items, log them in a spreadsheet, and photograph them (although a volunteer photographer could also be provided, if needed)

**The auction project manager will provide guidance, and the other team members have worked on the auction for several years and know the process very well.**



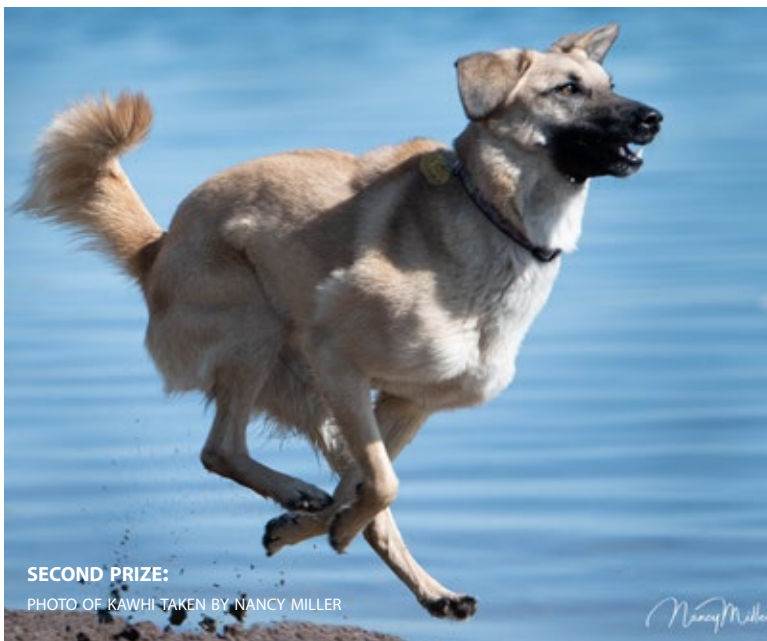


**FIRST PRIZE:**

PHOTO OF HECTOR TAKEN BY PEGGY KRY

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PUP-ARAZZI WINNERS!

We are very pleased to announce the winners of our Pup-arazzi photo contest! We had many great photos to choose from. Thank you to all who entered!



**SECOND PRIZE:**

PHOTO OF KAWHI TAKEN BY NANCY MILLER

*Nancy Miller*



**THIRD PRIZE:**

PHOTO OF CALI TAKEN BY GARETT MILLS





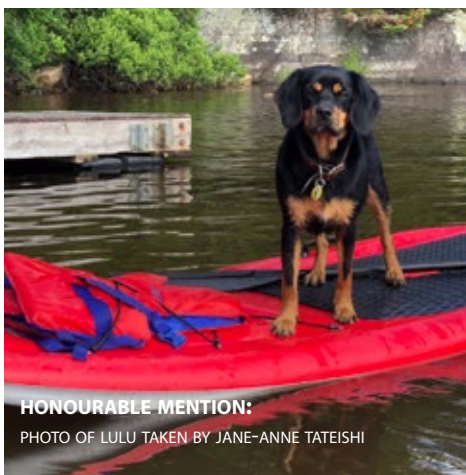
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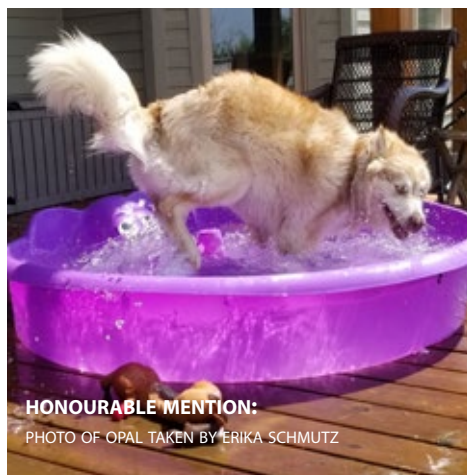
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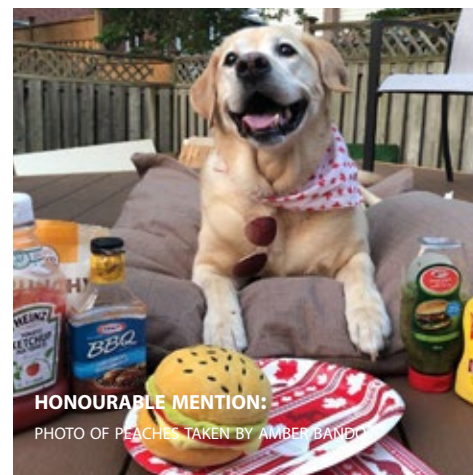
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**HONOURABLE MENTION:**  
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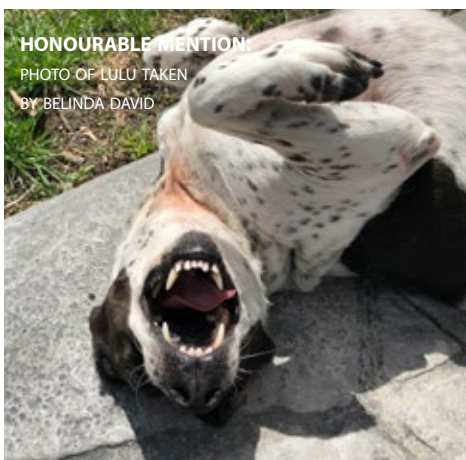
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PHOTO OF OPAL TAKEN BY ERIKA SCHMUTZ



