

Ready, Set, Bid! It's the Online Auction!



The Speaking of Dogs Rescue annual online auction will be running from November 9th to 16th. It's the perfect opportunity to get some holiday shopping done early, without having to leave the comfort of your home – and pets!

Thanks to our generous supporters, there will be many exciting items to bid on, including an iPod Touch, Fitbit Inspire HR, Sony headphones, Google Home Mini, and a beautiful acoustic guitar.

You'll also have the chance to bid on perennial favourites like pet beds – including a luxurious Casper dog bed –

and other pet-related products, a variety of hand-made items, fun collectibles, and much, much more.

Simply visit the Speaking of Dogs website at speakingofdogs.com anytime after 9 a.m. on November 9th, 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.

Good luck to all of our bidders!

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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.

FEATURED DOGS:

Chica (white) and Arnica (brown) are 8-year old Chihuahua/Pomeranian mixes. They are littermates and have been together since they were puppies, **so these two little cupcakes must be adopted together!**

Chica and Arnica came into foster care when their owner died. They were initially very shy and nervous, staying in their beds and reacting to every sound. After several days, when they realized they would be okay, they began to explore.

They love their walks, whether it's 10 or 45 minutes, and walk very well on leash and go out as often as they are offered. Arnica will walk at your side, and Chica will walk a little ahead, so she can scout out danger. She does react when meeting larger dogs but can be easily diverted once the "danger" has passed. Both are fine with dogs their size but find large dogs overwhelming.

They can be very affectionate, but it has to be on their terms. Their first sign is



to come for head and chin rubs. Next Chica will sit next to you on the couch, and then Arnica will ask to be lifted so she can sit with you too.

They are great companions and will wake when you wake and go to bed with you. They are housetrained and pee-pad trained. They can be left alone for several hours and are not destructive or vocal when left on their own. They bark when people come to the house but quickly settle.

Small children make them nervous, and they do react to them. They have not been tested with cats. They are good in the car. They've just had dental work and have no health issues. Chica was on an allergy medication, but that was discontinued a couple of weeks ago.

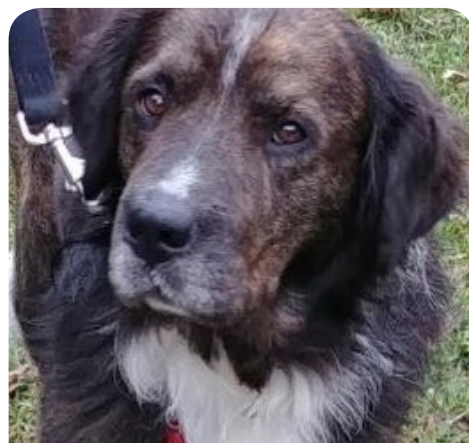
These girls are happy, healthy, and ready to double the pleasure and double the fun! Can you give them the forever home they so deserve?



Sassy
COONHOUND
LARGE, ADULT, FEMALE



Gypsy
SPANIEL
MEDIUM, ADULT, FEMALE



Lucky
RETRIEVER / AUST. SHEPHERD
MEDIUM, ADULT, MALE



Prudence
BORDER COLLIE MIX
LARGE, ADULT, FEMALE



Charlie
COONHOUND
LARGE, BABY, MALE



Winnie
CORGIE MIX
MEDIUM, ADULT, FEMALE



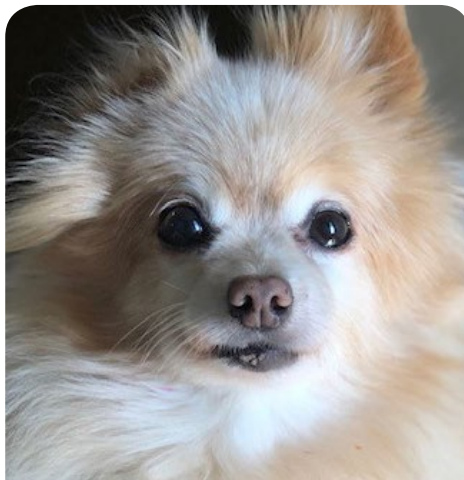
MollyB
BOSTON TERRIER
MEDIUM, ADULT, FEMALE



