

# Saving & Supporting Spreading the Word



Seanna Collins with her rescue dog Tacoma

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Most of us know Seanna Collins from her work around Edmonton with Global TV and EZ Rock104.9. Always ready to help and make sure everyone knows what's happening in our city, this celebrity of local radio and television keeps us glued to our seats. She also channels her vibrant energy into supporting other events in our community. One of her passions is animal rescue. Seanna has become a supporter of responsible companion animal guardianship. It is no surprise that she volunteered to MC at the 3rd annual Canines & Cocktails fundraiser for the Second Chance Animal Rescue Society on September 19th. This is the second year she has volunteered to host the event, and this year she has her own success story to share. Nine months ago, Seanna had the opportunity to rescue a puppy from a home where the owners realized they were not in a position to care for him in the

way that they had first hoped. A Golden Retriever, he was lovely, but had some behavioural issues that would require time and patience from both ends. After a 24-hour test run in her home, which was a tad frantic, Seanna and her husband decided to take on the 6-month-old puppy and named him Tacoma. Now after months of hard work, Tacoma is a boisterous, loving dog that doesn't bite when he's hugged, loves being loved, and isn't as dominant towards humans and other dogs as he used to be.

"I respect and admire the decision that was made to give him up. It takes a strong person to admit that it's not working. I was thrilled that I was chosen to give him a home. I wish there were more people who would reach out for help when faced with the same situation, rather than dumping a dog in a ditch, or leaving them behind in an apartment when they move," says Collins.

There is always an unknown quantity at play when rescuing a dog, and potential owners need to be educated about how much work and time they might have to devote to their new family member. That's where Second Chance Animal Rescue Society comes in. With their comprehensive foster parent program, and ceaseless energy for rescuing needy dogs, they are a group of volunteers that inspire anyone who meets them.

As Seanna explains, "SCARS is a completely volunteer-run organization and I'm inspired by what they have been through as individuals. Everyone is amazing and they all have huge hearts. I want people to be more aware and educated about what they can do to help these animals. If they can't help financially, then maybe they can help with their time by becoming a foster parent, or spreading the word about the society. Their greatest gift of course would be to adopt a dog and give them a second chance for a good life."

All the volunteers at the Second Chance Animal Rescue Society have inspiring stories of heartache and hope to share, and without support from the public many dogs would be destined to live out brief and sad lives. The Canines & Cocktails event is Edmonton's chance to support a society that is an integral part of the community and gives dogs a second chance at life. 🐾