

Alberta Dachshund Rescue Newsletter

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Holding hugs

Unfortunately, sometimes we take in dogs that are in rough shape and may not be able to go to an adoptive family. We strive to give them whatever care they need to make them comfortable for however long they may have. Here are the stories of two recent dogs that ADR is currently taking care of.

Stitch is a sweet 15-year old who was picked up by the Edmonton Humane Society living with squatters in an abandoned house! This sweet little old man has some health issues that we're dealing with but is living and loving the new comfy life at his foster's house.



Franky is an adorable 10 & ½ year old boy that came in to us with some questionable lumps on him. Unfortunately, the test results confirmed one is cancerous. We're still waiting to hear what our options may be, but it may be a case of providing him with palliative care. For now, he's having a wonderful time with his foster family and playing with their doxie Spock.



Pending tails

Brooke is an 11-year-old female that was just surrendered to us. We still have to do her vetting and get her checked out, but will post about her on our [Facebook page](#) once we know more about this little girl.



Happy tails

We're thrilled Pixel is a picture of happiness! Here's what her new dad Tim said: "I can't say enough how happy I am to have a little Pixel in my life after losing my little Ruby. We were all pretty sad; even Rango was moping around the house crying for her it was really heartbreaking."

Here's Pixel (bottom right) with new brother Rango. And check out our [Facebook page](#) for a cute video of Pixel playing with her dad!



Cissy was also adopted and has a new doggie brother. Apparently, her brother is shy & doesn't like a lot of dogs – but he immediately liked Cissy!!



Tracy Killington has continued the tradition of ADR board members taking their work home with them – literally! She adopted Louie!



Sometimes a dog goes to a foster home – and never leaves! Jasper was apparently so good at “helping” with laundry, his foster home failed – and adopted him! Here's what they said ‘Tom, thank you for making our family just a bit more full!’



Sloppy kisses

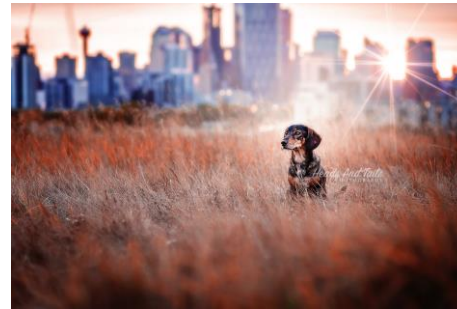
"My name is Lakota, I'm the handsome one in the front. I was adopted almost 6 years ago when I was 10 years old. So, I'm almost 16. I still like to jump around like a rabbit when I'm excited. I spend most of my time licking my sister, Lola. I want to thank ADR for finding my forever home for me. We just moved out to Grandpa's acreage where I am going to retire and live the rest of my days. Lakota." (and mom Michelle Godec)



"Our new kidz.....thanks to the Alberta Dachshund Rescue group. Nine years old and bonded for life. Now bonded with us." Ross & Anne Shuman



"We adopted Elmo three years ago and he is the centre of our world now. We recently had some photos done with him through Heads and Tails photography - Jennifer is very talented and is fun to work with." Jackie Lewis



Words to live by

I received the following from Nadine Maffit, a former foster and volunteer who used to do home visits on behalf of ADR. Nadine's "Notice" made me laugh; I hope you enjoy it too!!

Abby was born October 23, 2006 and given up at a year old. She was in foster care for a year. We met on November 17, 2008 at Lousana, Alberta home of then president of ADR, Sheri Rose. Abby had at the time of adoption and still has issues which I have not found answers. Abby has been a loyal companion, has her likes and dislikes. She is afraid of big dogs because of a bad experience.

