



Coming Together FOR THE CHIHUAHUAS

In March Dakin assisted a Hampshire County resident whose dog population had become overwhelming. Initially, we rehomed 13 dogs, but there were many more dogs in the house who needed help, as well as the resident herself.

Working with state and local officials, Dakin removed 76 additional dogs from the home, of which 30 were brought to Dakin making it the largest dog rescue in our history.

The young Chihuahua and Chihuahua mixed-breed dogs were in overall good condition, but had not been socialized, or even let outside to eliminate. The simplest pleasures for a dog, like walking on a leash, befriending new people, or hopping in the car for a ride, would be completely unfamiliar and frightening experiences for them.

Shelter staff and volunteers moved at warp speed to create space for the arriving dogs. Foster caregivers brought shelter pets home, while other volunteers



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signed up for extra dog care shifts to prepare for their arrival.

Adoption Center Manager Moon

Wymore took time during that busy intake to send the woman a few heartwarming photos of the dogs settled in and comfortable at Dakin.

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A note from Meg

Dear Friends,

This issue of *Inside Dakin* is a terrific example of Dakin's reach throughout the Pioneer Valley region highlighting stories from our work with people and pets from Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire counties. It's because of your generosity that Dakin can achieve such a wide variety of geographical and programmatic impact.

Many of you learned through news stories and social media about our efforts in March to assist a Plainfield resident who became overwhelmed with too many dogs in her home. Although this story began with a difficult situation, it had a happy ending for the dogs, their adopters, and the homeowner who was able to see a pathway to a more

comfortable and healthy future in her home. I'm so proud of our team of dedicated staff and volunteers who all stepped up to support each other in providing quick and compassionate action to help a resident in need.

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