



# GetALong Dachshund Rescue | 2014



GETALONG DACHSHUND  
RESCUE, INC.

[www.getalongdachshundrescue.com](http://www.getalongdachshundrescue.com)

## Message from the Founder

GetALong Dachshund Rescue (GDR) is a Dachshund rescue serving Florida, Georgia, North and South Carolina, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. GDR exists to give homeless and unwanted dachshunds the second chance they deserve. GDR specializes in rescuing “less-adoptable” dachshunds; such as seniors and those with severe medical needs who are abandoned in shelters, and whose most certain fate would otherwise be euthanasia. Our Main Purpose is to rescue, rehabilitate and re-home our dachshunds in forever homes to live their lives in a safe loving environment. However, each dachshund that we rescue is given the promise of a lifetime commitment, whether it takes a month, or a year, or they remain with a long-term foster for the remainder of their life.



Georgia Ann Manley, Founder and President

*A little history of our organization:* In February 2013 a few ladies from twitter were individually sharing dachshunds in need in shelters on their Facebook pages. Eventually, together, we started a cross-posting page. This was the beginning of Global Dachshund X Rescue (<https://www.facebook.com/GlobalDachshundXRescue?fref=ts>). Within weeks of the pages' inception, we found an old dachshund in Killeen, Texas. We knew no rescue was going to help this little old man named Frodo. We weren't a rescue and none of us even lived in Texas, but we furiously went to work sending emails, making phone calls, and posting our pleas for help on Facebook and other social networks. It worked! One lady offered to go adopt Frodo from the shelter, another lady in Texas was driving from Dallas to Pensacola for a holiday and offered to drive Frodo that far. All we needed was to find one more person to get Frodo from Killeen to Dallas. Along came Mary Garrett and said “I will give it my best shot”. It was all we had, so we set our “plan” in motion. Frodo got out of the shelter and then Mary got him and headed for Dallas. There were some bumps along the way, but all were forgotten when I finally had Frodo in my arms.



Frodo : Our First Rescue

From that first save, the “Legacy of Frodo” and the Vision of GDR has been to provide a forever home for “less adoptable” dachshunds to live out the duration of their life with love, a comfortable bed, good food, & veterinary care. On August 1, 2014 GDR successfully obtained their 501c3 non-profit status. GetALong Dachshund Rescue, Inc. was officially formed and a formal board of directors was installed. In calendar year 2014, GDR rescued over 100 dachshunds, amassed over 100 volunteers, raised over \$40,000 in donations! We are well on our way to making our vision a reality.

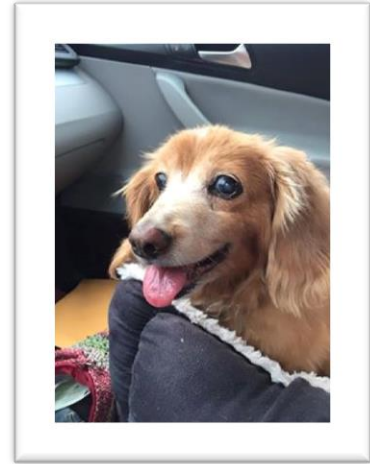
Thanks for reading,

*Georgia Ann Manley*

## Mission

GDR exists to give homeless and unwanted dachshunds the second chance they deserve. We aim to take a leading role in advocating for abused, neglected and abandoned dachshunds. This includes reducing the number of dachshunds in shelters through pet adoption, spay/neuter programs, microchipping and foster care.

Our programs are summarized below:



## Foster-based Rescue

GDR is a foster-based rescue program. We recruit Fosters to open up their hearts and homes to our rescues. GDR supports each Foster by covering medical expenses, food and supplies. This program allows our rescued Doxies to live in a home environment, not a shelter, before being adopted. If you are considering becoming a foster parent, here is how to get started. The first step is to fill out our foster parent application. Once we have received a foster application, our reviewing process starts with a member of the GetALong Dachshund Rescue team speaking with the applicant's vet and insuring that all of their personal animals are up to date on their shots. Then we will do a phone interview. After we check veterinarian references and have spoken with the applicant on the phone our local representative will do a home visit.

Our process is thorough and not meant to intrude on the applicant's privacy. Our only interest is in insuring that the animals we place in foster care will be given the utmost love and care possible. This is to help insure that they are able to find a loving forever home.