Gigi
POODLE / SHIH TZU MIX
SMALL, SENIOR, FEMALE



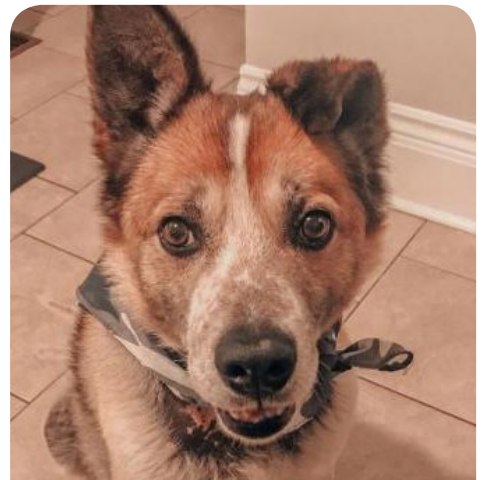
Jack
BICHON / POODLE MIX
SMALL, ADULT, MALE



Amy
POMERANIAN
SMALL, SENIOR, FEMALE



Shiba
YORKIE / SHIH TZU MIX
SMALL, ADULT, FEMALE



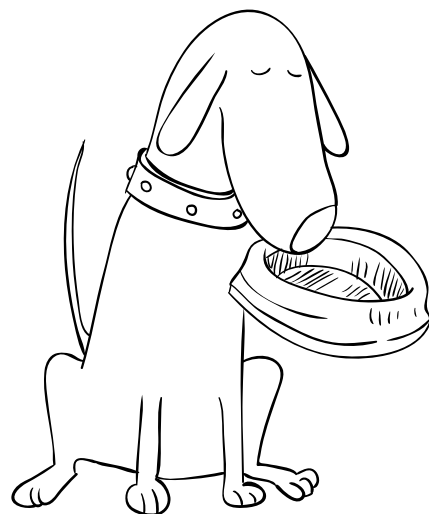
Whiskey
HUSKY MIX
MEDIUM, SENIOR, MALE



Ben
SHIH TZU / POODLE MIX
SMALL, SENIOR, MALE



Cho Cho
YORKSHIRE TERRIER
SMALL, SENIOR, MALE



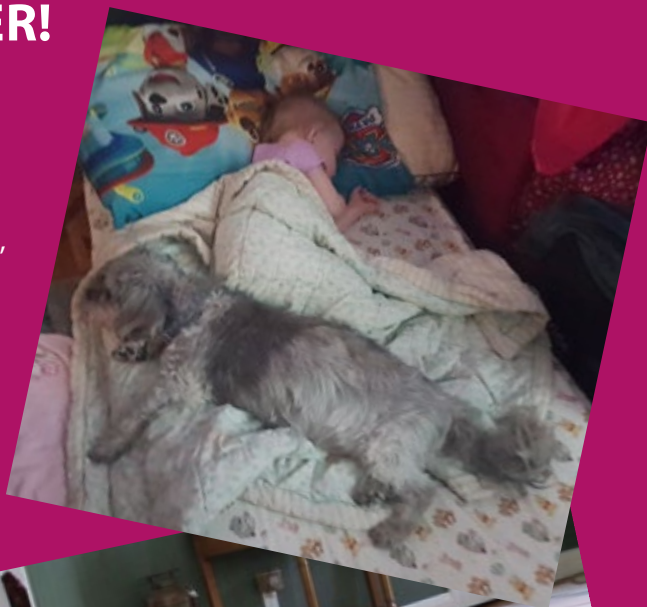
DUFFY THE RECORD HOLDER!

Sweet boy Duffy the shih tzu came from a Toronto area shelter way back in 2003. He was about 2 years old and had been hit by a car. He was fostered by one of our foster families, and when he had healed and recovered, he was adopted by a lovely retired lady in Whitby.

Duffy's family emailed to let us know that their mom (and Duffy's mom, too) had passed away and that her son had adopted him. Pictured here, Duffy's keeping an eye on a new addition to his human family and hanging out with a canine pal.

Dear Duffy was always full of pep, and it seems he still is: this little guy just celebrated his 18th birthday! He is our longest living adoption, and we raise a bowl of treats to many more wonderful years for Duffy!

Thanks to Irene for sending this amazing news and photos.



Ask the Trainer

DEALING WITH SIBLING RIVALRY

Dog owners are keenly aware of the many benefits of sharing their life with a dog. But did you know that numerous scientific studies have found that dog ownership has a significant positive impact on our health, including lowering a person's risk of heart disease?

