



Registered Charity # 825522030RR0001

CANADIAN DACHSHUND RESCUE (Ontario)

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SUBJECT	Foster Dog Bio Template
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Please complete all sections:

Name(s):	Ody		
Age:	Approx. 4 years old (estimated DOB Sept. 21, 2020)		
Size (weight):	14 lbs		
Coat & colour:	Short hair; blank and tan		
Primary Breed:	Dachshund	Secondary Breed	Mix breed
Temperament:	Stubborn, insecure, cuddly, excitable, and clumsy		
Good with Dogs:	Inconsistent		
Good with Cats:	Untested; low prey drive		
Good with Kids:	Untested		
Needs another Dog:	No	Needs to be an only Dog:	No, but preferred
Housetraining:	Work in progress, does very well if kept on a schedule		
Crate Trained:	Yes		
Suitable for an Apartment:	No, very vocal		
Origin:	Owner Surrender	Adoption Fee:	\$550

And now a few words from me:

Hi, I'm Ody and I make patchy fur look good! I had a bad allergy flare-up recently that caused some hair loss due to a skin infection and all my scratching. But even before some of my fur started growing back, people just couldn't help but stop on the street to tell me how cute I am. I don't let my medical condition hold me back! For example, despite needing to be on a strict diet which consists of only my special dog food, I still try to treat the sidewalk like a free buffet! Sadly, my foster family is on to me and is good at preventing me from getting my paws on the yummy street treats.

In true Dachshund fashion I can be a wee bit stubborn, and I have a lot to say. I have thoughts and feelings on just about everything and you better believe I'm going to share them all! Whether I'm scared, excited, want something, don't like something, or feel any emotion, don't you worry, I'll keep you apprised via barks, whines, growls, or some combination of all of them. My foster family says I'm way too chatty for apartment living. Hard to believe that everyone wouldn't want to know how I'm feeling all the time!

Once I get to know you, you'll see that I'm a snuggly guy. I like to curl up in a lap or beside you on my dog bed. I don't always need to be cuddling, but I do prefer to be where my people are. I must keep an eye on things and make sure everything is under control. I try to do my part while my foster family is in the kitchen; I'm more than happy to make sure no food dropped stays on the floor too long. But they don't seem to want my help, saying I'm "underfoot" and cannot eat things that drop because of my allergies, so I tend to end up in my x-pen during all the cooking fun!

Now that the weather is improving, I'm showing my foster family that I really like going for walks. I love to have my nose to the ground exploring, yell at the people walking by, and find adventure! But not too much adventure. My favourite thing to do, rain or shine, is burrow under my blankets and take a good nap. No wait... that's my second favourite thing to do. My favourite thing to do is eat! I love food so much. My foster family says I'm "food motivated" which makes me easier to train because I'll do anything for food. All I have to say about that is yum! I also enjoy people watching and playing with toys, but I'm very particular. Fire hose toys are my favourite to destroy...ahem, I mean play with!

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I cannot wait to meet my new family!

And now a few words from my foster family:

Ody is perfectly described as a prickly pear. He has a tough and prickly exterior but is soft and sweet on the inside. He takes a while to warm up to and start to bond with new people. Ody was in our home for two weeks before we really started to see his personality and we are still working to build a strong bond with him. His future family should be prepared for a long transition period of weeks and likely months before Ody fully adjusts. However, he is a one-person kind of dog, so if you're lucky enough to be Ody's chosen person, the trust will come more quickly.

While in foster care Ody has exhibited mild resource guarding of food and toys from other dogs. He is also reactive while on a leash and when new people enter the home. We believe a lot of this behaviour is due to Ody feeling insecure and trying to appear confident, along with never having been taught how to be a good doggy citizen. Ody is a master at working those puppy dog eyes, so he needs an experienced dog owner who can provide him with the structure he desperately needs, and continued obedience training to help build his confidence, both of which we believe will go a long way in helping Ody be the best dog he can be. His future family should still be prepared for this behaviour to just be part of who he is. It is highly recommended that he continue to follow a "Nothing in Life is Free" training method. We are currently using this method with Street Wise Canine.

We would lovingly describe Ody as a dog with a mild activity level and high medical needs. He came into our care with severe allergies that lead to a yeast infection in his skin, that in turn resulted in hair loss, skin irritation, and extreme itchiness. We are unsure of the allergen(s) or whether it is environmental, or food related. However, with the help of a strict diet, medication, and regular use of a cone (much to his disappointment), his skin and overall health are improving. We're happy to report we're even seeing some hair regrowth! He has developed ear tip vasculitis/canine ear margin dermatosis. It has not caused him any pain and is being monitored closely and treated topically.

His adopter needs to be prepared for the additional time and expense that come with his care. He will need to be followed closely by a vet, he will likely require food trials or further allergy testing, in addition to regular medication. While Ody has not had another allergy flare-up since getting the original one under control, his future family should be prepared for other flareups of his allergies occurring throughout his life that will require time and money to be addressed. He needs a home dedicated to keeping him healthy.

A meet and greet is required in Toronto, Ontario.