

# Alberta Dachshund Rescue Newsletter

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## Heartbreaking goodbye

Most of the time, volunteering with a rescue is heartwarming. We take dogs from all sorts of situations, help them get healthy (if needed) and celebrate when we find wonderful, loving, fur-ever homes. But unfortunately, sometimes what we have to do is incredibly difficult.

For those of you who follow our page on Facebook, you'll know that recently, we had to say goodbye to our little Louie. She's been with a foster family for about 9 months now, working on some back issues she had. She suddenly and dramatically took a turn for the worse one day. We took her in for tests, and after discussions with the neurologist, we had to make the heartbreaking decision to put her down. There was no chance she would recover, and the options available would have only prolonged the inevitable, without giving her any quality of life. Doing what's best for a dog isn't always easy, but we never want a dog to suffer.

Goodbye sweet girl, you'll be missed. A huge hug and our condolences also go out to her foster family, who took such good care of her over all those months.

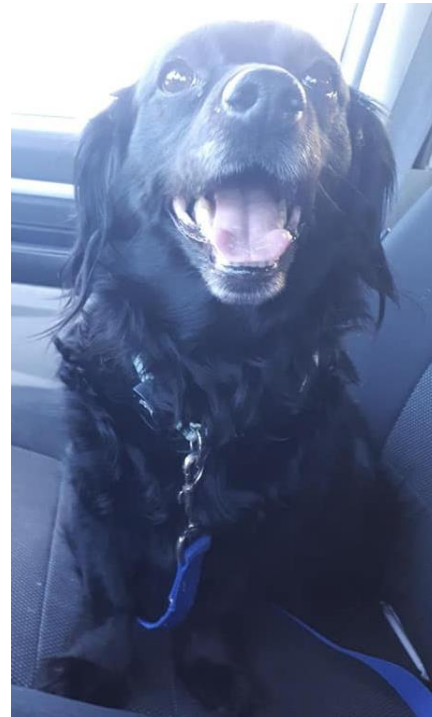


## Waiting tails

Jake is an adorable little wire-haired boy who we think is about 8 or 9 years old. Poor boy had to have almost all his teeth removed, but that doesn't stop him from loving everyone! He's fine with cats, and here's what his foster says about him. *"Jake would do better in an experienced home - it seems like Jake spent his life with not many boundaries and as a result isn't always super sure about how to react. If things don't go his way, his initial reaction might be growling or snapping even. But he responds very very well to correction and really wants to please and do well. It will take time, however, so a home with small children or one that is not experienced with dogs is not a good idea."* Come on people - how can you resist that face??



Gigi just came in to us about a week ago. She's another wire hair, about 6 years old. Since she's so new to us, we're still discovering what kind of temperament she has, and will post updates about her shortly



## Happy Tails

We're thrilled that Brandy has found her new family. She's gone to a retired couple who had to put their dog down in October. They babysit their grand pup all the time, who's been in morning since the dog was put down and hasn't been himself. Shortly after Brandy met him, they were running and playing! When she went into her new home, she jumped up on a chair and rested her paws on the arms like she'd always lived there! Here she is snuggled up in the lap of her new owner looking pretty darn comfy!



Our big boy Brody got adopted! Here he is making himself quite comfortable in his new home!



## Sitting pretty

Think this is just a picture of an adorable dachshund showing off? Well ok, it is, but it's so much more than that. This is a recent shot of Franky – the little boy who had to have a baseball-sized tumour AND three ribs removed. His new family sent this picture as an update to his former foster. His former foster told us she almost broke down into tears at seeing this. She said *"From thinking he might never be able to walk right to randomly sitting pretty like he used to. I remember saying he might never be able to sit pretty again. Look at him now!!"* Way to go Franky – we couldn't be happier for you!!



## Sloppy kisses

*"March 31 is one year since I brought Phoenix home from the ADR. She has worked out very well, still cuddles faithfully under the bed sheets every night, gets on well most of the time with all people and loves her winter jacket. Thanks to Tom and Leanne at the ADR for giving me such a wonderful companion." Jamie Szydowski*



*Hello! I wanted to send you an update on Ernie & Newton. It's been nearly 2 years since they've joined our family. At age 12, they're both thriving & healthy seniors. Newton reminds us that he has solid Doxie prey drive as he shakes his favourite toy ferociously on a daily basis. Ernie has a new kitten sister that he loves to snuggle with and sometimes even play tag with. They love their kids more than anything & are thrilled to have extra laps to sit on hen extra friends come over. I've never owned more loving & intuitive dogs. It's been a difficult past year, due to the loss of my children's father, but Newton & Ernie have been their very best friends through it all, always offering snuggles & unconditional love.*

*Newton has had 2 bouts of back/neck pain but has recovered quickly with excellent vet & chiropractic care. I cannot recommend GreenBank Veterinarian in Edmonton enough, they have been fantastic at understanding the needs of this special breed. Ernie is robust and healthy, and is always so cheerful & busy.*

*We couldn't possibly love them more & cannot imagine our lives without them. The joy & comfort they have brought to our family has been immeasurable. We have had such a wonderful adoption journey with them, I wouldn't hesitate to adopt through ADR in the future. Thank you for bringing them into our family." Arie Brentnall-Compton*



*(Editor's note: oh my dog how adorable is this pic??)*

## More sloppy kisses!

*“Last December, December 15th to be exact, my life changed forever. I adopted two little old lady dachshunds. They were thought to be 13 or 14 years old, I am 82, live in a senior’s development in High River and I thought we could grow older together.*

