



GERDY'S
Foundation
FOR ANIMALS



**GERDY'S RESCUES
& ADOPTIONS**

THE ANIMAL RESCUE WORLD IS OFFICIALLY IN A CRISIS. AND IT'S TIME TO JUST DO SOMETHING!

pancreatitis is in the \$1200 range, and routine dentistry can be upwards of \$800. The trend in start-up groups importing dogs from other countries has created serious competition for our local pets. Finally, housing and pet abandonment have become intertwined with no-pet clauses in rental leases.

We are in a crisis indeed, both locally and nationally. The Montreal SPCA, where many of our adoptees come from, recently quoted "The shelter reportedly received 20 per cent more animals in the first six months of 2023 compared to the same period the year before." No-kill shelters are now forced to consider euthanasia to free up space, a practice unheard of in the last decade! Many rescues are forced to implement an intake freeze, leaving many abandoned animals with nowhere to go.

Pleas of "adopt don't shop" go unheard and people knowingly or unknowingly continue to support backyard breeders and puppy mills by purchasing pets via social media and the internet. These unscrupulous profiteers flood the market with dogs, taking away even more chances for rescue adoptions.

**Get informed. Spread the word.
Volunteer. Donate.
JUST DO SOMETHING!**



There are angels out there.

Young Foxy's hind legs were paralyzed in a car accident. She was saved by some well-meaning people but due to a lack of resources she was condemned to a life indoors on the floor, incontinent and too far gone for any

remedial surgery. Her story and her soulful eyes caught our attention and we knew that we had to help. An angel named Andrea came forward and offered to be her foster, not concerned by the amount of work required to care for this pup. Foxy found a way to move around the house wobbling from one dog bed to another, using her two front legs to propel her. But her life took on a new direction when we fitted Foxy with "wheels." Today she can be seen with her adoptive mom (a foster fail of course) on walks around N.D.G. There is no stopping her now!

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2023 was unprecedented in the numbers of surrender requests received. Shelters across North America grapple with overpopulation. The Covid hangover still lingers and "pandemic dogs" are begging for homes as owners returning to work realize that they "made a mistake". Purchased during the pandemic boom, these animals, for the most part, come to us untrained, unsocialized with both humans and animals and are tough adoptees. Soaring pet care costs and cost of living increases have given many people no choice but to surrender their animals to rescues and shelters. A broken leg can cost \$5000 plus to repair, investigating a

R.I.P. Gerdy Cox-Gouron



Gerdy's debilitating illness and passing took a toll on our team and on the Montreal community at large. **A legend in the animal rescue world, Gerdy was a diehard saviour to thousands of sick, abandoned and needy animals.** It is a great honour for our Board and team of volunteers of both Gerdy's Rescues & Adoptions and Gerdy's Foundation for Animals to continue her mission with love, grace and compassion.

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WE DO OUR BEST EVERY DAY, HELPING OLD, SICK AND ABANDONED CATS AND DOGS

Age is just a number, right?

Whiskey 16, Dolce 15, Cachou 15, Ozzy 14, Lili 14, Simon 13, Chester 13, Shadow 12 are some of the senior and palliative dogs who were adopted from Gerdy's in 2023. Kudos to the families who graciously took on these cases, committed to giving them their best lives.



Ozzy 14

Whiskey 16

Attached at the hip.



When their dad went into palliative care and died a few days later, bonded **10-year-olds Yoshi and Saatchi** were dropped off at a

local pound. Neighbours on the street where they had lived got wind of this and were saddened to hear that these two boys would likely be separated. Gerdy's responded to a plea to remove them from the shelter. We soon found a home for them and they now live in the burbs and can be found cuddling on the laps of their new parents or joyfully running around the garden together.

The post pandemic Doodles just keep on coming.

This year we re-homed **Jagger, Lady, Oreo, Wilson, and Lilou**



Wilson



**"GERDY'S GARAGE"
ON FACEBOOK**

Moving? Got great stuff to give away? Donate it to Gerdy's. All proceeds go to help the animals.

...And then there were 21!



In January we were approached by an individual to help with 7 cats found in a field, miles from Montreal. We accepted to vet, vaccinate and sterilize the group. But seven was just the tip of the iceberg. We took in 14 more! Most of the 21 had severe diarrhea, ear infections, nasal viruses, and acute dental issues. A few had head tilts, three were feral, two were amputees and one had to have her tail amputated and is incontinent. How fortunate we were to have fosters and adopters who stepped up to help. This was the largest cat seizure that Gerdy's has ever undertaken. And we are proud to say, "we done good"!

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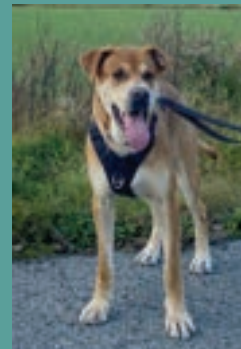


Special thanks to the **JEANNETTE PEKARI FOUNDATION** which helps us with the sterilization and medical care of stray cats.



And the award for bravery goes to...HUNTER.

Hunter was hit by a car and unable to stand or walk and his owners, embarrassed to go to a vet because they had no money, kept him tied up in the barn (without painkillers) until they finally sought help three weeks later. Gerdy's came to his rescue and took this emaciated, crippled 90 lb. puppy directly to an emergency hospital where he was diagnosed with two broken femurs. It was too late for reparative surgery as the bone fragments had already started to calcify and the muscles were too contracted. Phase one was 6 weeks of cage rest with a "wait and see prognosis". A saint of a patient, he chilled for 6 weeks on painkillers and anti-inflammatories walking outside only to do his business and never complaining. Recently the second round of x-rays revealed a miraculous natural healing of the bones and a great prognosis for a pretty normal life down the road. He may never run a mile or do agility training but this lover boy will enjoy long walks and hanging out in his new big yard with his amazing adoptive family!



This cat had nine CASTS!

When Houdini took a plunge from an apartment balcony, his left paw was fractured and the right one had damaged tendons. According to the surgeon it was uncertain whether an amputation was in the cards. Before doing this drastic surgery, a cast and cage rest were prescribed to see if his tiny bones would calcify and actually heal naturally. Cage rest was no problem but in the course of a just few weeks he wiggled his way out of nine casts! It was then that we christened him Houdini. Miraculously he finally healed and with no limitations, he now lives happily and actively in a loving home.

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