Having one dog in the family is wonderful and provides opportunities for walks, cuddles, fun, and games. However, our busy lives can translate into having to leave our dogs for long hours alone at home, which is often less than ideal. Adding a companion for your companion can give them additional outlets when you aren't available – or even when you are!

However, it is important to pick the right dog in order to ensure a smooth transition and a lifetime of love between your pets. Please give serious consideration to the reality that some dogs do prefer to be singletons and don't want to share their human's love or have other dogs in their space. Don't try to force them into it, as it can have negative emotional and physical ramifications!

Households with multiple dogs can experience jealousy, resource guarding, and play that just becomes a little too excited, going from play fighting to a real fight. It is critical to look at the dynamics of sex and age on how behaviours work out, as not all combinations are equally successful.

Issues Related to Gender

A very important element to consider is the gender of the dogs involved, since the differences in sexes are real! While it is possible for any gender combination



to work, a combination of a boy and girl or two boys are the preferred pairings. Scientific studies have shown that two girls are significantly more likely to fight at a dangerous and damaging level and that a boy and a girl are the least likely to experience problems.

Statistically, not only do we do see a heightened level of difficulty when integrating a female dog into a home with a single resident female dog, but the fights are more likely to result in real injury and even death. There are a number of reasons why this may be the case, such as females being more likely to resource guard both their owner and their things, including food, bones, beds, and toys from another female. Females are innately looking to protect resources for their unborn litters, which

isn't a consideration for males, who don't participate at any level in parenthood.

This guarding often stays at a low threshold, but it can erupt suddenly in a silent but dangerous way. While most male aggression is ritualistic, with a high level of noise and posturing, fights between females can escalate very quickly, and they are far more likely to result in injury. Any inter-female aggression should be taken very seriously and interrupted immediately.

The Age-Old Question?

Age is also a major factor, as puppies are truly obnoxious in their play style and literally get in the face of other dogs. Most adult dogs are intolerant of this behaviour and may give a harsh correction to the

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puppy. A puppy under 10 months of age should be closely watched when interacting with dogs under 6 years of age and not allowed to play with a dog over 6 years if there is any indication that the older dog is not interested.

The early interactions between puppies and adult dogs can also have long-term repercussions. An adult dog that is consistently growling or physically correcting a puppy may be on the receiving end when the pup grows up and realizes that they are the stronger one now. The older dog will have shown them that physical corrections are okay.

Dogs are very observational learners, especially when young, so we need to ensure that they are getting a calm message from the older dog. This means that the pup should be tired out with toy and human interactions before being allowed to interact with the older dog. Be sure to interrupt overt grabbing by the puppy at the adult's body and have them take frequent breaks to settle down. Note that the dogs' body clocks may be different as well, so the older one may want to play sometimes – but not all the time! You can use gates at various times of day, when one dog is feeling tired and the other just keeps begging to play.

Personality Conflicts

Dogs have personalities, too, and these differences can create strife in any pair. When that happens, it can be hard to tell when we need to step in and manage the situation and when we should let them work it out. The key is to minimize the triggers that cause fighting and to recognize how triggers can pile up.

Be aware of the interactions that are most likely to be dangerous, and be especially vigilant at those times. The three most likely triggers of over-arousal are:

1. Protecting a bed or lap space
2. High-value bones, toys, treats, or meals
3. Arousing play

That last one can seem like an oxymoron – how can play be a problem? When dogs (or kids, for that matter) are playing, the activity can trigger the happy hormones called endorphins, but it can also trigger the stress hormones cortisol and adrenalin as well as testosterone. When play continues uninterrupted, these hormones can create a more intense interaction, and the play can slip into actual aggression. Be sure to help your dogs take frequent breaks in play, to keep things from escalating.

Resource Guarding

Things like feeding dogs their meals or bones fully separated can go a long way to reduce anxiety over resources. Ideally, they should be completely out of each other's sight and any leftovers should be picked up immediately.

Ultimately, we want to create a calm environment while our dogs are eating anything in order to reduce stress on the one that is most likely to be challenged. I recommend having dogs in separate rooms or crates if there has been any posturing at all. They can likely be together while the meal is being prepared, practising calmness at that time, but only if it doesn't provoke any growling or snapping.