**HONOURABLE MENTION:**  
PHOTO OF PEACHES TAKEN BY AMBER BANDIC



**HONOURABLE MENTION:**  
PHOTO OF TOPPER, JOEY & TOBY TAKEN BY GARY CHRISTIE



**HONOURABLE MENTION:**  
PHOTO OF LULU TAKEN BY BELINDA DAVID

## CALLING ALL DOG-LOVING AUTHORS!

Lorraine is working on an anthology of dog stories that will be published next year. We are looking to hear from people who have first-hand experience with a dog who has changed their life, a dog who was removed from a troublesome situation, a remarkable adoption anecdote, or a tale you've always wanted to tell!

The stories can be adventurous, educational, dramatic, humorous, and/or emotionally moving.

- Each story should be no longer than 5,000 words.
- No more than 2 submissions per person please.

- All stories must be original, and the submitter must own the copyright.
- All stories will be open to editing.

Authors whose stories are accepted for publication will be asked to sign a contract that outlines copyright, a production schedule, editorial steps and processes, and all other legal and production concerns.

**Deadline for submissions is September 28th, 2019.**  
**Please submit your stories to:**  
**[lorraine@speakingofdogs.com](mailto:lorraine@speakingofdogs.com).**

Happy writing and thanks for your consideration!

# The Furry Friends 5K in Burlington Is Just Around the Corner!



By participating in the Furry Friends 5K run/walkathon circuit, Speaking of Dogs Rescue can help more needy, homeless dogs. Many of the dogs we take in are seniors or have major medical issues, such as the amazing dogs in our Forever in Foster program.

Helping older dogs and those with health problems can be costly and demanding, but we know these special guys deserve a second chance at life and love.

But it's not just the dogs who benefit from the Furry Friends 5Ks! These races are very well organized, and racers and volunteers are sure to have a great day!

The final race of the year will be held at Spencer Smith Park in Burlington on Saturday, October 5th.

#### Here is the race day schedule:

8:45 a.m. – Race kit pickup

9:45 a.m. – Warm-up

10:00 a.m. – Start for runners and walkers

11:45 a.m. – Awards and prizes



**If you can't walk or run, consider supporting one of our Speaking of Dogs racers. These tireless fundraisers include:**

**LORRAINE HOUSTON**

**KIM GLADDING**

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

**[www.FurryFriends5k.ca](http://www.FurryFriends5k.ca)**



# Bits & Bites

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

- BARC (Buckle Up Animal Restraint Control) was mentioned in a Toronto Star article about distracted driving. Find out how to keep you, your pets, and the roads safe!
- The Toronto Humane Society explains the importance of leash laws.
- Champion Petfoods, makers of Orijen and Acana, are being sued in the US.
- The rise in nutritionally related dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) in dogs has been getting a lot of press. Here is Dr. Karen Becker's take on things.
- Here are some quick tips to help teach your dog the "recall" command.

