



READY, SET, PREP! IT'S COTTAGE TIME!



There are few things more enjoyable for a dog and their person than a summer vacation away from home! Here are a few tips to keep your trip happy and safe for everyone.

Your Dog's Packing List

There are the obvious items on your dog's packing list. Food, bowls, favourite treats, toys and toys, and her leash and harness. It's also important to prepare for the unexpected! If your dog is eating a fresh or frozen diet, find a shelf-stable diet to bring along in case you lose access to refrigeration. Test out this diet ahead of time to make sure it agrees with your dog's stomach, and you might even consider bringing an extra couple days worth of food - just in case!

Likewise, if your dog is on any medications, whether daily or situationally, like anti-anxiety meds for fireworks or storms, ensure that you bring extra in case your travel days are unexpectedly delayed.

If you regularly walk your dog off leash in parks near home, be mindful that it may not be safe or considerate to let your dog off leash where you're traveling. Bring an extra long line (a 20 or 30 foot long leash) so your dog can still enjoy some freedom on the trail - even if she can't be let off the leash!

A first aid kit, and knowing how to use it, is critical to have on any trip. Ensure it's well stocked and medications aren't expired. You might also consider speaking with your

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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.

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vet about additional first aid meds to have on hand that you might not use regularly. For example, some dogs react badly to bites from flies like deerflies and horseflies which you might not encounter on walks near home. Your vet may want to recommend a medication to have on hand if your dog's face swells up from fly bites!

The Car Ride

Think about how you're going to transport your dog. Will you be using a crate or seatbelt? Be prepared to keep your dog safe and cool on hot days, check that the air conditioning is reaching the back seat, and offer water regularly.

How will you handle rest stops when the whole family needs to use the bathroom? Leaving your dog in a hot car is not a safe option. Ensure that your dog's equipment is secure so you can safely take her out to relieve herself and stretch her legs when you're at a busy rest stop.

Alone Time Away From Home

Did you know that many dogs who are comfortable home alone are not comfortable when left alone in a new location? This means you may not be able to leave your dog happily alone at the cottage while having dinner with the neighbours! If this is in your plans, you might "borrow" a friend's house to test out alone time in a new

location. Set up a camera so you can monitor your dog in real time, or at least be able to review the footage afterward and know whether she was comfortable and napping - or know if you have to make alternate plans at the cottage (or get to work on training the issue!)

If you're traveling for multiple days to reach your destination you may find yourself in a hotel for the night. Ensure that you check hotel policies. You may need to crate your dog if you leave them alone while you eat dinner, or to keep her off the hotel's sheets overnight. Is this something that your dog can do happily?

Dogs on the Water

Having a dog in your canoe can be a real adventure. The top priority is always safety, and this means using a life jacket - even if your dog is a strong swimmer! Your dog may panic if your boat capsizes, or she falls or jumps out. She may not want to swim to shore if you're still out in the water, and many dogs will climb on top of their owners in the water. Giving your dog buoyancy is important not only to their safety, but also for yours!

If your dog has never been in a boat, find time to train on dry land for canoes/kayaks/paddle boards, or at a dock in the marina for larger vessels. Give yourself lots of extra time, even

making multiple practise trips weeks in advance of your holiday. The open air, speed, and unstable movement underfoot can all be very scary experiences for a dog! The movement and splashing water can also be very overstimulating for some dogs, which could result in her trying to jump in, biting at the water, or excessive barking.

Use lots of tasty treats and let your dog progress at her own pace. Always allow her to exit the vessel when training, do not hold her in, and plan your training sessions and location so that this is safe to do. We all feel safer in a new setting when we know how to prevent and escape an overwhelming situation and keeping this in mind and in practise will hasten your progress to creating a happy canine sailor!

Doggy Technology

There's always risk when hiking your dog off leash, even if you've assessed a new location to be safe. Wildlife and interesting smells can lead a dog off the trail and into new adventures without your input. In addition to teaching an excellent come when called and rewarding it routinely, there are additional safety measures you can have in place for your off leash adventures.

GPS collars can be a wonderful addition to your hiking outfit.

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GPS collars can give you real time feedback on your dog's location relative to you, roads, changes in elevation, and bodies of water. You can see her direction of travel, and if she's on her way back to you when you call - she just may be too far away to get back to you as quickly as usual!

There are many types of GPS units on the market, and you'll need to do your research with an eye to where you'll be using it and how. For example, some smaller and cheaper options only update location every few minutes, which isn't a lot of help if you think your dog is lost and running scared! Some units don't work well in very rural areas or require cell phone coverage.

Unfortunately, many GPS units come with a built-in shock feature, which can result in a very painful mistake if you hit the wrong button! Look for a GPS collar that does not include a shock or "ecollar" feature, and comes with a handheld device that does not rely on cell coverage.