With lap or bed guarding, you can gently rest your hand on the collar of the dog already in place and lightly hold them there as the other dog approaches. Calming strokes on the back reduces their stress level, and the light collar hold prevents them from lunging at the other dog. Continue to pet them and give calm praise as the other dog gets up, and provide enough space so that they each have their own spot to lie down on. As long as it's safe to do so and you don't have any concerns about food guarding, you can also give your dogs treats to mark calm, friendly behaviour.

Any growling that continues beyond a small initial warning would result in that dog losing temporary access to the resting spot. Calmly but firmly direct

them away from the area, helping them to understand that guarding is not okay with you. We do not want to use any fear or forceful methods in these interactions, which would increase the dog's perception that this is truly a negative situation. A light trailing leash can be helpful for dogs that are demonstrating these behaviours frequently, as it reduces the emotion in the interaction with the person moving them.

If they posture again when they are allowed up, then they lose the privilege for the remainder of the evening or period that you are seated. Laps and beds are essentially treats that they need to earn! If it's their own bed or resting spot that is causing the reaction, then be sure that all dogs have their own unique place and encourage them to go to it. Once again, gates can be useful if there is too much arguing over a particular spot.

Long-Term Management for a Happy Home

If fighting is an ongoing concern, the dogs should not be left unattended together at all. While dogs are more likely to fight when their human is around, it can definitely happen just because they wanted to protect some resource or stop unwanted approaches. My house is pretty much permanently gated so that the dogs are safe!

Two or more dogs can be great for all involved, but please do pay proper attention to their interactions to keep everyone safe and happy!



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Bits & Bites

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

- Teaching leash manners to a dog can sometimes feel like a boring task. Dog trainer Pat Miller shares some fun exercises that will make your next session a lot more interesting!
- There has been much discussion about the FDA's investigation into canine dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM), and some of the pet food companies involved have added their own statements.
- Ontario's solicitor general has introduced a new animal welfare system through the proposed Provincial Animal Welfare Services (PAWS) Act.
- The proposed PAWS Act has been lauded by many, including the Guelph Humane Society.
- However, there are also questions about how the costs associated with the new legislation will be covered.
- The Toronto Humane Society provides timely information for dealing with dogs' shedding.
- The Ontario government is reviewing the Dog Owner's Liability Act, otherwise known as the pit bull ban.
- The Toronto Humane Society debunks five myths about pit bulls and shares a petition to help reverse the ban.
- A new joint effort between the Toronto Humane Society, Toronto Animal Services, and Shelter, Support and Housing Administration will be helping care for pets belonging to those using Toronto's homeless shelters and respite centers.
- Alexandra Horowitz, professor at Barnard College, Columbia University, examines the nature of "ownership" of pets.
- The Ontario government is relaxing rules regarding the hunting of wolves and coyotes, citing a desire to protect moose populations. This *Toronto Star* article examines other considerations.

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



Events

SEE YOU AT THE TORONTO CHRISTMAS PET SHOW!

There's a nip and the air and rain will no doubt soon be giving way to ice, but there's still lots to look forward to, like the Toronto Christmas Pet Show!

This two-day, family-friendly event is Canada's largest Christmas pet festival and features more than 250 pet-related vendors and many activities. Pets are welcome (just bring a signed pet waiver with you, available as a download from the event's website), and free parking is available.

Date: Saturday, November 23 and Sunday, November 24

Time: 10 a.m. to 6 pm. (Saturday) and 10 a.m. to 5 pm. (Sunday)

Place: Entrance at halls 2 and 4, International Centre, 6900 Airport Road, Mississauga

You can visit www.canadianpetexpo.ca for more information and to download the pet waiver.

SAY HAPPY HOLIDAYS WITH HOCKEY TICKETS!

Thanks to a generous donor and supporter, Speaking of Dogs Rescue has two Gold Leafs' tickets to raffle off! We'll be selling virtual raffle tickets, one for \$10 or three for \$25. The raffle will run from Monday, November 18th to Monday, November 25th, inclusive. We'll be announcing the winner on the morning of Tuesday, November 26th.

The tickets are for the January 14th game against the New Jersey Devils and will surely make an unforgettable gift

A festive poster for a pet event. It features a border of green pine branches and red Christmas ornaments. In the center, several dogs and cats are wearing red Santa hats. A white gift box with a red bow is in the foreground. The text is in red and green.

Pet Pictures
with
Santa!
@ Ruffins Pet Centre
Sunday, December 1st
11AM to 2PM
\$10 donation Includes 5x7 Photo and Gift Bag
Proceeds to support Cats Anonymous and Speaking of Dogs Rescue
No appointment necessary

or stocking stuffer for any sports fan on your shopping list!

