And they called it ‘Puppy Love’

The Scoop

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In 2006 my family was adopted by a cross bred female dog at an SPCA Montérégie dog walk held in Knowlton. Part German shepherd and part Doberman, Crisp was not our first choice although she had her sights set on our family from first glance. We were looking for a golden Lab female and Crisp did not fit our criteria as she had mistakenly been tagged with a big sign hanging around her neck as a “Doberman mix, male who did not like cats!” We wanted a female, we had a cat and with three young sons, we felt we wanted a more gentle reputation breed.

We walked, sat with and conversed with a variety of dogs all while being followed, nudge, and stalked by Crisp, who immediately fell in love with our youngest son. While we perused the many beautiful dogs, Ethan sat with his arm around Crisp negotiating her issues with cats…We were also told that her last family had rid themselves of her because she did not travel well and they could not keep her due to a pattern of bringing their dog on vacations.

By days end on July 25, we had determined that Crisp was indeed a female all most three years old and that her disposition was that of both the German shepherd and Doberman: obedient, intelligent, watchful, courageous, alert, loyal, curious, and confident; a great guard dog. We filled out the paperwork while Ethan continued to negotiate. After loading her in the van, we alerted the boys to the fact that she would not travel well…all were vigilant.

Crisp had no issues travelling and to this day, never has. She hated our cat the moment she stepped into the house and all the negotiating had little effect on her. Cats were something you dominated with what I know will be little success when the time comes. While I do not know what the future will bring, I feel compelled to thank the SPCA Montérégie for bringing us Crisp all those years ago; for suggesting that we choose the dog that had chosen us when we first arrived. To those pet owners reading this, while I am not a hard person by nature, I never thought that I could feel so much love for an animal. All this to say, “I get it now,” until you have a pet you can call it Puppy Love but I guess you will never know how deep that love can go.

ACTE garage sale aims big

By Gordon Lambie

ACTE, the Sherbrooke-based association focusing on providing services to people suffering the after-effects of strokes and severe head trauma, held its third annual fundraising garage sale this past Saturday and Sunday, using as much of the weekend as possible to solicit support for the association.

“It’s become our biggest fundraiser,” said Peter Neiman, executive director of ACTE. “We’ve been doing this for two years now and it really is a big boost for us.”

Based at 68 Jacques Cartier Street in Sherbrooke near the intersection with King, l’Association des Accidentés cérébro-vasculaires et Traumatisés crâniens de l’Estrie works to improve the lives of people who have been seriously impacted by head injuries or strokes. According to Neiman, the group’s clientele is nearly double what it had the first time around.

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Ben by Daniel Shelton

Weather

TODAY: MAINLY SUNNY
HIGH OF 24
LOW OF 11

TUESDAY: MAINLY SUNNY
HIGH OF 24
LOW OF 12

WEDNESDAY: MIX OF SUN & CLOUDS
HIGH OF 24
LOW OF 14

THURSDAY: SHOWERS
HIGH OF 20
LOW OF 12

FRIDAY: CHANCE OF A SHOWER
HIGH OF 16
LOW OF 11