Car Camping

If you're car camping with your dog, consider how you'll manage your dog around your campsite neighbours. Be considerate and always keep your dog on leash. Free roaming dogs in this type of campsite are very

disruptive to other campers and their dogs. If tethered, ideally to a harness rather than a collar, keep her well away from the road and keep the tether short enough that it's not a safety risk to herself or others. Ensure that there's nothing to climb or jump over, as tethered dogs are at risk of strangulation from jumping over things and getting hung up on the other side.

If your dog is very alert to activities around them, you might consider bringing along a covered up "ex-pen". An ex-pen is like a portable fence, and you can either stand it up across a straight area, or turn it into a pen to put your dog in. Covering the ex-pen will limit visibility to what's on the other side. You can also position your car and tent strategically to block her view of other campers, too. This way your pooch can happily join you around the campfire and maybe even share your hot-dog!

With a little bit of foresight and preparation you can avoid some of the pitfalls of traveling with pets. Make a list and check it twice, and don't forget to plan for your dog's individual needs! If there's any question about whether your dog will have a safe and enjoyable time, be sure to book boarding early - the good service providers book up fast!



Emily Fisher, CPDT-KA, CDBC, Scratch and Sniff Canine Services, Guelph, ON

WAG FOR THE CAMERA!



Have a great photo of your furry best bud you'd like to share? We'd love to include it in the 2023 Speaking of Dogs Rescue calendar! It could be a photo of your pup having fun in the sun, chilling out at home, out on an adventure, or any other shot that warms your heart and makes your smile. Photos should not include people but can include a four-legged friend. There is no charge to submit, but please only send one photo per dog. Photos should be between 1 and 2 MB in size, either colour or black and white. Please email your favourite snapshot to info@speakingofdogs.com, and then keep an eye out for the calendars in October!

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.

Ginger Snap

SHEPHERD / HOUND / MIXED
MEDIUM, ADULT, FEMALE

FEATURED DOG:

Ginger Snap, an approximately 3-year-old, 40 pound, spayed female shepherd/hound mix came to us from a Toronto area shelter as an unclaimed stray. The shelter described her as a dog who loved people and had a sweet, goofy personality. The reason they were reaching out to rescues for Ginger Snap is because there was something going on with her heart that needed a cardiac consult which most likely meant an ultrasound and other diagnostics. At the time Ginger Snap needed us, we were just launching our annual Step Up for the Pups walkathon and felt the funds raised from that would cover her medical needs, so we committed to taking Ginger Snap that weekend.

What we weren't expecting was a dog so full of vim and vigour, no one would ever suspect she had any issues with her heart in any way! We almost called the shelter to confirm we had the right dog! Her foster family gave great updates on her temperament which matched up with her shelter assessment; engaging, fun, goofy, good with strangers, housetrained and loved to fetch. We called our vet, and she was able to get Ginger Snap an ultrasound quickly. The results confirmed she had a heart condition called Patent Ductus Arteriosus (PDA) and we were referred to a cardiac specialist at Guelph University. The good news was it could be permanently repaired with surgery. Although it would be quite costly, we signed her up for the surgery in a "heartbeat". That was back in early-May and her operation was a roaring success!

Ginger Snap is now ready for her next chapter - a new life and family. From her foster mom: "Ginger Snap is so sweet and loves people! She can get excitable, especially in the car, but quickly calms down when asked. She enjoys being outside in our fenced yard. She's highly motivated by treats for training. She's learned sit, stay, calm, let's go, shake a paw, such a clever girl! She is not great on leash, still pulls but the harness we have is helpful. We don't have another dog but, from what we know, she would be best as an only dog. She had previously been in a temporary foster home from the shelter and Ginger would guard the foster mom from her other dogs. We don't have cats, but she might be fine we'd need to do a visit to check this out. She is housetrained, we don't use a crate but some of the drivers did when they took her to Guelph. She doesn't have any issues with you touching her paws, or any part of her body for that matter. She has been an amazing dog to foster, and we'll miss her, but she needs to find a family of own now that her congenital heart defect has been repaired. Ginger Snap is now ready to rock and roll out"





