

Lola: The last of the Tails

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Out on the beach, a foster parent saw a family dunking their dogs in the sea and pushing their heads under water. She stopped and asked them why they were doing this, and the family said that they were trying to clean the dogs and rid them of fleas and ticks. The lady explained to them that this was a cruel and unfair way to deal with their potcakes, and began to help them understand the better things they could do to clean them and prevent fleas and ticks. As the lady was talking with the family, three pups came running down on to the beach. She quickly noticed that there was something wrong with their tails. They had had elastic bands tied round the base of their tails so so tight, as someones attempt to make them fall off to 'dock' them. They were in a bad way and with infection, needed a trip to the vet. These three pups have now been under the ladies' wing in foster care, and are on a course of antibiotics. One of the pups has lost their tail, and the other two are fighting to save theirs. The three of them are doing well. UPDATES
 25th Feb 2007: Sadie has now gone off to her loving new home in upstate New York.
 8th Mar 2007: Chester is now on his way to Toronto with his new parents.
 Please see their success stories. One girl and remains:

Lola (Girl whose tail is on the mend)

Lola (left) and Chester (right)

Chester is the boy of the three, and slightly bigger than his sisters

Lola and Chester Can you find a place in your family for Lola? UPDATE: 10 Mar 2007: Lola jets of with her new parents to Toronto, Ontario. We look forward to her updates and possible play dates with her nearby siblings. We believe that Lola is going to keep her name. She is going to be part of a very loving family, comprised of four young daughters to dote on her and a cat named Pilchard!. Here is one very lucky and cherished little girl!! 11 Mar 2007: "After a very long day of travel yesterday, Lola has arrived safe and sound back at our home in Guelph, Ontario, Canada. Our girls awoke this morning to meet the newest addition to our family, and have been beaming ever since. Everyone, including Lola, is starting to settle in all is going well, other than a little tired. Thanks again for all your help in this matter, from everyone here !!!" 16 Mar 2007: "Lola has been adapting quite well to her new family. The girls are over the moon excited about her. Rory (3) absolutely adores her - we have a hard time keeping her away from Lola. For the first few days she called her "Girl". Lola and Leah (18 months) seem to have a few jealousy issues with each other. For as often as we find Lola with one of Leah's toys in her mouth, we find Leah with one of Lola's toys in her mouth! Leah also enjoys hanging out in Lola's crate. The jealousy comes up when I am holding one of them - they each try to push the other one out and take the spot. I have learned to balance both of them on my lap. At this point Hannah (7) and Paige (6) are still arguing over who gets to feed her and take her outside - so I'm encouraging their involvement!! Hannah, Paige and I went shopping on Sunday to pick up some supplies for Lola - including a "diamond" studded blue collar (Paige's favourite colour - yes Lola has "bling!"), a hot pink leash (Hannah's favourite colour) and I picked out a little coat for her to wear (because I'm so worried about her being cold!) What a cruel trick we played on her - she went from 30 degrees Celcius to -10 degrees Celsius in 24 hours! All of our friends adore her too. Our house has gone from being referred to as "Sean and Julie's house" to "Lola's house"! Lola had her first vet appointment on Wednesday - which she passed with flying colours. No ear mites, no parasites and the staff at the clinic adored her. I overheard one of the vet techs telling the other tech, "She's a potcake. You know - we saw a presentation about them at our conference". She's actually enjoying exploring our backyard and is no longer bothered by the snow. She's sleeping through the night in her new crate with her new blanket and new toys. She sleeps in our room at night and the living room for naps during the day. We start puppy classes this Saturday which we are very excited about. We can bring 3 humans to one puppy - so Hannah, Paige and I will be taking Lola to the classes each week. I'll send a picture of her with her graduation diploma when that happens! Thank you so much - we all love our little Lola and can't imagine our home without her." 22 Mar 2007 "Here are some recent photos of Lola. The first of her is in our snowy backyard when she wasn't too sure how she felt about snow. She now loves it and runs through the snow scooping it up with her mouth. She is definitely much more comfortable here now - she explores the entire backyard when we are outside. Rory and Lola love to run together back and forth across the yard. The other photo gives you some sense of the chaos Lola experiences on a daily basis from our girls. Aunt Jess is in the middle holding Lola with all four girls hovering around. They all adore her and still squabble over who gets to have a turn to hold her or feed her or take her out in the backyard to play. She is doing really well with the housetraining - we've had two full days without an accident. Last week was our first week of puppy training. The first lesson was just for the humans - explaining what we need to bring to class and how the training will work (we're doing "clicker" training). Hannah and Paige listened carefully and made notes of the things we still needed to get. Our first class with Lola is this Saturday. Thanks so much again. We love our little Lola."