

*Saving just one dog won't change the world... but, surely, the world will change for that one dog...*

## Here Are Our Puparazzi Super Stars!



*The 1st place winner is Avril Savoury, with her photo of Maisie.*



*The 2nd place winner is Christine Hui, with her photo of Biscuit.*



*The 3rd place winner is MaryElizabeth Vande, with her photo of Rocket.*

### Most enthusiastic wags and wiggles for the winners of the Puparazzi photo contest!

Many thanks to everyone who submitted photos, our volunteers who helped judge, and volunteers Katie and Jennifer, who organized the event.

Can't get enough of this wonderful Puparazzi stuff? Check out the rescue's [Instagram page](#) for our beautiful and artful honorable mentions.

## NOVEMBER 2020 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.

## Dandy May

TERRIER MIX  
SMALL, SENIOR, FEMALE

### FEATURED DOG:

Dandy May is a 14-year-old shih tzu/terrier mix who came into our rescue from an Ontario shelter. She loves to go for walks and does very well on leash. She is great with other dogs, ignores cats, and is friendly and welcoming when meeting new people.

Dandy has no problem with stairs and handles them with a spring in her step.

She is housetrained and can also use pee pads if the weather is wet or cold. She will cuddle with you or just snuggle in a dog bed when it's her naptime.

She was a bit anxious when she first arrived at her foster home, but now that she's settled and knows the routine, she is much calmer and content. Dandy can also sometimes be a bit vocal when communicating, but

once you figure out what she is saying, all is right in her world once again.

We think Dandy May is just dandy, and you surely will too! Can you give this adorable, fun-loving girl a place to call home forever?







*Bear*

GERMAN SHEPHERD  
LARGE, ADULT, FEMALE



*Daisy*

MINIATURE SCHNAUZER  
SMALL, SENIOR, FEMALE



*Jessie*

BASENJI MIX  
MEDIUM, SENIOR, FEMALE



*JR (Junior)*

SHEPHERD MIX  
MEDIUM, SENIOR, MALE



*Annie*

SHEPHERD / LABRADOR MIX  
LARGE, BABY, FEMALE



*Becky*

SHEPHERD / LABRADOR MIX  
LARGE, BABY, FEMALE



*Sansa (aka Tundra)*

SIBERIAN HUSKY  
MEDIUM, YOUNG, FEMALE



*Custard*

CORGI / PAPIILLON MIX  
SMALL, SENIOR, MALE



*Tonka*

SHIH TZU MIX  
SMALL, ADULT, MALE

# Ask the Trainer

## SETTING YOUR PUPPY UP FOR SUCCESS

Often you'll hear me say the phrase "set your puppy up for success," but what exactly do I mean by that? First off, knowing what to expect from a puppy will help set you both up for success. Normal puppy behaviours can include biting, barking, chewing, and digging.

### See It from Your Puppy's Perspective

Managing the environment is one of the best ways to set your puppy up for success. By doing so, your puppy may not develop undesirable behaviours such as jumping on people at the door, chewing shoes, and eating garbage.

Take jumping up on people at the door as an example. Setting your puppy up for success in that situation would mean preventing them from having access to that area, either by keeping them in their crate, putting them in the backyard, or having them on a leash until they are trained and know how to sit for greeting people.

For destroying shoes or other valuables, setting your puppy up for success by managing the environment means putting shoes and other stuff away and providing lots of appropriate chew toys. This goes for the garbage as well; put it out of your puppy's reach. Puppies, just like babies, explore the world with their mouths. If it's available to them, it's fair game.

Sounds like common sense, but whatever the issues are that you may be experiencing with your puppy, ask yourself if the environment is arranged in such a way to help your puppy make good choices. If it's not, then make the necessary changes.

### Behaviours

People like to show me what their dogs can do. More often than not, the dogs don't perform the requested behaviour. It can be both frustrating and embarrassing for the owners, and they always say the dog can do the behaviour at home. This tells me the dog knows the behaviour but not under distractions or in a different environment.

