



Registered Charity # 825522030RR0001

CANADIAN DACHSHUND RESCUE (Ontario)

Form Document 026

SUBJECT

Foster Dog Bio Template

**Please complete all sections:**

Name(s):	Finnegan				
Age:	4 years old (Sept 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2021)				
Size (weight):	18 lbs.				
Coat & Colour:	Smooth chocolate and tan short-haired				
Primary Breed:	Dachshund	Secondary Breed	N/A	Mix breed	N/A
Temperament:	Shy, vocal, cuddly and sweet				
Good with Dogs:	Yes, smaller dogs				
Good with Cats:	No, high prey drive				
Good with Kids:	Yes (12+ dachshund savvy)				
Needs another Dog:	No	Needs to be an only Dog:	No		
Housetraining:	In progress				
Crate Trained:	No, but will tolerate xpen				
Suitable for an Apt.	No, vocal				
Origin:	Owner surrender		Adoption Fee:	\$800	

And now a few words from me:

**Meet Your New Adventure Buddy 🐾**

Slánte! My name is Finnegan. I'm high energy, curious, and always on the move, especially if there's a toy involved. Toys are my absolute favorite—I love to play, toss them around, and yes... I will chew, so having plenty of safe chew toys is a must for me. I'm a smart little guy who likes to stay busy and explore my world, so I'll thrive in a home that can give me structure, enrichment and supervision.

Because of my dachshund build, I do have IVDD, but don't worry—it's medically managed and closely monitored, and I'm doing well with the right care and lifestyle. I've started my health journey while in foster care. They said I was a bit chunky and that's not good for my back. I do love my treats more than my kibble, but my foster mom told me that I'm on a diet, whatever that means. I love to go on walks, but I can get a bit spooked if there's fast cars or people, so my foster mom says we have to be nice. I do enjoy being outside and exploring the yard, when I'm not in jail aka "crate rest". I like to chase all the animals outside, so sometimes my foster family isn't happy with me, they say birds are also allowed in my yard! I'm not exactly house trained and my foster family keeps telling me I'm supposed to go outside to do my business, who knew?! So I'll need patients and commitment to help me work on going outside. My absolute favourite thing to do? Bark! I am your 24/7 security team! I will let you know if someone is at the door, or even attempts to walk by. And those pesky squirrels....don't worry, I'm on it. No one will sneak by under my watch.

If you're looking for a lively, playful companion and prepared for a little extra training and medical awareness, I could be the perfect match for you. I have lots of love, energy and personality- I just need the right home to help me shine, could that be you?

And now a few words from my foster family:

Finnegan is one handsome man. He is a very affectionate and gentle. He can be very shy when meeting new people and will let out some loud barks so you know he's there. Once he gets to know you, he will be your little shadow and seize every opportunity to sit in your lap. While in foster care we have been working with him to develop more confidence and independence. On going training will be crucial for him to thrive.

He is a very fast dog and may attempt an escape every time the front door is opened. Caution must be taken to ensure he is not successful, because if he is it is difficult to grab his attention or use recall to get him back. As his confidence is growing this tendency has improved, however vigilance will be needed to prevent him from escaping.

Finnegan has lots of energy. He likes to play fetch, tug and is a toy destroyer. There is no stuffy he can't unstuff to find and destroy that squeaker. He loves to go on walks and gets very excited when he sees his leash. It's a great way to keep him healthy and burn off energy. He tends to pull on the lead, so we have been working on leash manners. He enjoys going outside in the yard and exploring all the sights, sounds and smells. Finnegan has a high prey drive and will chase birds, squirrels etc. For this reason he is not suited to go to a house with cats. Although it took some time to warm up to the resident dogs, he enjoys running around and playing with them. He gets nervous around bigger dogs. If Finnegan goes to a home with a dog, it should be a smaller socialized and confident dog. This will help him build confidence.

He enjoys the company of all humans, big and small. Because he is a high energy and medical history, caution should be taken around smaller people to avoid accidents. It is recommended that he only go to a home with dog savvy 12+ children. He can be slightly more cautious and vocal when meeting men.

Finnegan arrived to foster care on the heavier side and was on a health journey to a more suitable weight. He has now reached his ideal weight and for his continued health it is important he remain that way. He can be picky with food, so treats should be kept to a minimum for him to remain happy and healthy. Finnegan can be quite reactive to noises, people and knocks therefore an attached style home is not recommended. House training is in progress and ongoing.

As for his IVDD, we've been proactive with his care. He had an episode while in foster care, but was successfully managed with medication, strict crate rest and some at home physiotherapy. He's been doing well since and as of now his IVDD is under control. We are staying on top of his health and keeping an eye out for any signs of a flare up. Continual monitoring will be a must to keep him healthy. Part of the ways to keep him healthy include keeping him at his ideal weight, preventing jumping, practicing proper handling and avoiding all stairs. It is important to be educated on IVDD and monitor for soon of a flare up, early detection is key.

Finnegan needs an active home, engaged in continual confidence and command training. His ideal home will have knowledge of IVDD and the best ways to keep him healthy.

Meet and greets to be held in Hamilton ON.