

FINDING FOREVER HOMES

DREAM *Dachshund Rescue*

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“How could anyone ever give up their Dachshund?” That’s a question DREAM

Dachshund Rescue hears often when people learn of our focus on “OTI’s” i.e. Owner Turn-ins (aka Owner Surrenders). When DREAM was founded in 2013, we knew there was a serious homeless pet problem in our area. Local shelters were receiving multitudes of dogs, including Dachshunds, on a daily basis. Many were OTI’s. Breed specific rescues were working double time to keep up with the shelters’ intake by “tagging” the incoming breeds they rescued, and bringing them into their own breed specific organizations.

DREAM’s founders recognized the number of Dachshund OTI’s at shelters was increasing and that gave us great cause for concern. What drives our desire to

“tag” Dachshunds that end up in shelters is that being breed specific, we have an extensive knowledge of the Dachshund personality and temperament and we know what medical issues Dachshunds might be prone to suffer. Without this knowledge, shelters may adopt Dachshunds out to dog lovers who are merely interested for the “cuteness factor.” Once they learn how stubborn or finicky a Dachshund can be, (traits Dachshund lovers adore), they lose interest and the cycle begins again. Result? The creation of our mission to meet those owners who sadly can no longer provide for their Dachshund, before they make that agonizing trip to the shelter.

We have made some lasting friendships through our mission. We met one heartbroken woman whose husband had passed and because she couldn’t work, she’d lost her home. Her only option was

to move into a small apartment with a family member who had two dogs. Because the landlord imposed a two dog limit, she was forced to give up her fur baby. We sat with this woman for hours while we listened and we cried with her as she shared memories and stories about her beloved Dachshund. Her pain was real and it was up to DREAM to try and ease that pain by ensuring her Dachshund would receive only the best life and love. Situations like this, illness, employment relocation, even the death of an owner are just a few of the reasons “how and why.”

DREAM Dachshund Rescue, Education & Adoption Mission, is a Houston-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to rescuing abandoned Dachshunds and finding new homes for Dachshunds whose owners can no longer care for them due to circumstances beyond their control.