During calendar year 2014, GDR had 120 dogs in foster care. A link to our Foster application is provided below: <http://www.getalongdachshundrescue.com/fosterapp.php>

## Adoption

If you have fallen in love with one of our lovable Dachshunds and you want to make them a part of your family, the first step is to fill out our adoption application. Once we have received your application, our review process starts with a member of the GetALong Dachshund Rescue adoption team speaking with your vet and insuring that all of your personal animals are up to date on their shots. Then we will do a phone interview with you. In most cases there are two phone interviews. The second being with the foster parent of the dachshund you have chosen. This second call is actually an opportunity for you to ask the foster mom or dad any questions you might have about the new dachshund you have chosen.



Since the animal has usually been in their care for at least a month they have a lot of insight into the personality, likes and dislikes of the new pet you have chosen. They will also be able to provide up to date medical information and any special needs your pet may have. After we check veterinarian references and have spoken with you on the phone our local representative will do a home visit. Please understand it is not our desire to intrude on your privacy in any way shape or form, our only interest is in insuring that the animals we place in forever homes will be given the utmost love and care possible

During Calendar Year 2014, GDR had 90 completed adoptions. You can view our adorable, available Doxies from youth to senior to special needs at:

<http://www.getalongdachshundrescue.org/services/>

A link to our Adoption Application is provided below:

<http://www.getalongdachshundrescue.com/adoptionapp.php>



## Sanctuary

There are, in every rescue, no matter the breed, always going to be a certain number of animals for whom no "forever home" will ever be found. A GDR Forever Foster is a rescue that will remain in a long-term foster home to live out the duration of their lives. A Forever Foster may have special medical reasons (such as IVDD or other chronic health condition), or it could be that they are just simply too old for adoption. However, each dog that is rescued by GDR is given the promise of a lifetime commitment and our dedicated fosters provide a loving environment where these dogs receive the personal attention, medical and emotional support they need every single day to make their remaining time happy and comfortable.

While we are a rescue and do all we can to save the lives of our rescues, we do not believe in allowing an animal to suffer, and we will help them cross the rainbow bridge when the time comes.

## **Sponsor a Forever Foster**

You can sponsor one of our Forever Fosters in many different ways, such as making a donation to their vets' office to help meet the recurring medical expenses. A regular monthly contribution provides food and ongoing medical care for our Forever Fosters. Or, many of our Forever Fosters have Amazon wish lists that lets a sponsor know what their individual foster babies need. These needs could be as simple as potty pads, and special shampoos to a special type of food or other need to make the animal more comfortable in their last days. We also provide "Secret Santa" lists on all of our Forever Fosters around the holidays to ensure they all get a few special surprises and treats! Without sponsors like you, GDR could not continue its mission of protecting and caring for our rescues that cannot be adopted.

## Fundraising

Times are tough, and it's getting harder than ever for us to keep income coming in. In addition to our YouCaring Medical Fund, Corporate Donations and Adoption Fees, throughout the year GDR plans and executes several strategic fundraisers to draw in much needed support for donations to a specific dog, for supplies and for general support.



### The GDR 2014 Fundraisers included:

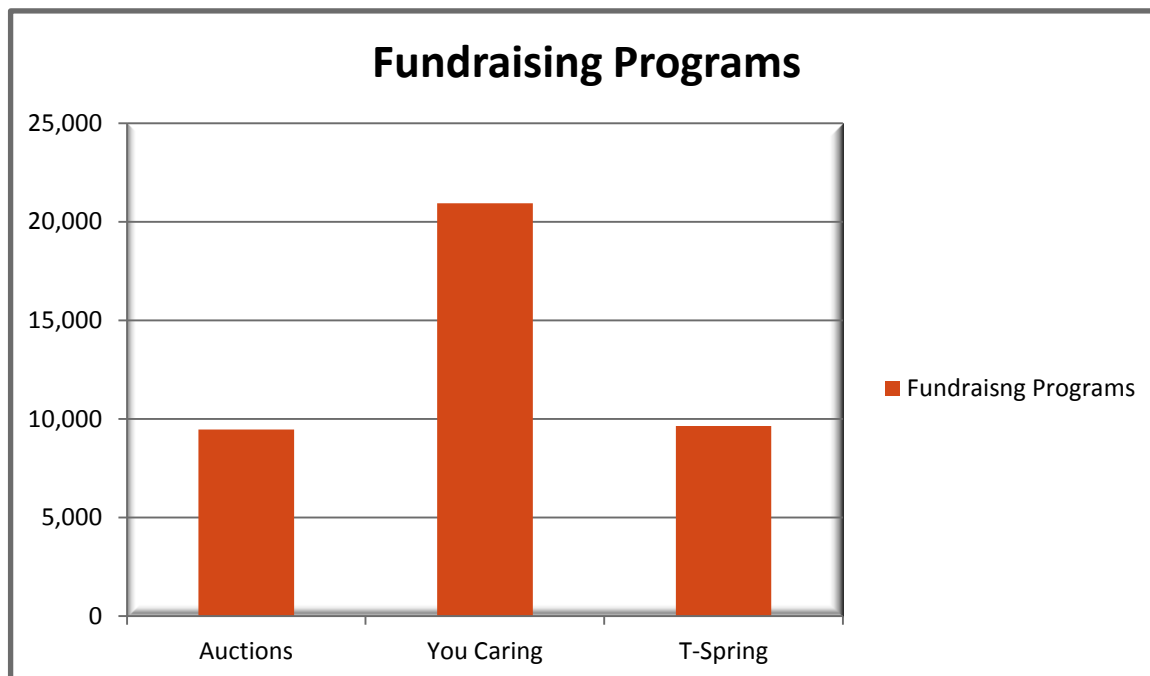
**CY2014 – You Caring Medical Fund \$20,935**

