

# PAWSITIVE MATCH RESCUE

## Ivy

*(From Ivy's foster mom)*

When I first saw the pictures of the hoarder pups my heart broke. Ivy caught my eye as her fur was long, matted beyond help and covered in fleas. Two eyes stared out and looked into the camera in fear. Today Ivy is still fearful. Shaven and bathed you could see nicks and cuts and her nose rubbed raw as she must have pressed it out to try and see the outside. When we took her dog coat off I cried. Every rib and bone in her body was so pronounced as there was no body fat anywhere. She had her two T areas that she found safe. Her kennel and a big dog bed Pawsitive Match gave me for her comfort.

She still cowers at times and is slowly learning how life should be. After the first day with us there have been no more accidents in the home. Even in this cold deep freeze she has gamely gone outside. One of the things that amazes me about her is how gently she takes food. You would think that being deprived for most of her life that she would grab and gulp but she doesn't. It's so gently taken it almost tickles as she takes it from your hand.

She enjoys following me around the house and yard now and I finally saw her wag her tail as she was called to breakfast. I held my breath as she gave me a first kiss from her yesterday. These little milestones that she attains just make me feel so proud of her but know that she still has a long road to go.



We received our own version of a Christmas miracle on Christmas Eve—in the form of 7 neglected, emaciated, terrified dogs. Their arrival itself wasn't so much the miracle (although the amount of people who made it happen was nothing short of amazing) but their transformation from that day to one month later has shocked everyone.

The dogs are still working on becoming comfortable in a home and with humans, as well as overcoming differing medical issues - but all are experiencing love like they've never felt before— thanks to their incredible fosters!

## Murphy

*(From Murphy's foster mom)*

Murphy has been with us three weeks now and has made great strides each week. . When he first came he had to be dragged out of his kennel and he kept trying it get into our front closet as his safety spot . He has attached himself to our springer spaniel as she gives him confidence . He has been house trained for two weeks now . He is coming when called now . He has gained 7 kg and is starting to look good. He is still timid



around new people and other dogs but we are working on socializing . He is now wanting attention shoulder rubs chest rubs and gives good kisses . He now hangs out on the couch with us too . He has come so far from the scared boy he was when we first brought him home. We are enjoying watching him grow and learn.

## VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

### TANYA AND EMMA

#### TANYA

I started volunteering for Pawsitive Match because I wanted to dedicate some of my spare time to a meaningful cause and to save lives. And I am so happy I did. Seeing how lives are transformed, both canine and human, by our organization is amazing, and it truly makes my day when adoptees send me pictures of their new fur babies playing and cuddling. Go Pawsitive Match!



Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another.  
~Erma Bombeck

#### EMMA

I have been volunteering for Pawsitive Match for almost a year now, and I have truly enjoyed every minute of it. Being able to care for and spend time with the dogs has the potential to brighten my entire day, and it definitely gives me something to look forward to on those early mornings! I have fallen in love with so many of the pups that come through Cambrian, and it makes me so happy when I see them find their forever homes. I have met a lot of wonderful people at Cambrian, and I think it's really great that there are so many people who are willing to give up their free time in order to care for these amazing dogs. I have wanted to volunteer with dogs since I was 5 or 6, and I am so lucky to have found such an amazing organization to be a part of.



## 32 DOGS ADOPTED IN JANUARY!

- Winston(2)
- Nina
- Oscar
- Bambi
- Macorina
- Poncho
- Bailey
- Roxy
- Lance
- Caty
- Obie
- Gilmore



- Riley
- Marco
- Lola
- Mia
- Dancer (Oliver)
- Georgina
- Carrie
- Arabella
- Louie
- Joey



