Alberta Dachshund Rescue Newsletter

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It's a wiener-ful life!

A huge congratulations to ADR president Tom Edwards and his new wife Lianne. It seems only fitting that their dachshunds were involved. Yes, that's the ring pillow being pulled in the wagon. Forget ring boy – it was a ring good boy!

We wish you a lifetime of love, laughter, happiness – and dachshunds! The second picture shows exactly why these two are perfect for each other!!



Pending tails

Diesel is currently on trial with a family and all paws crossed, we'll be able to say he's officially adopted next month!!



Holding

Lola is a beautiful little 9 and a half years young true mini. She hadn't been to the vet in a while before we got her, so we're currently having her assessed to make sure everything's ok. Once she's cleared, she'll make a wonderful addition to someone's house!



Sloppy kisses

Do you remember Stitch, the sweet 15-year old picked up by the Edmonton Humane Society found living with squatters in an abandoned house? We profiled him back in November 2018, and mentioned he had several serious health issues. To be honest, we weren't sure what his prognosis would be. But not only did he get adopted, but he's currently living life to its fullest. Look at just how happy he looks in this recent photo!



Don't miss the paw-ty of the year in Calgary – Wienerfest!!



Dog-gone adorable!

You'll "dig" these planters in your garden! They're \$50 and only be available at Wienerfest.



Muttstock

If you're in Edmonton, mark your calendars for **Saturday**, July 6th as ADR will be back again this year at Muttstock. Drop by and say hi!



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Chasin Tails block party

Come out and see ADR on Saturday, June 22nd at the Chasin' Tails block party. The event is taking place in Calgary at the Chasin' Tails Dog Care Center, 2309 Centre Ave from 10 am – 4 pm.



We're putting the fun in fundraiser!!

Edmonton had so much fun with their paint night that Calgary got jealous. So, we're now holding one in cow-town! ADR is holding another paint your pet fundraiser and we're hoping you'll all come out, have a drink, paint your pet, have fun and help raise money for ADR. Details are:

When: Friday, July 19

Time: 5:30-9:00. The painting part runs from 7-9. So you have time for some liquid inspiration (or courage!) before the paint hits the canvas! Where: Vin Gogh Paint and Sip Studio, 118-7004 Macleod Trail SE, Calgary. Tel: 403 475 4644

It costs \$50 per person, and 20% of all ticket sales go directly to ADR. They're even go to offer a specialized alcoholic beverage where 10% of sales come back to the rescue too.

This is sure to be a fun night, so make sure you get your tickets! Tickets available at <u>http://www.vingogh.ca/events/pet-painting-fundraiser</u>

A dog's emotional cup

Dog's Emotional Cup

Every dog has a cup that needs to be filled-with social connection, security, access to reinforcers, and enrichment.

Some dogs seem to have a full cup most of the time, either because of a genetic pre-disposition, or because they have learned good ways to get a refill.

Most things that dogs do are completely normal-including the annoying stuff, like DIGGING up the garden, CHASING cats, or BARKING at the mailman. But all dogs show signs of stress when their cups get near empty.

What refills a dog's cup:



- ▼ Doing Dog Things: SNIFFING, CHEWING, FORAGING, BARKING, DIGGING, PLAYING
- Being included in the family (dogs/humans)
- Freedom to move
- Freedom to make choices
- Ability to control outcomes and get reinforcement
- Unconditional love and attention
- ♥ Good health: nourishing food, no parasites, etc.
- Having a safe, quiet place to rest
- Predictable routines and interactions
- Getting to do things a dog loves to do

Signs your dog may be coping with an empty cup

- * hoarding resources, over-protective
- * over-reacting, or shutting down when exposed to new things
- * restlessness
- * slow to recover from exciting events
- * changes in appetite
- * escalating behaviors to get something or to get away from something
- * increased grumpiness, or flare-ups
- * intense social appeasement

What empties a dog's cup:

- Social isolation
- Long periods of confinement with no enrichment
- Poor nutrition, untreated illness, or pain
- Denied access to reinforcement
- Scary or unpredictable reactions from important humans
- Over-stimulation (over-exercised) or not enough
- Set up to fail, and then punished for it
- No preparation for challenging situations
- Unclear training: not knowing how to get reinforcement
- No one responding when expressing a need
- Too much "impulse control" (i.e. no sniffing, no eating, no exploring, no barking, no doing Dog Things) for too much of the day