Your raffle stewards are Gerry and Lorraine, who are always happy to help you with your ticket purchases. All funds raised will go toward making the holidays a little brighter for the dogs in our care.

Please contact lorraine@speakingofdogs.com to purchase your raffle tickets.



Thank you!



THANKS JOANNE AND RELISH BAR!

Wags and wiggles also to the Joanne C. and everyone at the Relish Bar for their Thanksgiving fundraiser for our foster dogs! Once again, they came through with a delicious meal and good company for Speaking of Dogs Rescue. Don't know the Relish Bar? Visit them at their new location on the Danforth. Find out more at relishbarandgrill.com.



THANK YOU DOGGIEVILLE!

Enthusiastic wags and wiggles for Janine and staff at Doggieville in Newmarket for another amazing Halloween Woof and Cheese party! Great fun was had during the contests, and judging the winners was so difficult because all the dogs were outstanding. The raffle was a big hit, as were the fall photos. Prudence and foster mom Luan came to visit us, and Prue had her photo done – a stunning picture to be sure! (Prue is still looking for a home, hint, hint.) Best of all, the event raised almost \$1,000 for the wonderful foster dogs in our care! Thank you again to our friends at Doggieville!



WAGS AND WIGGLES FOR THE FURRY FRIENDS 5K!

Huge thanks to all of the organizers, walkers, runners, volunteers, and supporters for their participation in the Burlington Furry Friends 5K event! We love the Furry Friends 5K walks and always enjoy seeing our dogs and adopters. The organizers make raising the much-needed funds for our foster dogs fun and simple. We feel so blessed to be invited each year!

Enthusiastic wags, wiggles, and zoomies for organizers Caron and Allison! Hugs also to our volunteer board, who all arrived with big smiles and good energy for the walk and to operate our booth.



Holiday Photos with Santa at Pet Valu

Pet Valu: 339 College St. (Kensington Market)

\$14 Photo in Card • No Appointment Required

Saturday & Sunday Dec 7 & 8 / 14 & 15 (12:00-4:00 pm)

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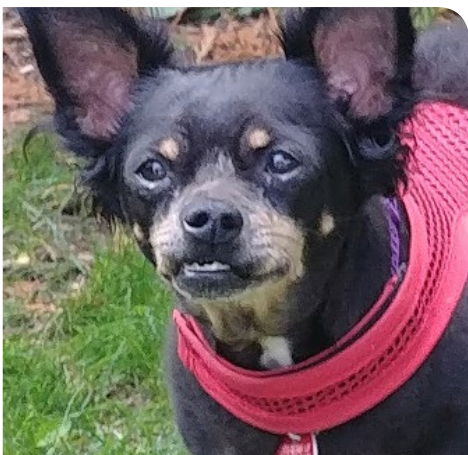
Proceeds support
SPEAKING OF DOGS RESCUE

Holly's Hope

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.



Hattie



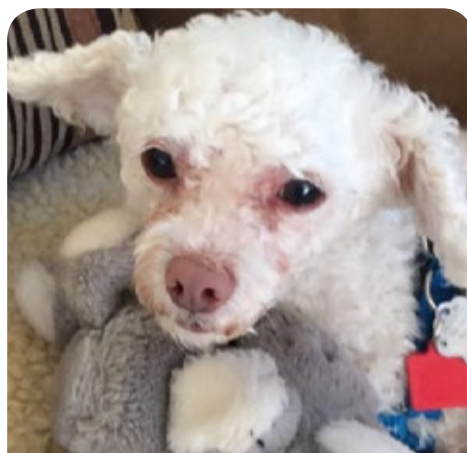
JJ



Jacob
FOREVER-IN FOSTER



Bob



Gus



Gracie



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!

All 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.

In Memoriam



Frisky
LOVED BY OULD FAMILY
ADOPTED APRIL 2014
PASSED OCTOBER 2019



Teddy
LOVED BY KAREN S. AND FAMILY
ADOPTED APRIL 2011
PASSED OCTOBER 2019



Annie
LOVED BY VERONICA AND RICH
FOREVER-IN-FOSTER
PASSED OCTOBER 2019



Emilee
LOVED BY TAMARA, JAKE AND FAMILY
FOREVER-IN-FOSTER
PASSED OCTOBER 2019