

Alberta Dachshund Rescue Newsletter

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Still hugging

In the November issue, we profiled two dogs who had come to us in rough shape. These two are still facing some challenging health issues, so we continue to take care of them with the hopes that they'll eventually be well enough to be adopted into fur-ever homes.

Stitch is the sweet 15-year old who was found living with squatters in an abandoned house. His cough's improved, but he's now dealing with low red blood cells and very high white ones. We're working with his vet and following him closely to try to figure out what's happening.



Here's Stitch wearing the adorable snood his foster mom made for him. How cute is that?

Franky underwent surgery to remove the cancerous baseball-sized lump on his side. It was starting to rub his spine and was putting pressure on his vital organs. Three ribs had to be removed to get the tumor out safely.



While the surgery was a success, he's having some nerve issues with his back foot as the surgery was so close to his spine. His foster family's being dome great work with him, say he's getting more movement in the leg and putting more weight on it. Here's hoping he continues to get better and will be ready to be adopted soon!



ADR Christmas wish

This poem was written by Joanne Woodcock about our little Franky. She's selling angel earrings to help our little angels like Franky get the care they need. Please visit Jo's [Creative Crafts & Design](#) on Facebook to buy a pair.

It was the night before Christmas and looking for a snack,
is a little man called Frankie with a growth on his back.
The vet said, "let's fix him and make his days sunny.
It is going to take work and a bit of your money."
Some of the dogs that come into our care,
have been abandoned and mistreated. It just isn't fair.
Our doors are always open to welcome them in.
Some are skinny, some are scared,
no-one knows where they have been.
Our people work hard day & night.
Until all are rescued, we will continue this fight.
Not one will be turned away to be left in the cold.
They all need some love, especially the ones that are old.
We have Bella, Peaches, Bonnie & Candy.
If they all found a home, wouldn't that be just dandy.
Now is the time that we ask you to look into your heart,
to help ADR continue giving these dogs a new start.

Thank you for being an
Angel.

All proceeds go directly to
Albert Dachshund Rescue



Waiting tails

Brooke is a beautiful blonde 12-year old female still with us. Visit our [website](#), fill out an application and give her the best Christmas gift ever – adoption papers!



Khaleesi is a sweet little 3-year-old who lives up to her name! She was paralyzed 6-7 months ago but has been undergoing therapy and made amazing progress. As Tom said, “she motors but she’s not the most graceful.” (*Editor’s note: neither am I!*) She’ll need to go to a home that’s experienced with back issues.



Sister Act

Peaches & Bella are two 13-year-olds whose owner passed away and they’re now looking for a new home. ADR doesn’t want to cause any sibling rivalry, so these two senior sisters must be adopted together.



Candy is 8 years young and her sister Belle is 13. Sadly, their owner also passed away, leaving these two beauties hoping Santa will bring them a new home for Christmas. These two must also be adopted together.



Happy tails

Roxie went to a potential foster to adopt home – and they did! Here she is sharing the bed with “big’ sister Hannah.



Sloppy kisses

Attached are photos of both my two, Rhett and Scarlet. The two are inseparable - he has glommed on to her and they are completely bonded. I don't know what I would do if something happened to either one of them!

I have had Scarlet since she was six months old, when I “rescued” her from my daughter. I have had Rhett for nearly four years now, he is 7.5 yrs and Scarlet is 8.5 yrs. My experience with ADR was really positive. ADR was very supportive with a previous adopted dog that I had to put to sleep after only three months. Poor little guy - he has been abused previously and sustained

a horrible back injury and was suffering badly. Anyhow soon after that, ADR got in contact with me with what they thought would be a match. Tom Edwards was fostering Rhett (then known as Willie). I went to visit, and it was instant love.

A couple of years ago, Rhett's back went, and his back end was paralysed. No surgery but lots of therapy, wheels, love and patience later, he is almost fully recovered. His back end is a bit wonky still and I think it will always be so. He is fine though, seems comfortable and his usual goofy self.

Thanks.

Elaine MacDonald



Foster fail – human viewpoint

By Georgie Pesaruk

Jakkpot has seamlessly inserted himself into our little family, as if he's always been here! He is the most remarkable little dude, with a GIANT soul full of love and affection. After your guys' last visit, when you brought along Lucky, Jeff reminded me that I should NEVER play poker...due so obviously to my inability to even try to sport a "Poker-Face" lol! I think Jeff's words were..." I'm pretty sure they "made" us; Jakk is a colossal foster-fail, and we are clearly his furever family!"

