

Monthly Scoop

Oscar and the Furever After Rescue Society

Last month I mentioned Mrs. Big Nate and I adopted a rescue dog named Oscar into our family. Here is our story...

We decided our current mutt, Mojo needed a friend. As we have since discovered, Mojo never thought he needed a little buddy, in fact, he was perfectly happy being an only "child". But now that Oscar has been around for a month, everyone is settling in and getting more comfortable with the new situation.



Oscar Boy

Oscar's story begins when he was purchased from Petland by his original family (don't get me started on the practice of buying pets from a pet store). They had him three years and during that time they never got him neutered (another topic that frustrates me, we'll save *that* for another time as well). Generally male dogs who don't get neutered and properly trained, tend "mark" everywhere, including in the house. So needless to say, Oscar has come to us with a couple of small challenges.

Unlike Mojo, Oscar must be crated at night and during the day when we are at work. He cannot be trusted to not use our house as a bathroom. We are working on it and we're

starting to see some progress. Hopefully one day we may be able let to him roam free as Mojo does. Oscar also has a tendency to be quite rude and pushy. He has come into our house as the dominant dog and has yet to learn his place BE-LOW Mrs. Big Nate and I. We are also working on that but it is amazing how very strong willed Oscar is for such a little guy.

On the upside, he is a very lovable, cuddly, cute dog! He licks our faces often, even when we're washing his feet from a muddy walk. He lays on his back and kicks his front feet back and forth as if he is trying to run through the air. He follows me wherever I go and lays at my feet while I write newsletters and update blogs. When Oscar is trying to get our attention or wants something from us, he makes this really strange sound. It's kind of a cross between a friendly growl and a low howl. I would almost compare it to the sound the Wookiee, Chewbacca makes in the movie Star Wars. It's very cute and unusual. I've captured it on video and will have to post one day on our blog.

With all the challenges we face with Oscar, we are so glad we decided to take him in and give him a loving family. He is here to stay and we are his Furever home!



Oscar and Mojo

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Did you know:

- ☺ ...that Oscar needs to work off excess energy every-day?
- ☺that you shouldn't assume a barking Oscar would never bite, unless you're absolutely sure he believes it too?
- ☺ ...that you should store your garbage in the kitchen cupboard? It's the only way to be certain Oscar will stay out of it.
- ☺ ...that if Oscar has bad breath, it may indicate that he needs his teeth cleaned?

Poooper of the Month

Pooh Busters is proud to present **Belle and Skipper** as June's Pooopers of the Month!



Get your dog featured for Poooper of the Month in 2010!

Email your dog's pictures and bios to Big Nate at BigNate@PoohBusters.com

The Taxman Cometh!

We are extremely sad to announce that the Federal Government of Canada has decided Pooh Busters must now start collecting GST for the services we provide.

We knew the day would eventually come but it still doesn't make it any easier. We

want to give everyone fair warning and let you know that as of August 1, 2009 we will be adding the 5% GST to our rates.

Looking at this in a positive way, it means that we have grown over the past 3 years taking us out of the "Small

Supplier" business bracket (at least that's what our accountant tells us).

Thanks to everyone for your continued support and we'll try to do a 5% better job for you!





June is upon us again and that means it's time to celebrate the unsung hero of our lives.

Dear ole' Dad!

Let's not jip him again this year with the usual hand-made ashtray and a pack of smokes.

Er...maybe that was just me.

Does your Dad have to go out to the yard to clean up after the family dog? Nothing says "thanks for being my Dad" more than giving the gift of time. Treat Dad to some time off doggie-doo duty. Get him a three month gift certificate from Pooh Busters!

Call today and we'll get a certificate out to you in plenty of time for Father's Day!

Pet Services We Recommend!

Being a part of the pet industry we get to meet many great people who also have a passion for pets. They see a need and then work hard at creating a business to provide quality services and products to fulfill that need for all of Calgary's pet owners. I'm talking local businesses here not those large chain pet stores or franchise corporations.

For Dog Sake is a local company owned by Trisha Shanks, a hard working, dog lover who is very versatile and dedicated. She began her business as a dog walker and later decided to become a dog trainer to assist in her role as pack leader with the dogs she was walking every day. Trisha began to teach group training classes to add to the services already being offered by her company.

Pooh Busters highly recommends this company to those looking for a wide variety of options to help you with your dog training needs. Their training classes include Puppy Kindergarten, Companion Dog (a refresher course for mature dogs), and even off-leash training! On top of training For Dog Sake holds exercise classes for you and your dog to help keep you both fit. And they hold specialty clinics helping further our knowledge of responsible, proper pet care.

For Dog Sake even has a great drop-in program for puppy owners. Their Puppy Hour is a great way to get your new puppy socialized with other young dogs contributing to their overall development and confidence.

Visit their website at www.ForDogSake.ca



Oscar and the Furever After Rescue Society...cont

I wanted to also tell you about the other side of Oscar's story, the wonderful place where we found him.

furever after  rescue

When we decided to adopt we tried the Calgary Humane Society but they didn't have any dogs at the time that fit into our family. We went online and found Oscar's picture on Furever's website.

We contacted them to make a query but in return *WE* got asked the questions. We got grilled with a bunch of pre-application questions in order to be qualified. They weren't even going to entertain our queries about their rescues until they felt we were worthy pet adopters.

Once we had emailed back our answers to the preliminary questions, they were then willing to provide us with the basics of Oscar and his history. If we decided after hearing more about him that we wanted to meet him and consider his adoption, we would then have to fill out a very in-depth application.

The Furever After Rescue Society is an extremely responsible organization that wants to help dogs. Their dogs only go to responsible families. No impulse shopping here! They want everyone they consider to take adopting a pet seriously. The goal is to find these rescues a Furever home. They want people to realize that once you decide to take in a pet, it's for life! You don't just give up on them and pass them along when the going gets tough.

You stick by them because they would do the same for you!

Furever After Rescue Society is a non-profit organization, based in Calgary, dedicated to the rescue of dogs from high kill shelters, disasters, neglect and other tragic situations from Canada and the US. After two years of operations, Furever has 100% success in placement of all their rescues.

Pooh Busters wants to extend a big thank you to these folks for their hard work and dedication to such a worthy cause. If you decide to add another member to your family, please consider Furever After Rescue, I did!

Visit them today at
www.fureverafter.org