Notice to People Who Visit My Home:

1. The dog lives here. You don't.
2. If you don't want dog hair on your clothes, stay off the furniture.
3. Of course he smells like a dog.
4. It's his nature to sniff your crotch. Please feel free to sniff his. *(Editor's note – I laughed out loud at this one!)*
5. I like him a lot better than I like most people.
6. To you, he's a dog. To me, he's an adopted child who is short, hairy, walks on all fours, doesn't speak clearly and tolerates eating on the floor. I have no problem with any of these things.
7. Dogs are better than kids: they eat less, don't ask for money all the time, are easier to train, mostly come when they are called, never drive your car or talk back, don't hang out with drug using friends, don't smoke or drink, don't worry about whether or not they have the latest fashions, don't wear your clothes, don't need a gazillion dollars for college, and if they accidentally get pregnant you can sell the puppies.
8. The same applies to cats, except they will ignore you- -until you are asleep!



Happy ending

by Chris Robertson

I'll start with the very worst day in my life. I'm 62 years old, so I've had some bad days, but September 12, 2018 I came home from work to find my best friend, my companion, my baby boy Schneider laying in the middle of the floor, not breathing...gone! Sheer panic, horror, simply the worst. I picked up my little boy and rushed him to the vet. He was gone! Schneider was my 10-year-old dachshund...my world. In hindsight, he'd been "off" for a few days, needed help getting into bed at night, not as quick to go out for a walk or car ride, subtle things I simply chalked up to the weather changing, maybe both of us being tired...hindsight! To say I was lost, crippled, a mess, unable to function...an understatement. I left my boy's remains with the vet and went home. What a horrible feeling to not have Schnoot meet me at the door, doing his dance, sucking on my thumb. Oh, it wasn't bearable. So, somehow I sat down and posted on Facebook that Schneider had gone to heaven and I wasn't very good!

Within 3 minutes my phone rang, one of my best and oldest friends. He knew the bond between Schneider and me, he didn't have the words. He basically listened to me cry. We spoke for 5 minutes; 3 other people had called while we spoke! I am blessed with some very dear people in my life. He invited me to dinner Friday night, "sure, I'll be there, but food won't be the reason". A good friend.

One of the other folks that called was a woman that had introduced me to dachshunds. Before that, my doxy gene was dormant! She had actually rescued Schneider as a playmate for her pup Franklin, I ended up with him. The woman asked if I would consider another pup. My house was empty without him, the cat had been whining for him. I told her I hadn't really considered another dog. I couldn't even sleep in my bed or sit in my recliner, he was always there with me. ALWAYS! This woman I guess knew me well enough, told me to contact a fellow named Tom Edwards, he was the head of a rescue outfit for dachshunds...and let's face it, once your doxy gene has been activated, there are no others!

I had dinner with my friend on Friday. Conversation over dinner was pretty much Schneider, shock, hand me another Kleenex... finally Maureen asked me, "are you a dog person?" " Well, I've always had a cat, but...ya, I guess". Damn that woman...so she asked what I was waiting for? Very sharp folks. A retired cop and teacher...who knew???

So, Tom Edwards and I connected, and finally chatted on the phone Saturday afternoon, I'd been driving around, burning gas...Anyway, Tom invited me to Weinerpalooza at Centennial Park the next day. I was familiar with it, I had attended a few years ago with Franklin, always talked about entering Schneider in the race, he'd have kicked ass! Anyway, I told Tom I'd think about it, all those little pups running around having fun, barking, being wieners...might be too much to handle. Of course I went, held pups, laughed and cried a lot!! But was happy I went. Tom suggested there may well be a pup in Edmonton needing a new home, if I was interested. Sure, can't hurt to find out, ya never know.

So Monday morning I'm getting up for work, check my phone and there's a message for me. A lady had seen my plea to Tom on Facebook and might have the answer. This Total Stranger, who also knew Tom and had rescued a pup, was in a bit of a bind. She needed to rehome her little boy Loki, he had taken a nip at her toddler. We spoke on the phone and traded texts for a few days. She really needed to act now rather than later, so that Thursday, I went to meet Loki. It took about 15 seconds for Loki to quit barking and lay calmly in my arms.

We chatted for a few minutes, and then, simply turned a page on a few lives. Loki was very good in the car, ate a few treats I had brought, and stayed in the blanket on my knee. Once we got home, let him explore...don't think he even noticed his new cat sister, she knew he wasn't Schneider, but he might be trainable! Showed him where his food and water were, he wasn't interested in the kibble and the pet water fountain seemed beyond him, so I found some wet canned food and put down a bowl of water for him. He ate a bit, went outside to pee and poop, then sat on my knee for the next hour or three.... Our new life had begun!