## THIS MONTH'S RECALLS:

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

- Texas Tripe frozen pet food
- Brutus & Barnaby pig ears dog treats
- Chef Toby pig ears dog treats
- The FDA has also issued a warning regarding pig ears dog treats

## Walk with ResQwalk!

ResQwalk is a free mobile app that allows you to raise money for Speaking of Dogs Rescue while out for your regular walks!

I'll you need to do is download the app to your iPhone or Android phone and track your walks (with or without your dog). It's free. It's easy. It can help the amazing dogs in our program find their second chance at life and love.

Once you've downloaded the app, please remember to mark Speaking of Dogs Rescue as your favourite rescue!

**For more information, you can visit [bestfriends.org/resqwalk/faq](http://bestfriends.org/resqwalk/faq).**

**PETSMART**  
*Charities*  
of Canada

## National Adoption Weekend

**Adopt if you can,  
inspire others if you can't.**

## JOIN US AT PETSMART IN GUELPH!

Speaking of Dogs Rescue is very pleased to have been chosen to participate in a PetSmart Charity event! Please join us along with the Guelph Humane Society at the PetSmart located at **183 Silvercreek Parkway North in Guelph**. The event will run from **Saturday, September 14th to Sunday, September 15th**. Our volunteers will be promoting the rescue, responsible dog ownership, and *The Benjamin Project* on both days. See you there!

**To: Speaking of Dogs Rescue**  
**From: Kathy W.**  
**Subject: Leia**

Dear Speaking of Dogs Rescue,  
Well, it's been just over 2 years that 5-month-old Leia joined our family, and we have loved every day with her since. She loves her daily hikes on the trails, especially with her best buddy

Farley, who also is an adoptee though your organization. She loves travelling in the car and enjoys her car trips far and wide. All in all, she has blossomed into a wonderful companion. I couldn't have asked for a better match for us.

Thanks to everyone at Speaking of Dogs Rescue for all you do for the organization and the dogs that you support in finding their forever homes.



# Wags & Wiggles

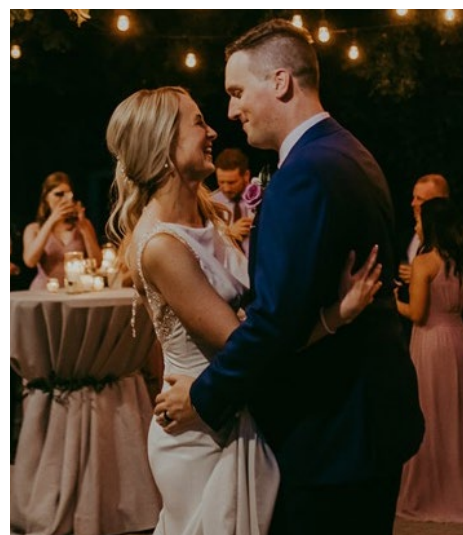
## PAWLOOZA WAGS AND WIGGLES!

Big thanks to the Pawlooza organizers for an amazing day and for their generosity and support. A doggone good time was had by all! We had lots of visitors to our booth, and even some of our adopted dogs came to visit. Thanks also to Katie and Lorraine, who manned the booth.



## WAGS AND WIGGLES TO JESSICA, ADAM, AND WHISKEY!

We'd like to pass along the most enthusiastic wags and wiggles to Jessica Casey and Adam Harvey and their dear Vizsla, Whiskey! The dog-loving couple were married on August 4th, and they not only gave Speaking of Dogs Rescue a generous donation, they also included a beautiful tribute to our rescue efforts in their special day! What a wonderful way to begin a loving union!





