



# CSDR NEWS

CHIHUAHUA & SMALL DOG RESCUE, INC.

## Baby's Story by Barbara Awe



**Baby (right) with new sister Heidi**

I woke up scared! It was cold, dark and wet. Is this what I have to look forward too? As the dark slowly turned into light I felt a bit better. But with the light came the noises and cars. They scared me so much. I am hungry and tired, and I wish I had a home. I think I remember a time when I felt safe.

Then one day someone stopped and helped. I was taken to a warm, dry

place and cared for, but the people made me a little uncomfortable. I don't know why, but people make me uneasy. It was so nice to have food and a soft place to sleep. They

seem to have patience with me! I already knew I must potty outside or something bad would happen, but sometimes it is hard to let people know when I want to go out. Nothing bad has happened here! This is nice. My stay here was brief, but comfortable. Again I found myself somewhere new, the people were nice and cared for me, but it didn't feel like home.

I grew more accepting of this new environment, (except for the cats, I didn't like them) and I began to believe life might be okay. But I kept hearing this word "foster home" not knowing what that meant. I just felt it was home!

Until one day 4 people came to look at me. Two were children and they had two small dogs with

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## A Second Chance for Chance by the Turnell Family

Chance was adopted by the Turnell family in November 2006. He has been a great addition to our home. Chance is improving on his insecurities after his rough start in life. He loves nothing more than going under the covers on the bed or a warm blanket from the dryer. He has been intro-

duced to our local off-leash dog park and has done fantastic. It drives him crazy when he hears the other dogs playing in the water. His favorite toys are a soft Frisbee and a stuffed Gorilla that makes Ape sounds. He has learned a "go for a ride" signal. We call his name and act like we are

using a steering wheel. We often ask ourselves how anyone could have abused such a sweet loving animal.



## From the Prez: We Save Lives

Our organization has grown, and it grows every month. Our volunteers are wonderful and they all have their own stories as to why they got into rescue and why they stay in rescue. But the one thing that we all have in common is: We save lives.

Not everyone in rescue has to be a foster parent. There are many, many things that need to be done just to rescue one dog and place that dog in a new forever home. There are many people involved with each rescue. Everyone plays a very important part in a rescue organization. And no one person can do it all.

A rescue starts with either a phone call or email from an owner or a shelter, saying we have a little one for you. At that point, the person who gets that email or phone call has to determine many things: Is this little one in our size limit, what is the medical condition of the dog, is it long haired or short haired, is it spayed/neutered, do we have room, who is going to foster. All these things are going through the mind of the person that gets that initial email or call. Once the call is over, then the real fun starts. We have not told the person calling in if we will or will not take the little one. An email is sent out to all foster parents with as much information as we can, sometimes it is not much, asking who can take this little one in. The person sits and waits for a reply saying, "I can". That

wait is always a very long wait because we know that if there is no reply, we can't take the little one in, and it is a very good possibility that this little one's days are numbered. Once we know who is going to foster the little one, then we have to rescue it from either the shelter or the owner. So, someone has to go and pick the dog up. If he/she is being fostered in another city, then transport has to be arranged, which could involve several people who work in relay to get the dog to the foster parent, which could be anywhere along the front range. If the dog needs immediate medical then we have to look at which vet is the best, are they open and we need to transport there.

Once the foster parent receives the little one, she/he will have to introduce the new one to the pack. In most cases it goes really well, but there are always exceptions to the rule. Then the foster parent must determine what medical this little one needs and arrange to get it all done. And then the foster parent starts working with the little one to get the dog housebroken and nurse him back to health. And once this is all complete, the foster parent writes a bio and takes a picture for the website. The foster parent knows at this point that once the furry little one is placed on the website, it is just a matter of time that the forever home is found. All foster parents hope that it is not soon, but they also know the sooner

the better so that they can help the next one.

Once the dog has been put on the website, then the emails and phone calls start again. An application is submitted and all references are checked. Once the references are checked an email is sent out asking who can do a home visit in whatever area the applicants live. Again the wait is on to see who has the time to go to a home visit. Once we have the person who is going to do the home visit, the application is forwarded to that person, who schedules a day and time for the home visit to be done. After the home visit is complete, a home visit report is submitted to the board of directors, and with the help of the person doing the home visit will determine if the application is approved to adopt a dog. If they are approved, then an email is sent to the applicant stating they are approved and that they will be hearing from the foster parent shortly. The foster parent will then contact the potential adopter to schedule a time to meet the little one. This is the hardest day for a foster parent because it is the day that their little one who has wrapped themselves around your heart, became part of the family, was nursed back to health and trained, cared for and loved, for whatever time the little one was



there, is now about to be adopted. This is the day we say, we can't do this any more, it is too hard to give up the dog. BUT, we kiss the dog goodbye, we cry, our hearts break, our homes become very quiet for the rest of the day. Our own personal dogs are wondering are we next to go, even though there is no way in the world that they are going anywhere. But it is a very sad day all around because not only did we lose a loved one, but we also have to comfort our personal dogs and reassure them they are not going anywhere. Then the next morning comes and we say, OK where is the next one to help and the cycle begins again.

Being a foster parent is the heart of every rescue organization, but each and every person in the organization is just as important. It takes many people to rescue a dog and when it is a weekend of many rescues, which does happen, then there are

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**Welcome to CSDR!!!**

Michelle Bostock

James and Brenda Cardis

Carrie Goldin

Linda Kressler

Chihuahua and Small Dog Rescue now has it's own myspace page, complete with links and photos.

