

Alberta Dachshund Rescue Newsletter

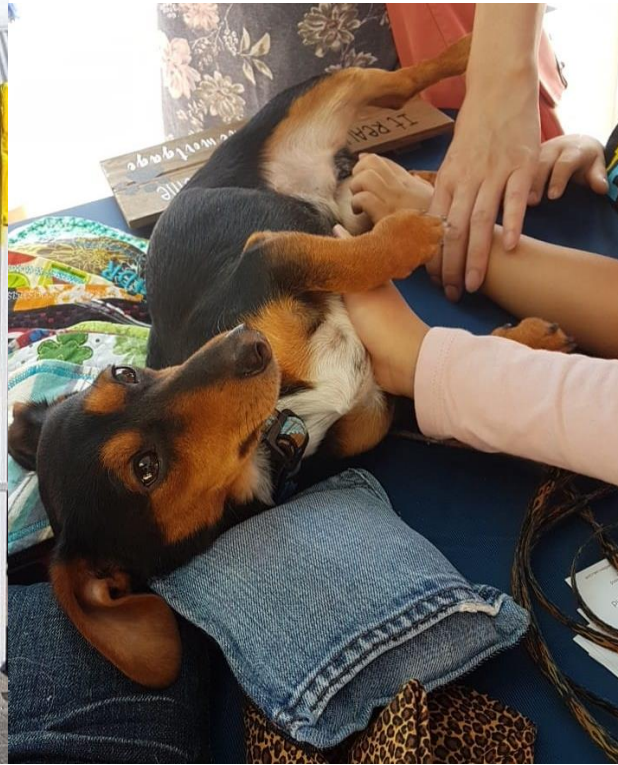
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Hot dogs!

It wasn't just the dogs that were hot at Pet-A-Palooza. The event took place July 28 & 29 in Calgary and it was HOT! It was over 29 degrees both days, but that didn't stop the fun! We had a booth to promote awareness of ADR – and raised close to \$500 as well through donations and merchandise sales!



Jax, a recent adoptee, "working". AKA soaking up the love & attention!

Taking work home with you...

When most people say they're taking their work home with them – it doesn't look like this!! Yes folks, that's our own Tom Edwards, ADR president, clearly loving his work! This is how he woke up recently – with eight wiener dogs! If you're trying to figure them all out, only three are his. The rest are a mix of recent adoptees and pending adoptions.



Pending tails

Hugo has had a few medical issues come up, so is still with his foster home at this point. We're hoping everything will settle and he'll be a Happy Tail soon!



Charles is the chi-mix that we took in from the Edmonton Humane Society. We're not sure there's actually any doxie in him – but we're always happy to help a little dog in need! We'll say he's doxie in spirit! He's just been neutered and had a second meet & greet with a couple, so hopefully will be a Happy Tail soon as well! Some of you may have had the chance to meet him at Pet-A-Palooza – he was a hit with everyone visiting the booth!



Happy tails

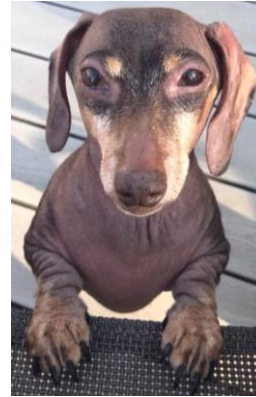
We knew someone would be “finding Nemo” to irresistible to resist – and they did! (Sorry, I couldn’t resist the joke!). We’re thrilled to say Nemo has gone to his new fur-ever home.



Soda and Ryder are also settling into their new forever home! Many thanks to Trudy, their foster mom for the work she did with these two.



Abby was our little girl with skin issues who’s off to her new home with a retired lady in Didsbury.



Jax and Opie went to a foster home – and are staying put! The couple recently lost their dog and are excited to have dogs again.



Sloppy kisses

"This is Caesar. We adopted him on 29 Nov. 2016. He came with behavioural issues. But he is doing really well and is very loving and happy. He adores his sister Frannie and tolerates his brother Dooley. We love him and he is a great addition to our family." Fiona and Jake Jakielaszek.



