

January 7th, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Second Chance Animal Rescue Society (SCARS) & 780 Kennels Dog Trainer Adam Kidd

SCARS was founded in 2001 as a volunteer based animal rescue primarily for dogs. In the past years that have unfolded we have experienced many successes and heart aching moments that accompany any successful animal rescue. Two current challenges are rehabilitating & re-homing dogs with “issues”. The first step in addressing both concerns is conducting a dog behavioural & temperament assessment based on reliability, validity and practicality.

Many trainers and experienced behaviourists haven't been able to provide what Adam can at 780. Adam is able to take our dogs into his care and provide them with the appropriate amount of time it takes to settle and show their true colors. Most trainers and assessors require a same day appointment where the dog is assessed in a short time period and strange environment. This leaves any rescuer feeling frustrated as the dog's behaviour is inaccurately critiqued both by positive and negative interpretations, given the stress of arriving in a new setting.

Adam has alleviated this frustration and worry; he provides the dogs with a comfortable safe environment, with structure but most importantly, standardization, before and during evaluation. Adam's assessments have been accurate and helpful. His insight has benefited not only the dogs he has tested but SCARS as a whole.

Adam has tweaked his assessments of our dogs to fit SCARS' particular requirements and the needs of our dogs. Keeping his assessments professional, accurate, and informative provides SCARS with the necessary information to make important & safe decisions on re-homing our dogs. Overall, pairing the right foster/ adoptive home with our dogs is the purpose of his testing.

Adam allows us to feel comfortable for open discussions which may include questioning his assessment/ conclusions for a better understanding. His experience, knowledge, eager-to-help attitude and availability for any SCARS member/ foster/ volunteer is an asset to SCARS. Adam has proven to be a great sounding board.

I look forward to working with Adam in the future and developing 780 & SCARS' working relationship.

Sincerely,

Terra MacLean
Primary foster home and training coordinator;