

CANADIAN DACHSHUND RESCUE (Ontario)
Form Document 026

SUBJECT	Foster Dog Bio Template
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Please complete all sections:

Name(s):	Chili Cheese		
Age:	3 years old		
Size (weight):	10 lbs.		
Coat & Colour:	Smooth black and tan		
Primary Breed:	Dachshund	Secondary Breed	Mix breed
Temperament:	Playful, happy, snuggly, timid with strangers		
Good with Dogs:	Yes		
Good with Cats:	It depends on the cat, frightened cats who run away will feed into her prey drive.		
Good with Kids:	Yes		
Needs another Dog:	No	Needs to be an only Dog:	No
Houstraining:	Not applicable at this time		
Crate Trained:	Yes – sleeps in crate		
Suitable for an Apt.	No – barks when she is confined (kennel)		
Origin:	Owner surrender	Adoption Fee:	\$800

And now a few words from me:

Hi, I'm Chili Cheese. Let me tell you a little about myself. My likes include cuddling, playing with toys (well, destroying stuffies is my most favourite thing), eating yummies, and having a good snuggle on a warm lap or in desperate situations a snuggle in a fluffy blanket. My dislikes are well, I really only have one: I am not fond of being ignored. Sometimes the foster people here walk past my kennel and don't acknowledge me! I alert them to their mistake; after all I just want to be helpful and remind them that I'm there. Obviously, they can be forgetful. Do I really need to be in the kennel when people are busy? Well, I say no. I'm a big girl who can supervise herself. I'm a good girl who doesn't get into trouble so why do I need a babysitter? Soon I hope to convince these people that not only can I take care of myself, I bet I could run the whole house. If you're looking for a pup to love and cherish, then I'm your girl.

And now a few words from my foster family:

Chili is a wonderful little lady. As you can tell from her pictures, she has mobility issues. When she came into the care of the rescue, she required surgery for Intervertebral Disc Disease (IVDD). Due to their long backs, all Dachshunds are at risk for IVDD and in the most serious cases they can become paralyzed. With physiotherapy, Chili is making progress but at this time it is unclear how much progress she will make. Regardless, she is a very happy dog who loves to play. She likes to play fetch, tear up any stuffy in her path and to chase a laser light. Nothing can stop her. We are always amazed at how fast she can scoot across the floor. Outside, during walks, she uses her wheels to help her explore the neighborhood. Snow covered sidewalks are a challenge, but Chili is one very determined little lady.

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Chili likes to be with her people, whether outside on a walk or inside curled up on our laps while we watch TV. She is the full package, and she gets along with everyone, including two-legged individuals of all ages and four-legged fur friends of all species (dogs, cats and the resident rabbit). Chili has a high prey drive so if the animals choose to run, Chili will make chase. She therefore needs to be supervised when around the cats and rabbit. With new people, she needs a moment to get comfortable with them, but once she is, then they become part of her pack. Chili is a loving, enthusiastic little girl who will fit into almost any home. Obviously with her medical issues she needs a family who is willing to continue with her therapy and who is willing to love her whether she walks again or not.

Anyone thinking of inviting Chili into their life must be aware of her medical needs. Because she cannot control her bladder or bowels, when we are not able to supervise her, Chili spends time in her pen. There she has pee pads to help keep her clean and a nice blankie to keep her comfy and warm. To help her fully empty her bladder and prevent her from getting an infection, we help her out by expressing her bladder. When she is out and about in the house, we use diapers to help keep things clean. She is a little speed demon when she is out of the pen and playing. To prevent her from getting sores on her legs she uses a drag bag.

It is very important that Chili continue her physiotherapy. Progress has been very slow, and we do not know how much improvement there will be, but if nothing else, her physiotherapy helps her joints and muscles from fully seizing up.

Chili is a wonderful little girl who is worth all the extra attention that she needs. She is so loving and such a happy and playful little dog. Her joy and enthusiasm are infectious. You cannot help smiling when she is around. We know the right family is out there and Chili cannot wait to meet you.

Fostered in Woodstock, Ontario