*My girls are Bonnie and Peaches, Peaches was the most needy and demanding, I even thought of changing her name to Clyde as it seemed more suited to her personality. It has been a long journey, there have been bathroom issues, which understandably have improved with the warmer weather. I would have to wash their bedding every morning and so, no evening drinks of water were allowed. Peaches has no teeth and Bonnie has a few, I was able to find a high-quality kibble for them that served their needs. My girls seemed to be joined at the hip, they always slept touching each other in some strange positions. They learned quickly that “down the back” meant they had to go out and use their pebbled bathroom area. They know “me first” when we are going through a door, I still like to think I am the alpha dog in this little family and deserve that privilege. I am so pleased to have taken this giant step so late in my life. Some of my neighbours have called me crazy and I am crazy. Crazy in love with these two little old ladies who have brought me joy but not only that, a purpose in what had become a very lonesome life.” Loyce Clarke*

## Off to the races!

This year [Pet Expo](#) will be held on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 10 am - 6 pm and April 28, 11 am - 5 pm. The event is at Spruce Meadows, 18011 Spruce Meadows Way SW and ADR will be booth #307. And yes – there WILL be dachshund races!! Stay tuned to our [Facebook page](#) where we’ll post details soon about the races.

## Forget “Like”, ADR is clicking the “Love” button

There’s a growing trend for folks to post on Facebook asking for donations through PayPal to a charity in lieu of gifts for their birthday. We’ve also posted several requests for donations to help us continue helping the hounds. We’re so thrilled and excited as we got our second cheque from the “PayPal Giving Fund” in the amount of \$4, 525!! We’ve had several large medical bills like dentals recently, so this is a HUGE help. We can’t say thank you enough to everyone who’s donated, and especially to those who have designated ADR as the charity they’d like to have receive the donations. We can’t click Love enough!!

## Paint your pet!

Edmonton folks – time to unleash your inner Pug-casso or Vincent Van Dogh! (sorry, those were the only ones I could think of!).

*“Grab your friends and unleash your inner artist at the Original Paint Nite. You’ll go from a blank canvas to a masterpiece of your own, with plenty of laughs along the way. Guided by a talented and entertaining artist, you’ll be amazed at what you create, and how much fun you have doing it. Yaymaker events give you everything you need to get up, get out, and get making! Instruction is provided by an expert host, so no experience is required, and everything you need is supplied. Grab your friends to paint, plant, tinker, and build—and give your week something to shout about.”*

[Click here](#) to sign up now for what will be a great time!!

## Clean up, clean out and help out!

Has the (finally!!) nice weather given you spring cleaning fever? Have you embraced the whole Marie Kondo idea of getting rid of anything that doesn’t bring you joy? (*personally, I got rid of all my kale & quinoa*) Well, ADR is here to help you with that! We’re planning a garage sale (date to be announced later) and we’re currently gathering items for the sale. So if you have items gathering dust in your home or that no longer bring you joy, now’s your chance to get rid of them AND help ADR. *Sorry folks – no vegetables, quinoa, or unhelpful spouses accepted. You’ll have to deal with those on your own* 😊 If you have something you’d like to donate, please email me at [adrnewslettereditor@gmail.com](mailto:adrnewslettereditor@gmail.com) to make arrangements.

## Don’t keep thing bottled up!

Have your empties piled up, but in this nice weather, the last thing you want to do is go stand in line forever at the depot to return them? Skip the Depot can save you from that – and they do pick ups in Calgary, Edmonton and Red Deed now! They’re a service where you can schedule a **free pick up** for your empties. Best part? You can donate your refund directly to ADR!! Just say yes when it asks if you want to donate your refund, select ADR from the list of charities, and the money will automatically be sent to us. We can even issue you a tax receipt for anything over \$10. Please note – you **must** select “request a tax receipt” for us to be notified. There is no charge for the pickup (however, they offer slightly lower deposit rates to offset the pickup costs). So, head over to [skipthedepot.com](http://skipthedepot.com), set up an account and turn your empties into a donation for ADR. It’s that easy!

# When the chips are down, make sure your pet is safe!!

## Journey of the Chip Bag

### Where Bags Were Found When Pets Suffocated:



In or near the garbage	29%
On a coffee or side table	21%
On the counter	11%
Outside/In the yard	7%
On the kitchen/dining table	5%
In or near the recycling bin	4%
Other (e.g., backpack, car, pantry)	3%
Don't know	20%



## A PET CAN LOSE THEIR LIFE IN UNDER 5 MINUTES

42% of people were HOME when it happened  
Of those who were out, 21% were gone less than 15 minutes.

Bag  
TIGHTENS  
when pet  
inhales



### MYTH BUSTER:

Doesn't Only Happen to Small Pets

More than 50% of the dogs who suffocated weighed OVER 30 lbs.  
15% weighed OVER 60 lbs!

DOGS and CATS suffocated in:

Chip (snack) bags 69%  
Pet food/treat bags 13%  
Cereal box liners 8%  
Bread bags, plastic containers, and more 10%

## SOLUTIONS

[PreventiveVet.com/pet-suffocation](http://PreventiveVet.com/pet-suffocation)



### Store in plastic containers

with an opening that your pet can't stick their head into



### CUT all bags TWICE

It'll save your pets – AND strays and wildlife, too!



### Serve snacks in a bowl

Never eat out of a bag

Share

### SHARE!!!

90% of pet owners didn't know about the dangers of suffocation in food bags and containers until it happened to their pet. This has happened to experienced, loving pet owners.