If you have a myspace account please send in a friend request. The more friends, the more exposure, the more animals we can help.

<http://www.myspace.com/chihuahuasmalldogrescue>

**Baby's Story**

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them. I was frightened! They talked to me, petted me, and were very nice. By the end of the afternoon they took me with them.

I got to go on a car ride! Oh how I love to ride in the cars! I got to a new house and found many dog beds everywhere and two more dogs. Big Dogs! That night I got to sleep with the boy child in his bed. He fed me, played with me and walked me. I have slept in his bed every night since, with exception of sleeping in the girl child's bed at

least twice! I have now been here several months, never am I hungry, never am I cold or wet! There is always someone to play with me and I am never alone. The car rides that I love come frequent. I have visited the mountains and the plains! I have 2 sister dogs and one brother dog and two wonderful children who love me. I have finally found a home, with a doggy door, a big back yard and lots of fun! I still get frightened at times, but my family seems to understand. How I thank the persons who took me in until I could come home! Thank You!

**Signs of Heat Stroke**

Never leave a dog outside without shade or in a car! If your dog shows signs of heat stroke, get it to a vet ASAP!

- Panting
- Staring
- Refusal to obey commands
- Anxious expression
- Warm, dry skin
- High fever
- Rapid heartbeat
- Vomiting
- Collapse



**We Save Lives**

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even more people involved. But the end result is: Today, we ALL rescued a dog and we saved a life. This little one is getting a second chance at life and today we are providing the stepping-stone for that second chance.

Not everyone can devote the amount of time that I do, and that is perfectly fine. But, if you have room in your home and heart to help save a life, if you have time to help transport, make phone calls, to be a contact person, do home visits or to help with fundraising and of course fostering, or anything else that

you would like to help with, we would love to hear from you. And if you feel that small dogs are not your cup of tea, then that is ok, find a large dog rescue or a cat rescue, whatever your fancy is. There are many lives out there that need our help. The lives we save are the ones that can't speak for themselves

and need our voice to help talk, the lives that can't help themselves by going out and getting a job, the lives that can't tell us what is wrong, the lives that bring you unconditional love, the ones that will bring great joy into your life and the lives that depend on us humans for everything.

## Loveland Fundraiser, June 16th

Despite winds coming up and having to shut down early, we had a great day. We raised \$100.00 for our little ones. We possibly recruited a new volunteer who can help with doing home visits and transports and met several vendors that would like to be part of our big event next year. We also learned we must have sand buckets to help hold down the tent, and we need kiddy splash pools for our little ones to stay cool in. We had a great time. Please come visit us at our next fundraisers.

*Sue*



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## Tip

My dogs love rawhides, but they abandon them after licking off any flavoring. I was frustrated when I looked at the piles of used rawhides scattered around the house.

Last winter, I noticed that Inka dug an old rawhide out of the snow, and she

## Upcoming Events

### July 14, 2007

**Pet Wash** Bring your dogs to Pet Station. Pet Station offers a self pet wash. On this day, all proceeds for the day will come to Chihuahua & Small Dog Rescue. Please take your dog to Pet Station and give him or her a bath; you will have a clean dog and we will benefit. All proceeds will be used for medical costs of the little we rescue.

**Pet Station**  
2300 S. Colorado Blvd.  
Denver, CO  
10:00am—6pm

### July 14, 2007

**Brown Dog School Presents: 5th Annual Adoption Party**

There will be food, pet caricatures, vendors, games, agility, prizes, and most importantly animals will find their forever homes. All the money that is raised will be split among the rescues that participate that day.

Come meet some of our little ones for a Meet & Greet. We will also be offering Low Cost Microchipping.

9900 W. 44th Avenue  
Wheatridge, CO 80033  
11:30-3:00

### September 15, 2007

**Feet & Fur Meet & Greet**

Adoption Meet & Greet. Come visit with some of our little ones that are available for adoption at the Feet & Fur event. There will be vendors,

other rescue groups, demonstrations, games and tons of fun.

**Creative Arts Building**

**State Fair Grounds**  
1100 Beulah Avenue  
Pueblo, CO 81004  
9:00am– 3:00pm

### September 23, 2007

**Paws in the Park**

Adoption Meet & Greet. Come visit with some of our little ones that are available for adoption at the Paws in the Park event. There will be vendors, other rescue groups, games and tons of fun. We will also be offering low cost microchipping.

**Arvada Vendor Days**  
17975 West 64th Parkway  
Arvada, CO  
12:00pm-4:00pm

### September 29, 2007

**Petco Adoption Days**

Adoption Meet & Greet. Come visit with some of our little ones that are available for adoption. Our foster parents will be available to answer your questions and we will accept applications for adoptions. This is a day that you can meet several little ones at the same time. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Petco**  
17132 W. Colfax Avenue  
Golden, CO 80401-4841  
10:00am-4:00pm

spent hours chewing the soggy bone with more enthusiasm than she's ever shown for new rawhides. Inka's pleasure gave me the idea of soaking old rawhides in water for half an hour. After letting them drain, all the dogs attack them with gusto. They particularly enjoy untying the knotted bones. Keeps them busy mentally and physically.

*Jeanne*