When we teach our puppies behaviours, it is usually with the same person and in the same location. It's a controlled environment. To help set your puppy up for success when learning new behaviours, first practise at home, in a non-distracting environment. Then practise in at least ten different areas of your home, including the yard (if you have one). Next, practise while out on walks. This will help your puppy learn how to perform behaviours around distractions. Also, when teaching behaviours, break them down into baby steps to make it easier for your puppy to understand what you are asking.

Just think back to when you were learning something new for the first time.

### Socialization

More dogs are euthanized annually due to behaviour problems than due to illness. Many of these behaviour problems can be prevented, as they come from a lack of socialization. Socialization is the process of exposing your puppy to the world around them in a safe and positive way.

It's not just about exposure but also about making positive associations. Use treats, allow your puppy to set their own pace, and be their advocate. Setting them up for success – to be comfortable and happy with the world around them – means introducing them to all kinds of

different people, places, animals, sounds, and surfaces and making positive associations with all of those things.

Learn as much as you can about dog body language so that you can let your puppy be the one to guide you through this. Your job is to make sure that they feel safe and are having fun and that they are forming positive opinions about the world around them.

### Conclusion

When training a puppy, we need to check our own expectations and make sure that they match what our puppies are capable of knowing and doing. Ask yourself:

- "Are my expectations too high?"
- "Does my dog really know what to do?"
- "Is the environment arranged in such a way to help my dog make the right choice(s)?"
- "Have I helped my dog to feel comfortable, safe, and confident?"

And this is what I mean when I say, "set your puppy up for success."



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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.

[A concerning story had a happy ending, when a family we're able to get their senior dog back from Vaughan Animal Services, who were holding the animal, believing it might part "pitbull."](#)

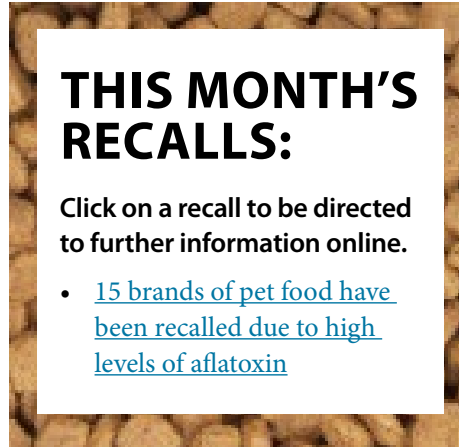
[A Niagara-area dog has tested positive for COVID-19. While experts confirm dogs are less likely to be infected than people, it's possible they could spread the virus, so it's best to quarantine animals if any member of the household tests positive for COVID-19.](#)

[Ever wonder what declawing a cat truly involves? Check out this article from the Toronto Humane Society, and find out why trimming a cat's claws is greatly beneficial, while declawing a cat is cruel and can worsen rather than fix behaviour problems.](#)

[A bush pilot in the Northwest Territories is arguing to end the "fruitless" aerial wolf cull in the region.](#)

[A heart-warming essay in the Globe and Mail about what it's like to love an old dog.](#)

[Dr. Karen Becker explains "10 Mistakes You May Be Making with Your Dog."](#)



## Speaking of Dogs Rescue Calendars Here!

The calendars are all printed and ready for distribution!

If you placed an order, please email Lorraine at [Lorraine@speakingofdogs.com](mailto:Lorraine@speakingofdogs.com).

If you didn't place an order, fret not! Our beautiful calendars are available for sale at Cedarbrae Veterinary Clinic ([cedarbraevet.com](http://cedarbraevet.com)). They're only \$15 each or \$12 each for 10 or more. They make a perfect holiday gift and are a great way to support our dogs!

**To: Speaking of Dogs Rescue**  
**From: Monica Penford and family**  
**Subject: Sassy**

Dear Speaking of Dogs Rescue,

We are celebrating our one-year Gotcha Day! She is a beautiful, funny, drooling girl who is very spoiled! She is by far a perfect old girl. She weighs in at 70 pounds from the 36 pounds a year ago.