**CY2014 – Tee-spring t-shirts \$9,643**

**CY2014 - Auctions \$9,458**



The chart below shows the number of dollars raised by each fundraising program.

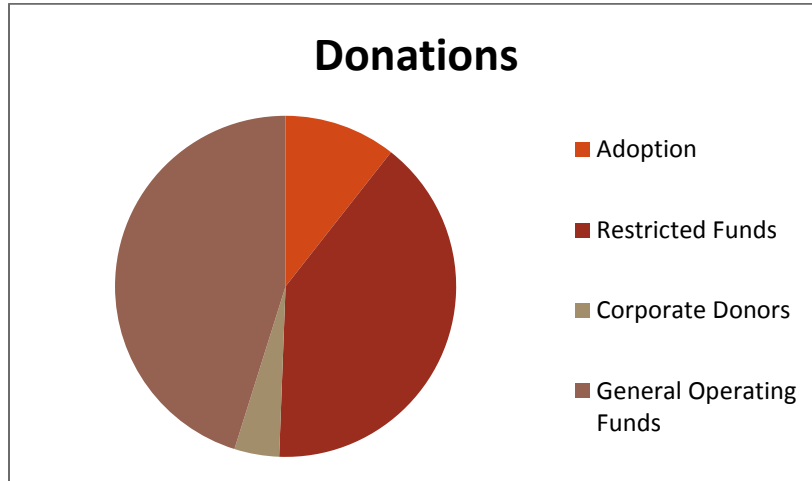


## Resources and Financial Management

### GDR is now an official 501(c)3 non-profit organization!

What does it mean to be a 501(c)3 non-profit? It means we are recognized by the IRS as a charitable organization and we can now accept tax deductible donations!

GDR recorded total income of \$47,036.00 in 2014. The charts beside and below illustrate the breakdown, by category of our 2104 donations.



<i>Income Source</i>	<i>2014</i>
<b>Adoption</b>	5,000.00
<b>Restricted Funds</b>	18,799.25
<b>Corporate</b>	2000.00
<b>General Operating Funds</b>	21,236.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>47,036.00</b>

In order to expand both restricted and unrestricted funds, we expect to increase our income by 100% during Calendar Year 2015. We will accomplish this through obtaining targeted grants, ongoing participation in non-profit purchasing campaigns (such as Pet Rescue RX, BISSELL Corp. Partners for Pets, ResQwalk.com, Wooftrax, iGive and AmazonSmile), targeted fundraising campaigns and auctions, and the annual Florida Wiener Dog Derby (in which all proceeds are donated to GDR). All other rescue operations will continue as they are, with plans to expand into Tennessee in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2015.



[bissell.com/partnersforpets](http://bissell.com/partnersforpets)

**Grants:** With 501c3 status granted, GDR now has the ability to solicit grant making organizations to seek funds for specific projects, capital projects and general operating funds. A grants committee has been formed to research charitable foundations that would be a best fit for GDR's mission and purpose. The aim for 2015 is to strategically apply for no less than 5 grants based on the organizations grant cycle and obtain \$25,000 in funds. Organizations that have been targeted for 2015 applications include: The Bissell Pet Foundation, The Pedigree Foundation, The William and Charlotte Parks Foundation, The Gray Muzzle Organization, The American Humane Association's Second Chance® Fund and the Meacham Foundation Memorial Grant and the Schweitzer Fund.

