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Ending 2017 with a bang

I'm thrilled to say ADR received over \$3,500 in donations over the last 6 weeks. A huge thank you to everyone who donated to ADR. Your funds help us to continue helping so many dogs in need. While it would take another newsletter to thank every person that helped by making donations or purchasing ADR products, I'd like to acknowledge the following for their wonderful support:

- the Edmonton and Kelowna Dachshund groups for their donations
- Claypot Friends by Tara Daubert – she sold Christmas ornaments with a portion of proceeds going to ADR and donated roughly \$450
- Sniffy's surrendering family
- the White family
- the Halls family
- the O'Cain family
- ATCO gas
- Cenovus
- Benevity
- Markus Michel (author/illustrator of the "Queenie the every Weenie" coloring books) who donated \$500

More bang for your buck

So, some folks may be wondering – what do we do with all the donations / funds raised? The short answer is that 100% of all proceeds go directly back to the dogs, as we are strictly non-profit. There are no paid employees in ADR; all members, foster homes, board members, transporters, etc. are all volunteers who donate their time to help dachshunds in need.

The longer answer is that almost all of the money goes towards vet bills. Any dog that comes in to us gets a complete check by a vet to ensure the dog is healthy or identify any issues (e.g., dental) that need to be treated before releasing the dog for adoption. Every dog is spayed or neutered (if not already done), and we make sure they're up to date on all their shots. Vet bills are often hundreds of dollars, so the donations help cover those so we can keep our adoption fees low to encourage people to give these dogs a loving home.

Pay it forward

Does your company have a workplace giving, corporate gift matching or employee volunteering program? Don't forget that the Alberta Dachshund Rescue has full Charitable Status and our Charity Registration is #81659 8064 RR0001.

ATB Cares

For 75 years, ATB Financial has supported charities throughout the province—and now there's an easier way for you to do the same. [ATBCares.com](https://atbcares.com) is a charitable giving site that allows Albertans to donate to any cause they care about, whether it's in their community or across the country. ATB has committed up to \$200,000 per year of matching dollars through ATB Cares. The matching program has become so popular that they've needed to implement a monthly donation cap to ensure we can support Albertan's holiday giving in December. Starting July 1, there will be a monthly matching cap of \$20,000. If the monthly cap is met, the matching will resume on the first of the following month (assuming the yearly cap is not met). This year, there is also a \$5,000 annual matching limit for each charity.

The maximum match per donation is \$1,000 and there is a donation limit of \$10,000. ATB Financial pays for 100% of transaction and administration costs on donations through atbCares.com. This way, every penny you donate reaches the charity you're supporting.

Helping Hands

Are you an independent or small business owner who'd like to partner with ADR to do a fundraiser? You help us raise funds, and we help you grow your market by putting you in touch with a group of people interested in fun and new products that help a cause they care about! If you're interested in partnering with ADR, please email me (Lisa) at adrewslettereditor@gmail.com and let's chat!

Get your wallets ready!

ADR is currently working on setting up an online store where you can shop for all your favourite ADR items! Keep an eye on our Facebook page, as we'll put a post on there to let everyone know once it's up and running.

Waiting tails

Dexter is an 8-year-old doxie-poo. He has the occasional accident, but is a super nice guy. Unfortunately, his owners split up leaving him looking for a new fur-ever home to call his own. C'mon people - who can resist that face?



Phoenix is a young all black female just under 2 years old. Unfortunately, she's had a hard time finding her spot in the world and has been in several homes trying to find the right one. She loves to snuggle and gets as close as she can to you when she has the opportunity, and loves to sleep in bed with you. She loves to play, is very good with toys, and runs like the wind!

Phoenix has had some issues with dominance and needs to be placed with a VERY strong alpha figure. In our care, she has been an excellent dog. She is potty trained with a bell, very smart and learns things very quickly. Phoenix barks very loudly but is easily stopped. She can be a part of a pack and when done properly, she thrives. When allowed to show dominance, Phoenix can become very aggressive and possessive over people, and will attack if given dominance. She doesn't always get on with young people and

would be best in a home with adults only and not be around young people without supervision from her master.



Odie is a 10-year old senior male that acts like he's a teenager. He's well trained, but does have separation anxiety.



Introducing the Dachshing Doggfather!

Many (if not all!) of you know Tom Edwards, President of the ADR. Tom has recently started a new business - the Dachshing Doggfather! It started off small with the capability to make custom dog tags, but he's now paired with Yellow Dog Designs to carry a great line of leashes, collars, etc. He's just starting to stock the new line, so is offering ADR followers a "First Order Sale".