Sooooo, please may we formally adopt this sweet boy and officially make him our very own? I'm sure there is paperwork to be done, and we just need a bit of guidance in terms of what we need to do next-get him a dog license, etc. You guys have been so terrific and supportive, and we look forward to our continuing friendship in the "Doxie-Verse"!

Bev, from your last message I really got the impression that your doxie community is large and cohesive, when it comes to doxie families supporting one another...we too want to be a part of this amazing network, and we've definitely come to the conclusion that fostering more of these little land-sharks, with Jakk playing "host-hound", could be a formula for success. As we mentioned, that's the way things worked with our beloved basset, Lily. She worked hard to comfort and accept each and every one of the 18+ bassets we fostered over the years. She truly was an extra-ordinary loving girl, who shared her bed, her food, her toys and most of all her unconditional love to the dear bassets that often came to our door abused, anxious, fearful and filled with insecurity. That's our future goal with "Jakkpot" and whichever little Doxies come our way! Let's dare to try!

Foster fail - dog's eye view

By Jakk Pesaruk

A sweet and gentle “Hello” from me, “Jakk,” an almost 11year-old miniature doxie! I have been dearly loved and cared for by my “Papa” since I was brand- new on this earth, and when my Papa could no longer care for me, due to his own health needs, I found myself in a strange house, with even stranger people, here in Edmonton in the river valley. I dug deep and mustered all of my courage to adapt and to settle in to an environment that was beyond foreign to me, as my added challenge is that I am completely blind.

Can you imagine? I was discombobulated to say the least! EVERYTHING was un-familiar and a bit scary, but my foster “peeps” seemed kind and patient as I worked hard to “mentally-map” my new house...just navigating the stairs on the deck so that I new where I could safely do my business, was baffling at first. I spent my first few days exploring, under the watchful eyes of my new family, and one-by-one conquering each challenge as it came along!

On my first night, it became clear that my new foster-folk provided me with the most important thing in my world-a warm and comfortable big bed to sleep in...best of all, snuggled up with them! No dog bed for me...I'm special! So, day-by-day we are all getting to know one another. My folks' children are all grown-up but visit often...I don't mean to sound over-confident, but I totally stole their hearts - big time! Then I met Nana and Papa, who embraced me from the get-go. I think Papa reminds me of my original Papa; he loves me so! At Christmas time we will all be converging in Calgary for the holidays...it's been made clear to me that I am the guest of honour!!

I think that we all knew, from day one, that this would be my fur-ever home-MASSIVE foster-fail, lol! My mum works in health care with very frail, and medically compromised people. Since she has trained “Comfort Dogs” in the past, and with a high recommendation from the family veterinarian, I'm now becoming a dog-with-a-job!! Each Friday I accompany my mum to the health care facility, where my sole purpose is to just be me! I give love and comfort to elders who inevitably respond to me in kind. Often, I trigger memories of their own dogs from the past, and a magical kind of reminiscing begins to sprout. I am now, in fact, a “Professional Lap-Sitter-onner”, with my own name-tag, and photo-ID :) How cool is that?

So, what could the future hold?? My furever folks plan to extend our love and care to foster doxies, with me acting as “Host-Hound”! Our collective goal is to provide a stable, loving, foster-home to give other needy doxies a chance to re-gain their confidence back and to “fluff-up” heart and soul so they can be ready for their new forever homes :)

Now I’m HOME...anything is possible!

Sincerely, Jakk Pestaruk

Wine-ing, dine-ing and donat-ing!!

Worried about your neighbours seeing all the empty bottles after celebrating this season? Skip the Depot can help take care of that! They're a service in Calgary where you can schedule a free pick up for your empty bottles & cans. The best part? You can donate your bottle 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 if you want. 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 than a bottle depot to offset the pickup costs. So, head over to skipthedepot.com, set up an account and turn your empties into a donation for ADR. It's that easy!

Tag, you're it!

Dachshing Doggfather is donating all sales of dog tags until the New Year to support all our dogs, especially Franky's surgery. If you want to put something special under the tree for your doxie AND help ADR with our medical costs, head to the [Dachshing Doggfather](https://www.etsy.com/shop/DachshingDoggfather) on Etsy and place your order now.



Charitable donations

As a reminder, Alberta Dachshund Rescue has full Charitable Status and our Charity Registration is #81659 8064 RR0001. You can donate through Benevity, the United Way, by visiting our website at <https://www.albertadachshundrescue.com/> or sending an e-transfer to adrpresident@gmail.com. You can also set up monthly donations with PayPal. We can issue receipts for any donation over \$10; please let us know if you'd like a receipt. Act now so you can still get a receipt for donations made in 2018.