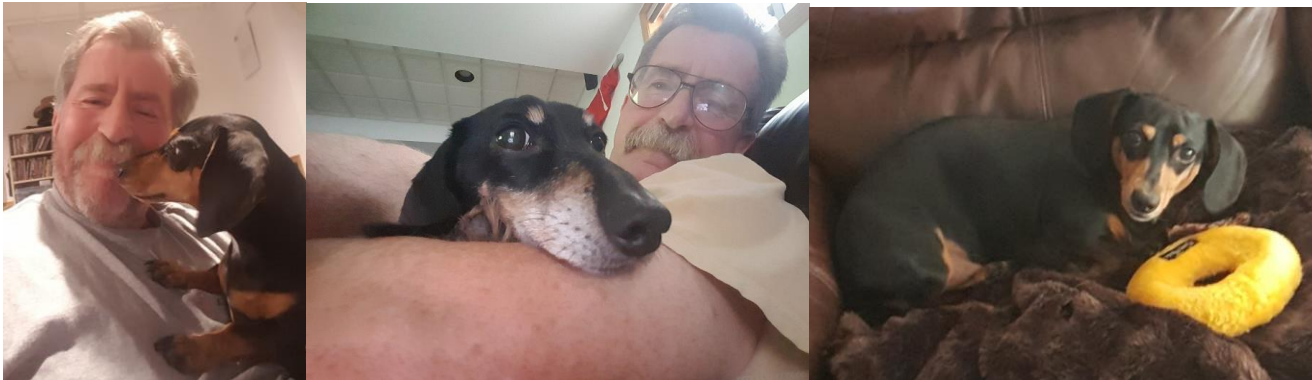
Maybe this was fate? For whatever reason, the stars all lined up. I was in need, Loki's mom and Loki were in need! I was guided to a man, Tom Edwards, that seemed to be the common denominator for us all. I'm not going to worry about how...just very thankful for everyone that had their part.

Loki has been with me for 5 weeks now, sleeps in my bed with me every night. Three out of four nights, he simply climbs under the covers, cuddles up and goes to sleep. The fourth night, he may need to wind down, play a little, he's a clown....and simply entertains! He entertains on a daily basis. Not too keen on a leash but walks at my side like a champion. We walk daily; he is so well behaved on our walks, rarely even barks! Last week a couple small kids playing in the park saw us and asked if they could pet him. I told them sure, don't make any fast moves but he'd like that. They were so impressed that they had touched a mini doberman... Loki was very good! He loves to play ball, fetches and waits until I throw it again. When he's tired he simply lays on my knee! We have a greenspace behind our house, lots of activity with kids, parents pushing strollers, people walking their dogs, squirrels, magpies, rabbits and invisible polar bears,

Loki barks at them all. It's what these guys do! He has been a joy. He now meets me at the door. No, he doesn't do "The Schneidy", a dance I used to get then a thumb suck, but he greets me everyday with that warp 9 tail wage! We are a good fit, Loki, Boo the cat and I. A nice tight family. I trade texts with the young lady that rehomed him with me, 2 or 3 times a week. I'm keen to report how he's doing. I've even had contact with Loki's grandmother in Red Deer. Funny how we are with these guys! They will continue to be part of this little man's life!

No, this guy isn't Schneider...not ever going to happen, he's Loki! And that's OK with me. He's found his home, his dad and a spot where he can be himself. And I have a companion that seems to be happy with me. September 20th, 2018 may not be the greatest day in my life, but with the help of so many folks, that day was one of my best yet!

Thanks so much to all of you, from both of us!



Cash in and help out!

ADR is now registered with Skip the Depot. What's that? It's 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 costs of the pickup. So, head on over skipthedepot.com, set up an account and turn your empties into a donation for ADR. How easy is that?

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. For those who choose to make recurring payments, we will send one receipt at the end of the year.