Trudy

POMERANIAN / TERRIER / MIXED
SMALL, SENIOR, FEMALE



Ginger Snap

SHEPHERD / HOUND / MIXED
MEDIUM, ADULT, FEMALE



Millie

POODLE (MINIATURE)
SMALL, ADULT, FEMALE



Ollie & Phoebe

POODLE (MINIATURE) / MALTESE / MIXED
SMALL, SENIOR, FEMALE



Simba

POMERANIAN
SMALL, ADULT, MALE



Hudson

LABRADOR RETRIEVER / HOUND / MIXED
MEDIUM, ADULT, MALE



Oreo

CHIHUAHUA
SMALL, SENIOR, MALE



Tucker

LABRADOR RETRIEVER / MIXED
LARGE, SENIOR, MALE



Ally

HUSKY / LABRADOR RETRIEVER / MIXED
LARGE, YOUNG, FEMALE



Poncho

HOUND / COLLIE / MIXED
LARGE, SENIOR, MALE



Veeru

WHIPPET / MIXED
MEDIUM, YOUNG, MALE



Griffin

BORDER COLLIE / HOUND / MIXED
MEDIUM YOUNG MALE



Casey

LABRADOR RETRIEVER / HUSKY / MIXED
MEDIUM, BABY, MALE



Maple

POODLE (MINIATURE) / SPANIEL / MIXED
SMALL, BABY, FEMALE



Paisley

LABRADOR RETRIEVER / HUSKY / MIXED
LARGE, BABY, FEMALE

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 gifts 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



Adoption Update

To: Speaking of Dogs
From: The Heder's
Subject: Happy Tails

Dear Speaking of Dogs



Here are a few of Baker/Bear for your newsletter. He came to us as Baker, but we call him Bear - the one syllable name worked better for us and he responds to it well. As you can see, my husband and Bear get along really well. And when they aren't out hiking, Bear loves to lie in the sun.



Bear/Baker loves his walks and goes twice a day at least. One trail along the shores of Georgian Bay - lots of opportunity for meeting other dogs and people. The other trail is also along the Bay, but on forest paths where there are few other people or dogs ... but millions of smells. The walks are such a joy for Bear/Baker that he positively dances when he sees his walking gear. He tries to help by sticking his head through the harness and tangling everything. We are working on making "tacking up" a calmer event. He is getting better.

He sleeps well, eats well, and loves to be near us .. under the dining room table when we eat, at our feet when we watch a movie, in the office when we work at the computer, in the garden when we're working in the garden.

We're really happy to have Bear in our lives. He is a gentle giant and we love him.

Susan and Stephen Heder

Happy Tails

RECENT ADOPTIONS:

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



Abbey



Brett



Brie



Calvin



Checkers



Chibbs



Dude



George



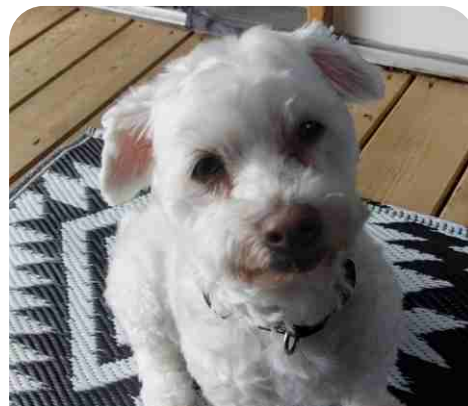
Hoochie



Lacy



Luna



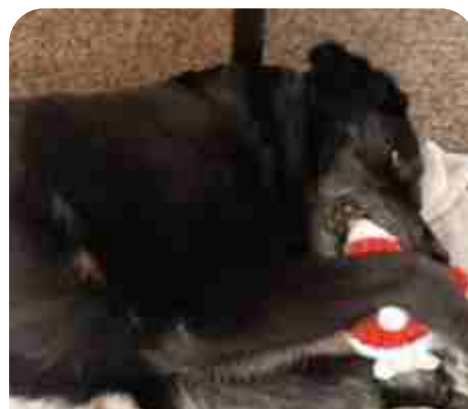
Maxou



Millie



Shadow Bernese



Sparky

WHAT'S COOKING?



The Speaking of Dogs Facebook page is always serving up something interesting, whether it's updates about our dogs, amazing auctions, or fun jokes! We now have a new treat to offer: Treat Recipe Tuesdays! You'll find new recipes to tempt your best pal, and if you've got a favourite recipe you'd like to share, please text us or email info@speakingofdogs.com.

Check out our [Facebook page](#) everyday to see what's cooking!