"We adopted Rudy (formerly Bandit) when he was 10 months old, now 5 years ago. He fit right into our family from Day 1 – he and Jeffrey (red shorthair) were best buddies from day 1 as well. We are in Okotoks and are so grateful to have great walking paths through the Sheep River Valley to walk in. We definitely take advantage of beautiful places to walk, and Jeffrey & Rudy love their early morning walks in the summer. We are ever thankful to ADR for bringing Rudy into our lives – and I'm sure he feels the same too!" Victoria Magnussen



Jeffrey on the left, Rudy (formerly Bandit) on the right

"We adopted Max (original name Gimli) last July. He's a quirky dog and fits in well with our 2 other rescue doxies. We recently moved to the Lacombe area and he is busy terrorizing the hummingbirds and deer. He has been successfully crate trained at night and sleeps with Toby, my longhaired tweenie 5-year-old boy."

Pauline Simpon



Max (formerly Gimli) on the left, Toby on the right

"Phoenix has progressed phenomenally since I brought her home on March 31, 2018. She is now very sociable in a room filled with people of all ages and gets along well with most other dogs. She's cuddled under the blankets, into my belly, every night since I've brought her home." Jamie Szydlowski



"In January of 2013 our Daughter showed us this picture of an ADR Dog named Beasley. My husband fell for him immediately and in February he was ours. The only history we had was that he had initially been found roaming and injured and had been taken to a vet and from there entered the ADR. It was a little rough go at first, but he eventually began to trust us and learned the expectations. We have had him now for five wonderful years. He has chosen Mom as his closest human, but Dad is ok too! He loves lying in the sun, walks and his food most certainly. He has travelled the USA with us and is a great traveller. He is great with groomers and the vets and even likes to hang with the Grandkids but after a day or two you can see he has had enough lol! He and his brother Max get along well and look out for each other. We are so happy with Beasley he has definitely found his forever home. Thanks ADR". Cathy Barrett



If you've adopted a dog from us, we'd love to hear from you and get and get an update! Please send an email to adrnewslettereditor@gmail.com with your dog's name (& former name if it's been changed), a photo and a line or two about how they're doing. We'll feature them in a future newsletter!

Our foster-fail success story

“When we decided it was time to start considering another dog due to our two dachshunds aging, we had no idea how quickly the most perfect dachshund would come into our lives. We wouldn’t have been so worried about not having a dog in the home, but our oldest is on the Autism spectrum, and is VERY reliant on having a dog sleeping in his bed right now. We knew finding the right dog for this responsibility would be a challenge, and it could be a while. We were very wrong.

We had just finished fostering a spunky little pup that we had originally considered adopting, but unfortunately that little lady had a big fixation with the cats in our home that we couldn’t break. Then Tom called us about someone wanting to surrender a dog that was great with cats and close to Hanna, and that it was actually a friend of mine! It took some convincing to give her dog to us as a foster, since she wasn’t quite sure how she would feel about seeing her around town. Luckily, she agreed!

Enter Miss Daphne!

When we first met Daphne, she was VERY timid and unsure of what was happening. It was a few hours of quiet time and laying next to her open crate to get her to come out and meet us. Our older dogs helped a lot, showing her by example that we are nice people.

It took a long time, probably 5 months, for her to not submissive pee 3+ times during the day. Any time we would reach down (not even really for her, just to pick something up beside her) she would cower and pee. Even taping the couch inviting her up would trigger her peeing. She’s come SO far in that way! She still pees when we are putting her harness on, but knowing that, we do it outside.

From day one, she’s been such an amazingly patient and loving little lady with our 2 little boys (ages 2 & 6). They’ve snuggled her and pet her (almost too much) and she’s NEVER showed any aggression, it’s so touching to see.

The hardest part about adding another fur-baby to our home besides the kids, are the other animals (2 dogs-2 cats). It was very important that they could live in harmony. Which is exactly how it's been with Daphne, she's had no issues joining our little wiener pack, and has been snuggling with them and even the cats(!) since day one.