# Happy Tails

## AUGUST ADOPTIONS:

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



Ricky



Tiny Dancer



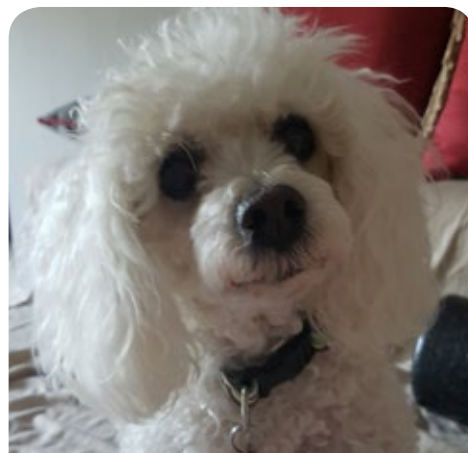
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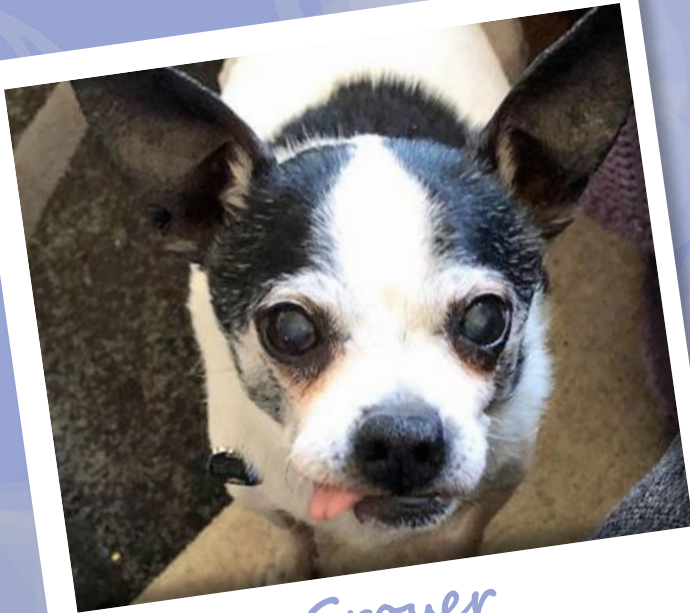


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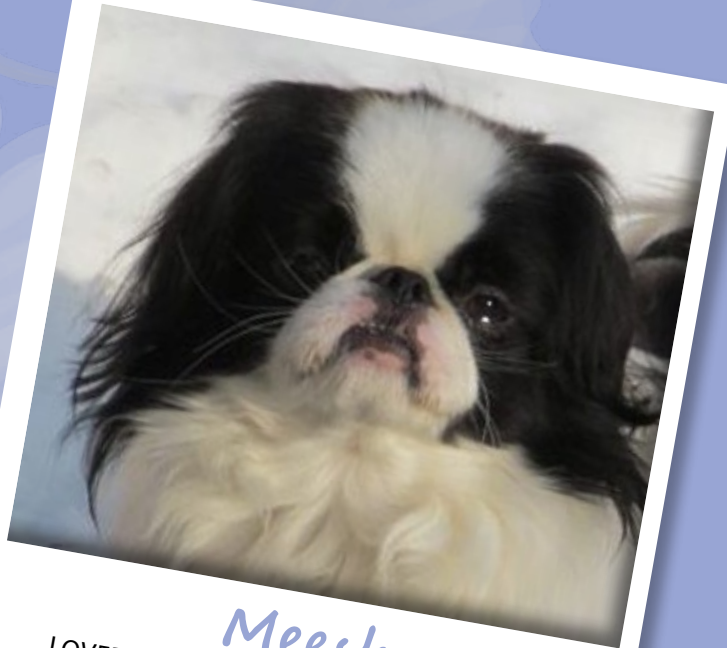
Tyson

# In Memoriam



*Grover*

LOVED BY NICOLE AND DARRYL  
AND FOSTER MOM KATHERINE  
ADOPTED APRIL 2019  
PASSED AUGUST 2019



*Meesh*

LOVED BY BLANCHE, GORDON AND FAMILY  
ADOPTED JULY 2011  
PASSED AUGUST 2019



*Gracie*

LOVED BY THE MCDAVID FAMILY  
ADOPTED JULY 2015  
PASSED AUGUST 2019



*Tippy*

LOVED BY THE WALKER FAMILY  
ADOPTED JUNE 2019  
PASSED AUGUST 2019



# In Memoriam



*Bruce*

LOVED BY LARRY AND CATHERINE S.  
ADOPTED NOVEMBER 2016  
PASSED AUGUST 2019



*Bailey*

LOVED BY NANCY, JASON, HOMER, AND LOKI  
MET AT THE BRIDGE BY MACBETH AND OPHELIA  
ADOPTED MAY 10, 2011  
PASSED AUGUST 6, 2019