I know you probably hear this all the time, but she is really the best dog. She is very healthy and active and loves everybody and everything. We love her so much words just don't express that feeling. We overflow with love for her!

I want to tell everybody to take a chance on an older dog. They won't be disappointed. Every day she continues to amaze us! It's like she understands what we say to her and she just does it. She just fills everybody she meets with love.

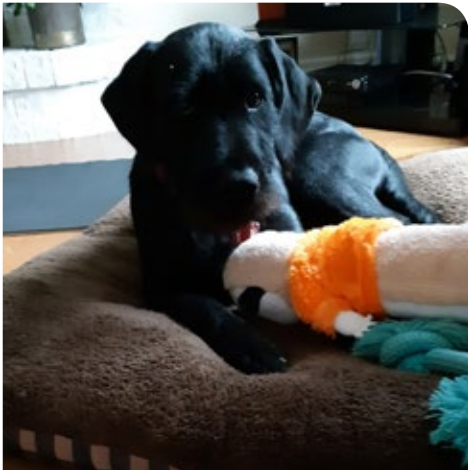
Thank you for helping her and all of the others.



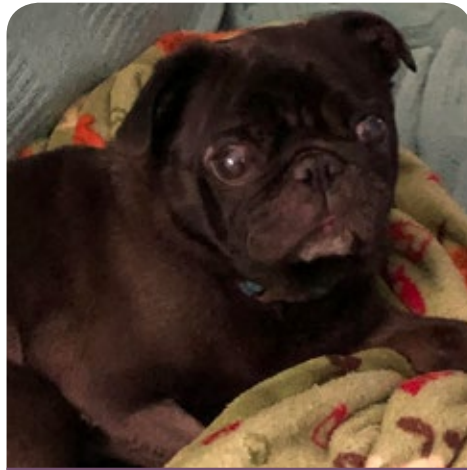
# Happy Tails

## OCTOBER ADOPTIONS:

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



*Bear Lab*



*Bumble*



*Gus*



*Lexie*



*Mavis*



*Max*



*Meeka*



*Mindy*



*Mitzy*





*Zeus and Zena*



*Zak*



*Bud and Zoey*

## November Is Adopt a Senior Dog Month!

Senior dogs have so much love to give and life to live. Consider opening your heart and home to one of Speaking of Dogs Rescue's wonderful senior dogs. You'll change your life and theirs – for the better!

## Please Consider Giving This Giving Tuesday

Once the dust has settled on all of the Black Friday and Cyber Monday sales, it's an opportunity to think about sharing with those in need, including the wonderful dogs in our care. Speaking of Dogs Rescue takes in many dogs with significant medical needs, senior dogs, and dogs with behavioral issues. We also have the special dogs in our Forever in Foster program, as well as the dogs we sponsor through the Leg Up program. They need our help, and we can't let them down!

If you'd like to help us help more dogs, please consider donating on Giving Tuesday on December 1st. The easiest way to offer financial support to Speaking of Dogs is to visit our Canada Helps Giving Page: <http://www.canadahelps.org/GivingPages/GivingPage.aspx?gpID=10262>

## Spread Holiday Cheer – Shop with Us on Facebook!

Is the cold, rainy fall weather getting you down? Looking forward to the holidays? Wondering if you'll be able to get all of that shopping done? Check out the Speaking of Dogs Rescue Facebook page! Not only will you find lots of info about the amazing dogs in our care, throughout the week you'll see fabulous new and gently used items being auctioned off to the highest bidder. Visit our [Facebook page](#) regularly to see what's on the block and to place your bids!



# In Memoriam



*Jake*  
LOVED BY TAMARA  
ADOPTED NOVEMBER 2014



*Roxy*  
LOVED BY JANE AND LAURIE  
ADOPTED JUNE 2018



*Blackie*  
LOVED BY JOHN AND ATSUKO  
ADOPTED DECEMBER 2017



*Duffy*  
LOVED BY THE TENODY FAMILY  
ADOPTED FEBRUARY 2004