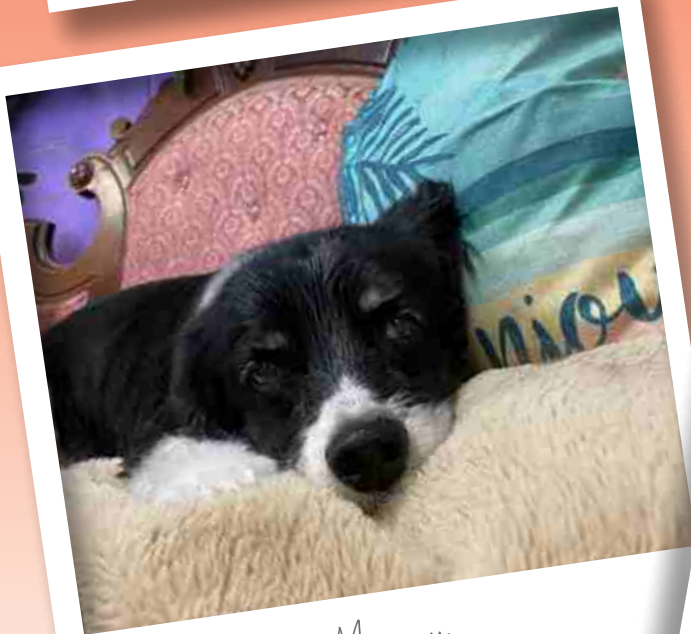
In Memoriam



Willow aka Tiffany
ADOPTED JANUARY 2015
LOVED BY LOUISE MOYER



Tito
ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 2020
LOVED BY BETTY AND JOANNE



Murray
ADOPTED APRIL 2019
LOVED BY STEPH

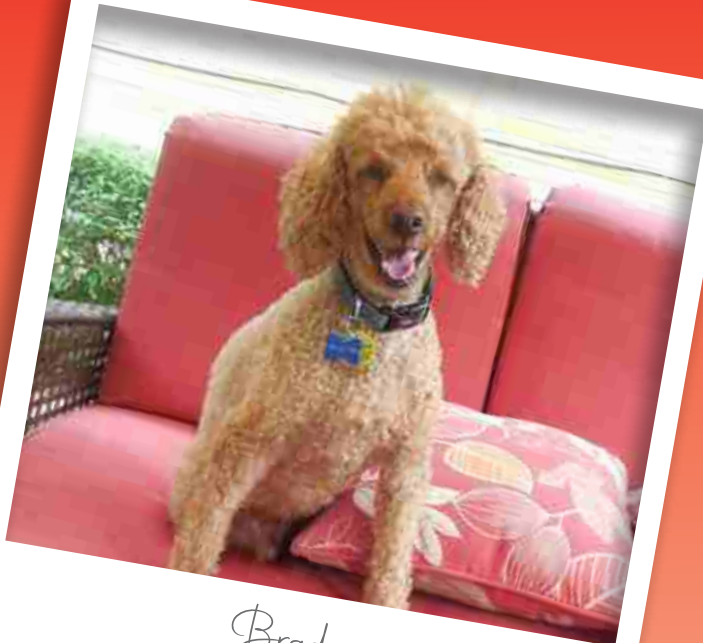


Bella
ADOPTED OCTOBER 2013
LOVED BY THE IMOFF FAMILY

In Memoriam



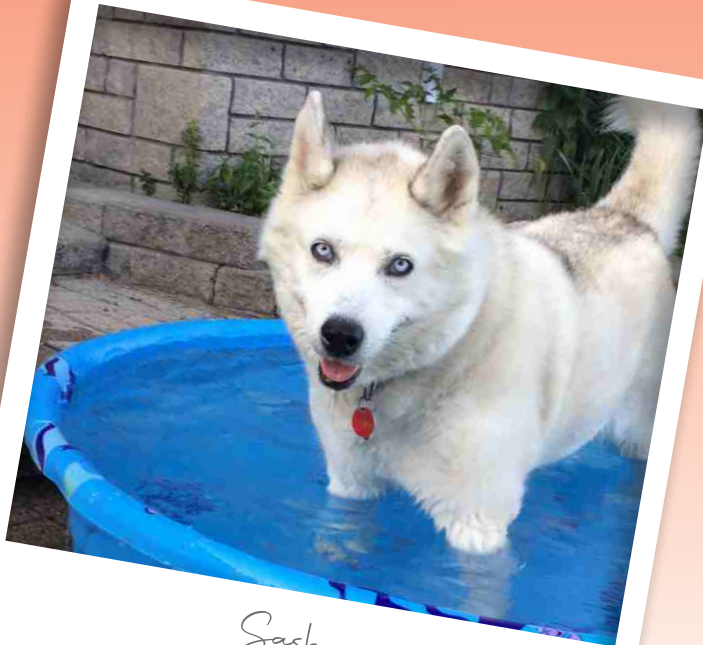
Whiskey
ADOPTED JANUARY 2020
LOVED BY BETH DRISCOLL



Brady
ADOPTED APRIL 2015
LOVED BY BERNICE AND SOL



BenBen
FOREVER IN FOSTER
LOVED BY TOM PRITTIE AND FAMILY



Sasha
FOREVER IN FOSTER
LOVED BY JOHN AND ROSE MOFFAT