He's offering a discount of 30% off the retail price to get yours, and will add on a large discount when you add a fresh new tag to your new collar and lead. He'll have a large assortment of designs to choose from, including:

- LED collars
- Ding dong bells - to help with potty training!
- Martingale collars
- Caution collars
- Rope leads
- Rescue support collars (no bias here!)

All their products are well built and have nice buckles on them. He will honour a limited warranty on all products he carries. His shop is now on Etsy at <https://www.etsy.com/ca/shop/DachshingDoggfather> and will be evolving as he stocks new products. Make sure you mention you heard about his shop from ADR – he'll be donating a portion of all ADR referrals back to ADR!

Some items he already has for sale include all sorts of dog tags, pet memorial stones, medical tags and luggage tags.



New Year's resolutions

12 LEGITIMATELY LIFE-IMPROVING NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS YOU CAN STEAL FROM DOGS



1. EAT MORE STUFF THAT MAKES YOU FEEL GOOD.
2. POOP FREQUENTLY.
3. GREET EVERYTHING
4. PICK FIGHTS WITH SHOES AND PILLOWS.
5. SMELL THINGS THAT LOOK INTERESTING
6. BE LESS SCARED OF TELEPHONES AND STRANGERS.
7. RUN OUTSIDE AND YELL MORE.
8. FORGET WHAT YOU WERE DOING AND NAP INSTEAD
9. TAKE CARE OF YOUR GENITALS.
10. BE NICE TO NICE PEOPLE.
11. FART WITHOUT SHAME.
12. WORRY LESS ABOUT THINGS YOU CAN'T EAT OR PLAY WITH

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How cold is too cold?

From the [PetPlan website](#). Posted by Dr. Kim Smyth on October 27, 2017

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A common question this time of year is, “How cold is too cold for my dog?” The answer is a bit complicated, but thankfully, the good folks at Tufts University already developed a system for animal welfare officers to reference.

The Tufts Animal Condition and Care (TACC) system (PDF) has many parts, ranging from body condition and environmental health to weather safety, and the scores are used as a screening tool for animal health employees to determine if neglect is occurring. I adapted their information into an easy to understand chart (shown at the end of this article) —simply find the outdoor temperature (taking into account wind chill, or the temperature that it actually FEELS outside), look at the size of your dog, and voila! You know based on the color if it’s safe for your pup or not.

Much like the handy colour coded chart that my son's teachers reference before making a decision regarding playground time in the winter, it factors in the outdoor temperature and other variables and lays the answers out in a simple system. Red for potentially life-threatening, orange for danger, yellow for caution and green for safe. Easy peasy!

Of course, there are some caveats. You can see those in blue. Wet weather and breed of dog can tip the scale one or more points in either direction. Acclimation to the cold is an important factor, too. For instance, dogs who are training for the Iditarod in Alaska are conditioned to be in the cold over time. If you took an average Husky and dropped it off on an icy tundra, he would likely perish. If your dog is acclimated to cold weather, like many hunting and working dogs, his number on the TACC scale is different than if he’s used to lying in a warm bed all winter like my dog.

Cold weather and hypothermia in pets

Remember: Sometimes it's simply too cold for pets to be outside, regardless of their breed. Prolonged exposure to dangerously cold temperatures can put pets in danger of frostbite and hypothermia, which occurs when the body is no longer able to sustain normal temperature. Symptoms of hypothermia in pets range from weakness and shivering to inaudible heartbeat and trouble breathing, depending on severity.

If you do come across a pet that appears to be suffering from hypothermia, call the vet and move the animal to a warm area, then cover the pet with warm water bottles, blankets or towels. Heating pads can burn your pet, so put several layers between your pet and an electric heat source. Transport the pet to medical care as soon as possible.

As always, use common sense and go with your gut. If it's a "lime green" kind of day, but you still feel like your pet will be too cold, keep him in! Remember, you are your pet's best advocate—when in doubt, follow your heart.

how cold is too cold?

 °C °F					
15°	60°	1	1	1	1 No evidence of risk: Have fun outside!
12°	55°	1	1	1	2 Risk is unlikely: Have fun outside, but be careful!
10°	50°	2	1	1	3 Unsafe potential, depending on breed. Keep an eye on your pet outdoors.
7°	45°	2	2	1	4 Dangerous weather developing. Use caution.
4°	40°	3	3	2	5 Potentially life-threatening cold. Avoid prolonged outdoor activity.
1°	35°	3	3	3	
-1°	30°	3	3	3	+2 if wet weather is present
-4°	25°	4	4	3	-1 if Northern breed or heavy coat
-6°	20°	5	4	3	-1 if dog is acclimated to cold
-9°	15°	5	4	4	
-12°	10°	5	5	5	
-15°	5°	5	5	5	
-17°	0°	5	5	5	

source: adapted from The Tufts Animal Condition and Care (TACC)


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