- Jack
- Cori
- Checkers
- Keropi

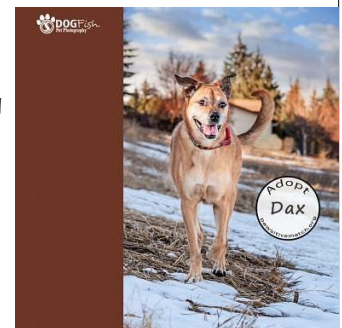


- Nana
- Esther
- Winston
- Marcel
- Gwen
- Gemma

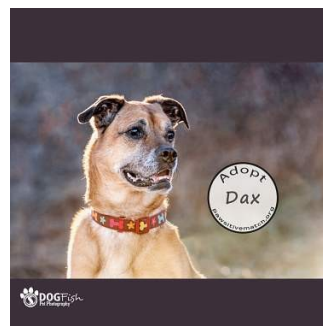
## ADOPTABLE DOG OF THE MONTH

### DAX

Dax is a lovely gal who is enjoying the golden years of her life. Even though we've guess-timated her as a boxer/lab mix, Dax only weighs about 40-50 lbs and is perfectly sized for endless snuggles.



Like any proper lady, Dax is well mannered and loves all humans! Dax would prefer a home with no other dogs and humans who can dedicate themselves to her. Dax has a typical dog wishlist : a human who will take her on long walks and runs (hey, age is just a number, after all!), play with her favourite toys and devote time to fun training sessions (old girls can most definitely learn new tricks!)



If you think Dax might be the lady for you, please visit our [website](#) and submit an adoption application—Dax is waiting!

## HOW YOU CAN HELP!

- **Foster!** Without foster homes, we cannot save dogs. Fostering is an incredibly rewarding experience, and all supplies and expenses are covered by Pawsitive Match.
- **Donate!** (monthly or one time donations) Any amount helps to cover the soaring costs of rescuing.
- **Volunteer!** We are always looking for volunteers to join our team and have many different positions, each with varying time requirements.
- **Transport!** Let us know when/where you're going on vacation, you may be able to escort dogs back and save their lives!
- Consider Pawsitive Match as a memorial gift in memory of someone, or as a gift in honour of someone and a special event in their lives (ie. Birthday, graduation)
- Donate supplies to our holding facility (bleach, paper towels, etc. Please contact pawsitivecambrian@gmail.com for the current needs)

Thank you so much for your support. Without you, we cannot continue saving the lives of our furry friends.

## HAPPY TAILS

### CHEEZE

We love Pawsitive Match and we love Cheeze sooooo much. We only changed the spelling of his name but kept it because we love it. We love the story behind it and we couldn't bring ourselves to change it, it fits him perfectly, just how perfectly he matches us.



He has been such a great addition to our family and we are all adjusting very well. He is so easy to train and has such a sweet personality, everyone at the dog park enjoy his company.

### KUDOS

Kudos (yep we changed his name slightly:)) is doing great! He's really coming out of his shell and him and his sister (7 year old cat) get along well. He loves his daily morning and evening walks



and absolutely loves cuddling. He has met other friends and their dogs and although he's still shy/timid at first, he does great and relaxes in time:) We absolutely love him!:)

Acquiring a dog may be the only opportunity a human has to choose a relative.

—Mordecai Siegal

### XENA

Xena is fitting in very well with our family and we just love her. Xena is a very sweet affectionate girl who gets along with pretty much everyone. She has a goofy side and enjoys making people laugh. She likes to give hugs and sometimes she is in a goofy mood and lightly licks and nibbles on people's ears when they sit next to her on the couch. She goes to doggie daycare a couple times per week and to the dog park every day with me. Xena has been in several social situations and does extremely well. This fall Xena and I went running in the park every day and then off to the local dog park to play with her friends. Recently she has been running/walking off leash with me at a local park as she has amazing recall and had it from the start. Xena is extremely athletic and highly intelligent and we plan on taking agility classes in the spring. She is a little cautious/timid of certain men but we are working on that. Basically daily life is allowing her to see that men won't hurt her but just wanna say hello. I've taught her to fetch and she is

extremely focused on getting the ball and bringing back to mom or dad! I love taking pictures, and have a lot of pictures of Xena on her own, at the dog park and some selfies with me as well as a few adorable ones with her brother a cat named Saber.

