

Wheels for Scooter



Wheels for Scooter. Kerry Raynard drove four hours Sunday to adopt Scooter, a four-month-old Shih Tzu-Pomeranian cross who is completely paralyzed from the waist down, after Pam Huson posted the dog's story on her Beamsville 4paw Animal Rescue Facebook group. Huson continues to fundraise to purchase a dog cart.

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At first glance, Scooter looks like any other four-month-old puppy. He rolls around the ground and licks almost anyone who he comes into contact with. But after a short while, you start to notice something different about the Shih Tzu-Pomeranian cross. Scooter was born April 18, 2011, completely paralyzed from the waist down. His breeder refused to put him down, hoping instead to find someone committed to caring for a disabled dog. After reading the July 20 edition of the Grimsby Lincoln News, she contacted Pam Huson, who runs Beamsville 4paws Animal Rescue, in hopes of finding a permanent home for the playful puppy.

"He's the cutest little thing," said Huson. "He's just like any other puppy only he's paralyzed from the waist down. Otherwise, he's perfectly healthy."

Once Huson had pictures of the pint-sized pooch, she posted them to her Facebook group. Within hours there was an outpouring of support for Scooter. Group member Melanie Dion sent a link to her friend Kerry Raynard who instantly fell in love with Scooter. Raynard made the four-hour drive from Lindsay, Ont., in the Kawartha Lakes region, and adopted Scooter Sunday. While Scooter finally has a home, Huson's job isn't quite finished.

"We have to get him wheels to prevent him from getting sores on his body," said Huson. "Many dogs can live on three legs, but Scooter is living on two. He needs these wheels to give him a normal life."

Beamsville Fish and Chips, which is running a penny sale and raffle in support of Beamsville 4paws Animal Rescue, has set up a second donation jar to assist in the Wheels for Scooter campaign. The device Scooter needs ranges in price from \$300 to \$900. Donations can be dropped off at the Ontario Street restaurant during regular hours.

"This is why I do this," said Huson. "Most people would have put the dog down. But they didn't and they wanted to find him a good home and we have done that."

Also over the weekend, Huson rescued four kittens, adopted out two and has agreed to help the owners of three dogs find new homes. It never stops for Beamsville 4paws Animal Rescue.

For more information visit the Beamsville 4paws Animal Rescue Facebook page or e-mail 4paw@proevents.ca.

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