**Florida Wiener Dog Derby:** The 6<sup>th</sup> annual Florida Weiner Dog Derby (FWDD), Florida's PREMIER Wiener Dog Racing Event, relocated to Sanford Florida this year with the assistance of Roxie Team Hot Dog and Strates Shows. This year's Derby was held on Saturday, March 28, 2015 at their new location at the Seminole County Fairgrounds. **All proceeds from this Annual Event Benefitted (and will continue to benefit) GetALong Dachshund Rescue.** Over 90 pure-breed dachshunds (and dachshund want-to-be's) participated in this year's Derby. Funds raised topped nearly \$4,000.00! Stay tuned for more information regarding FWDD 2016!



**JOIN OUR TEAM  
TODAY IS A GOOD DAY**



## This Work Needs Your Help

GDR relies solely on donations to fund the care our dogs require. In order to continue to our work, GDR has to raise money. Paying for the medical services of the dogs in our rescue program is very costly. Right now, nearly all of our finances go towards medical services for our rescue dogs. We would like to be able to fully cover the cost of food, crates, toys, and other

supplies that our foster homes often end up supplying for our dogs. Another important goal for us is to have the financial resources needed to admit even more dogs into our program. Fundraising gives us the funds we need to do more for the dogs. Below are three ways you can volunteer to help us meet our fundraising goals:

## Your Donation is More Important than Ever Before!

You can support GDR through your patronage. Donations can be made in several convenient ways. The link below will allow you to donate from the GDR webpage.

<http://www.getalongdachshundrescue.com/donate.html>

You can also contribute to our YouCaring Medical Fund by clicking the following link:

<http://www.youcaring.com/nonprofits/doxies-need-dentals-/337731>

Donations by mail may be made to: **GetALong Dachshund Rescue, Inc. 727 Calico Jack Way, Green Cove Springs, FL. 32043-2355**

## Volunteer and Make a Difference.

Not everyone can make a financial contribution. Engage people in other ways. GDR has over 100 Volunteers all contributing when and how they are best able. Please fill out the information below and we'll find the perfect fit for your uniqueness, skills, charisma and talent!



- Volunteer
- Foster

Please visit our webpage at [www.getalongdachshundrescue.com](http://www.getalongdachshundrescue.com) or our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/GetalongDachshundRescue?fref=ts> to learn more, call our Volunteer Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ or send this form by email to [gdxrescue@gmail.com](mailto:gdxrescue@gmail.com)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

## Wish Lists

Donating much needed items is another alternative for helping out. The following list contains the items we currently need to help support our foster program.

- New or gently used crates
- Leashes and collars
- Toys
- Comfy Bed and Snuggly blankets
- Gift cards for dog supplies to support our Foster program.
- Gift cards for gas to support our Transport program.

For delivery information contact:  
[De.gdxrescue@gmail.com](mailto:De.gdxrescue@gmail.com)



[amazon.com](http://amazon.com)

Another way to help GDR is to purchase items on our wish list.

[http://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/giftlist/2ILKO79IKKNZM/ref=topnav\\_lists\\_4](http://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/giftlist/2ILKO79IKKNZM/ref=topnav_lists_4)



## Looking Forward – 2015 and Beyond

GetALong Dachshund Rescue (GDR) now has 25 Forever Fosters that are unlikely to ever be adopted due to their medical conditions and/or advanced age.

Currently, GDR has our “Forever Fosters” spread across our foster home network, but a permanent long term care home needs to be available for them in the near future. In 2015, GDR would like to create the GetALong Dachshund Retirement Ranch (GDRRR) a safe and loving long-term care home for our Forever Fosters to live out the remainder of their life with love, a comfy bed, good food, and veterinary care.

The ability to transfer these dogs to our Retirement Ranch would free up desperately needed space for other rescues at our foster homes. Over the past 12 months GDR has had to close intake several times due to lack of foster space. A GDRRR has been the goal of the rescue since its inception.



**GDRRH Phase 1 – Temporary Home:** We have a current foster and board member whose current domicile is zoned properly and is large enough to provide a temporary solution, but needs modifications/retro-fitting to serve the purpose. We have identified modifications to include special fencing to separate seniors from other “residents”, a small outdoor kennel for transport holds, and a quarantine room. The facility will have full time caretaker on property.

### **Total Budget for Phase 1: \$30,000.00**

Space Renovations:           \$ 8,000.00

Full Time Care Taker:       \$15,000.00

Supplies/Food/Medical:     \$ 7,000.00

**Phase 2 – Permanent Home:** This project would entail a ground-up build on properly zoned property (in Florida) the rescue will purchase.

A GDRRR strategic plan is currently under development which includes a fund raising and sustainability plan. We hope to launch a capital campaign for Phase 2 by year’s end.