DNA Gardens fundraiser

[DNA Gardens](#) is offering their farm fresh organic goods with a portion of their proceeds going directly to ADR. All their products are locally grown and made with tender love and care. If you're interested, complete the following order form and email to adrpresident@gmail.com. Payment must be received before your order will be placed. Payment can be made by cash, cheque to email transfer to adrpresident@gmail.com. The deadline to order is Sunday, November 17th.

Product list	Price	Qty	Customer name	Phone	Total	Paid	
pie: deep dish saskatoon (frozen)	\$12		Lisa Fahey	403-681-2962			Exciting new products
pie: deep dish pumpkin (frozen)	\$12						made locally in Elnora, Ab.
pie: deep dish apple (frozen)	\$12						By DNA Gardens
leather: tart cherry fruit 5 pack	\$12						
leather: strawberry apple fruit 5 pack	\$12						our leather is 100% fruit
leather: cherry apple fruit 5 pack	\$12						No sugar added !!!
leather: plum fruit leather 5 pack	\$12						1 cup pure fruit per roll up
leather: black currant/apple/strawberry 5 pack	\$12						
leather: mixed pack fruit 5 pack	\$12						
gelato bars: chocolate covered strawberry (10)	\$35						Gelato made on our farm
gelato: holiday gelato 400 gm * specialty item*	\$10						from our own fresh berries
gelato: black currant 400gm	\$10						
gelato: strawberry 400 gm	\$10						
cheesecake: mini mixed berry 6 pack *specialty item*	\$20						
sorbetto bars: with crunchy lemon coating 400 gm (10)	\$35						
Kraut: lemon 500 ml cultured	\$8						Our krauts are not pasteurized they are raw and fermented with a high rate of active probiotic culture. Great for gut health!!
kraut: orange sauerkraut 500 ml cultured	\$8						
Kraut: Salvadorian sauerkraut 500 ml cultured	\$8						
Kraut: neon pink 500 ml	\$8						
Kraut: buffalo sauerkraut 500 ml cultured sale	\$8						
Kraut: 5 pack 500ml cultured	\$40						
Kraut: buffalo 500 ml cultured or processed (5 pack)	\$40						
dill pickles 1 litre	\$10						
dill yellow beans 500 ml	\$7						
mustard beans 500 ml	\$8						
mustard beans 250 ml	\$5						
dill pickle relish 500 ml	\$8						
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Doobs and don'ts

Doobs and don'ts: 6 things you should know about pets and pot

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Marijuana toxicity in pets is on the rise

Whether it's for medical or recreational use, marijuana is becoming common in more households. Not surprisingly, Pet Poison Helpline® has seen a **450% increase in accidental marijuana ingestion.**

Of the nearly \$1 million in plant poisoning pet insurance claims submitted last year to Nationwide®, many were attributed to pot exposure. Here's what you need to know.



1. Oh yes they can-nabis

Pets can be affected by pot in many of the same ways as humans—but worse. Signs include:

- Dazed expression, glassy eyes, dilated pupils
- Incoordination, slow response
- Dribbling urine
- Salivation
- Vomiting
- Changes in heart rate
- Tremors, seizures
- Agitation, hyperactivity



2. Ingest, inhale, intoxicate

Common sources of exposure for pets:

- Dried or live cannabis
- Marijuana edibles
- Concentrated oil products ("dabs," "shatter")
- Secondhand smoke
- Marijuana alternatives (K2, Spice)



3. Infused with extra danger

Marijuana edibles pose an added layer of risk to pets: potential food toxicities. Common sources include chocolate, raisins, xylitol (a sugar substitute), nuts and savory edibles.



4. Get your pet to the vet right away

If your pet shows any signs of marijuana intoxication, get to the vet. Delaying treatment because you're worried about what your vet might say may be putting your pet at even greater risk.



5. Hash out the details

Be honest about everything you know (or suspect) about what your pet was exposed to so your vet can start an appropriate course of treatment.



6. Know who to contact

Keep a poison control number programmed into your phone.

PET POISON HELPLINE®
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