I couldn't imagine our home with her in it!" Andrea, Byron, Zac & Chase Wickenheiser



Save the date!!

CALLING ALL CALGARY LOWRIDERS

WIENER-PAWLOOZA 2018!

ROSEMONT
COMMUNITY HALL
2807-10 ST. N.W.



SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 16, 2018
11AM - 4PM

PRESENTS

10th ANNUAL DACHSHUND FESTIVAL & WIENER DOG RACES

**A FUN-FILLED AFTERNOON IN HONOUR OF OUR DELIGHTFUL
DACHSHUNDS.**

**DACHSHUNDS OF ALL SIZES, COLOURS AND COATS ARE WELCOME!
ADMISSION: \$5.00 PER DACHSHUND**

WIENER DOG RACE REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 11AM
\$5 ENTRY FEE - INSIDE THE HALL

ALL NEW COSTUME CONTEST

FUN GAMES & CHALLENGES PLUS GREAT PRIZES

ALBERTA'S BIGGEST GATHERING OF DACHSHUNDS

This is an outdoor festival so please bring your chairs & blankets.

Dogs must be on leash at all times & poop scooping is mandatory

This event is a fundraiser for the Calgary Lowriders Dachshund Club part of the proceeds to
Alberta Dachshund Rescue



ABSOLUTELY NO PUPPY SALES or ADOPTIONS AT THIS EVENT

Wienerpalooza is coming!

By Darlene Vermette Tosczak

That time of the year is coming up! Calgary Lowriders Dachshund Club's 10th Annual Dachshund Festival – WIENERPAWLOOZA. We have all your favorite things happening, some fun games, challenges, great vendors and of course WIENER DOG RACES.

Something a little special this year since it is the Year of the Dog on the Chinese Zodiac – a costume contest. This is not just any costume contest; we are challenging members to come up with unique ways to show off their Dachshunds or their whole pack! From Alligators to Zeppelins – use your imagination and have fun!

Another special feature this year – we will have a photo booth! One of our members has graciously offered to set up her photo booth. You can get great adorable shots for a reasonable price with proceeds going to bring awareness to Lupus in dogs as well as helping Opie, a rescued Dachshund living with Lupus (*Editor's note – you can read [Opie's story](#) below*).

Just a reminder that we encourage members to bring only their Dachshunds and dachshund crosses, this is a dachshund festival after all. We still only race pure dachshunds so keep that in mind when registering for the races. We have kept the prices the same since the first annual at \$5.00 per Dachshund entry and \$5 per Dachshund to race. We also are having puppy and senior races as well.

Come hungry as we are once again serving up some tasty Spolumbos. Make sure you shop at our great vendors for all things dog related. Most importantly, come out and enjoy the day, the people and the DACHSHUNDS.

Editor's note: *we all know that awesome events like this can't happen without the help of volunteers! If you'd like to help, please email WPVolunteer@shaw.ca or Calgary_Lowriders@yahoo.ca. You only need to give an hour of your time, but it helps make sure great events like this can continue to happen. Volunteer positions include staffing the event registration desk, dog race registration, raffle ticket sales, food sales, etc.*

My life with canine Systemic Lupus Erythematosus

Hi, my name is Opie. I have Canine Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE), canine lupus. To start with, a little about myself and my life.

My first two years were awful, I had an abusive owner, I tried to run as did some of my brothers and sisters, but they were shot trying to escape. I was one of the lucky ones, I was rescued, removed from my terrible home, taken far away from my horrible owner and life began to be very good. I was placed with great foster parents who fell in love with me, then adopted me. It took a while for me to allow the love of hugs instead of the fear of violence. Life became glorious but then something strange started to happen. My eyes became very sore, red and one eyeball would swell up along with an off-on fever. Then slowly my back leg became stiff, sore, painful so I started to lift it, using only three legs. My parents were very concerned so the trips to a canine University medical office, a couple of hours away, began and continued for over a year with many, many tests. Then it was confirmed I had SLE – or Lupus, for short.

SLE is an immune disease where the immune system starts to attack the body's cells and tissue. Depending on which organs are affected, it can be quite deadly. There were more trips over time to experiment on medications and dosage, then FINALLY a combination of pills, ointment and drops that worked. Thank goodness my parents loved me and were able to take the time do that for me. All was good for many months. The Doctors said my eyes would always be very sensitive to bright sunlight with flare ups of my eyeball swelling. Also, my hind end would forever be fragile with flare ups of stiffness, pain and on-off fevers, but I could live a long life even though Lupus is permanent, there is no cure. They explained to me that the real causes of Lupus are still not well understood, even today. There is likely a genetic component and exposure to ultraviolet light, stress, medication and viral infections all contribute to the condition. Myself, I think it was from my horrific first two years.

Now my life depends on my parents. They must take very special care to give me medication four times a day and keep my life as stress-free as possible. This medication is very expensive, approximately \$320.00 a month, but without it I would not live long and would die a very painful death. Since SLE is an immune disease all treats and food must be hypoallergenic. This of course costs more than regular food. In addition, every six months I need an exam with a Veterinary Eye Specialist. I am thankful that my adoptive parents obtained medical insurance for me when they adopted me.

Unfortunately, my adoptive family had to make a painful decision of surrendering me to ADR due to changes in their life. As you can see by all they did for me this decision was very difficult for them, but they said it was best for me. I was brought to Edmonton where I was placed in a temporary foster home and I was very

sad, frightened, stressed out and could not understand what was happening or why it was happening. My foster Dad was great, and he really helped me feel comfortable in my strange new surroundings.

At the same time a tragedy was unfolding in the city of St. Albert. A retired lady living alone on Old Age Pension was making a very painful and difficult decision to have her fur baby of 16 years Zoey euthanized because Zoey was in tremendous pain resulting from a spinal stroke. The decision was made, and her mom went home in grief and sorrow. In the next weeks the heartbreak, anguish and loneliness was so overwhelming she decided to contact ADR and they told her about ME! OPIE! She took a leap of faith, met me and brought me home with her.

She is now my new mom and takes very good care of me. However, medication four times a day, proper food & treats, Dr.'s exams, medical insurance payments (which turned out to be higher in Alberta), medication costs not covered, and deductibles ended up being more than originally anticipated. I have bonded with my new mom, I really need her, she really needs me, I want to stay with her and she wants me to stay. I am convinced it is very important for us to remain together. To help I have decided to share my story in hopes of any little bit of financial help, no matter how small a donation, so we can stay together. Thank you." Opie



The picture on the right shows what a month & a half of medications for Opie looks like.

You may remember Opie's story from our November 2017 newsletter.

Unfortunately, there have been numerous issues with his insurance, including increased premiums & no-coverage of previously covered medications that have created financial problems for his new mom. But when you adopt from ADR you become part of our family - and families help each other! At Wienerpalooza, our fantastic photographer Lori Smashnuk-Leduc will have her photo booth again; all proceeds from the photos will be donated directly to Opie's mom to help with his care & ongoing expenses. Check out the photos on the next page for examples of Lori's amazing work from Wienerfest! Can't attend Wienerpalooza but still want to help? You can send an e-transfer to ADR at adrpresident@gmail.com and use Opie as the password! We can issue receipts for donations over \$10; please let us know if you'd like a receipt.

Wienerfest glamour shots – by Lori Smashnuk-Leduc



Calling all ADR alumni – we're doing a family photo!!

Have you adopted a dog from ADR? Then make sure you join us at Wiener-palooza! We want to gather as many of our alumni as we can for an epic ADR family reunion photo!!! We may even have a few surprise guests in attendance!! Exact details on where we'll gather and at what time will be included in the September newsletter.

So make sure you mark your calendars now for Sunday, September 16th from 11 am – 4 pm and we'll see you there!