



# CSDR NEWS

CHIHUAHUA & SMALL DOG RESCUE, INC.

## Puppy Mill Rescue—Our New Adventure

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On August 14, 2007 Chihuahua & Small Dog Rescue, Inc. rescued 17 dogs from three different puppy mills in Missouri.

We thank Downtown Animal Care Center for all their after hours help in assessing the health of each little one and for allowing us to bathe them all. In particular, we thank Dr. McManus and Colleen for staying late to do the initial exams.

The following volunteers helped give baths and hold dogs for vaccinations and exams: Kim D and Karen, vet techs; Kathleen, Barb, Roger, La-Fronne, Mary.

We also thank Channel 2 News and Channel 9 News for the wonderful stories they carried about the rescue.

[www.9news.com/news/article.aspx?storyid=75543](http://www.9news.com/news/article.aspx?storyid=75543)



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## The Rescue By Sue Fisher

On August 14<sup>th</sup> I left for Hays, Kansas to meet the transport for the puppy mill dogs. I arrived in what my vehicle told me in 115 degree weather. As I started to load our little ones into my vehicle, someone yelled over to me to be careful as the people on the mill side of the rescue had been bitten by a number of the little ones. I said I will be ok—I have a first aid kit with me. Once all the dogs were loaded into their own crates, fed and watered, I was ready to head to Denver. The people who did the first part of the transport were shocked, because I wasn't bit by any of our new little ones. My vehicle was



just about to overheat because I had it idling so I could keep the little ones as cool as possible, but I was able to get back on the road before it did.

I arrived at Downtown Animal Care Center at 7:00 pm that evening to find Dr. McManus was there to help along with Colleen from the clinic. Kathleen, Mary, LaFronne, Barb, Roger, Karen and Kim

(volunteers of CSDR), were all there ready to help out for as long as it took. And they all had to go to work the next morning. The evening went great. We did our part of vetting and bathing all the dogs. Dr. McManus checked each dog for any medical issues and all the dogs were ready for surgery (spay/neuter) the next morning. Wednesday, they were all spayed or neutered and given shots. Wednesday evening



all the foster parents came and picked up their new additions.

Channel 9 News came to Downtown Animal Care Center Wednesday to do an interview about the rescue and to also video the little ones. Several of the little ones made it on the newscast. The report was also aired on WB2 News.

At the end of the day on Wednesday, many of us were very tired, but when we had a chance to step back and see



what a wonderful thing that had just happened over the last two days, our hearts were smiling and we had tears of joy in our eyes. 17 very scared and mistreated little ones will now have a new start in life. Thank you everyone for making this happen.



## Rose's Story

I came from a puppy mill in Missouri. I was very shy and scared. I have several scars on my body from the puppy mill, but they don't bother me any. I went through such trauma when I finally arrived in Colorado. I got a bath, nails clipped, microchipped, spayed, shots and teeth cleaning. After all that was done, I went to my new foster home. My foster mom was very quiet and gentle with me and offered lots of treats and special snuggles. After only a few days, I have now

learned that the leash is not scary; when I see it, I get really excited to go outside and play! I am not potty trained but trying really hard to learn. I am crate trained obviously and do NOT go potty in it. I LOVE sleeping in my doggy bed filled with toys! I bark very very little, but love wagging my tail and my mom says I have a very cute smile. I am still a bit scared when my foster mom tries to pick me up, but I'm slowly getting better. I get along very well with other dogs.



## Learn About Puppy Mills By Jeanne Stroh

Puppy mills appeared shortly after the end of World War II when farmers in the mid-west were looking for alternative crops. Not knowing that companion animals needed different care than farm animals, the results were often disastrous. Along came the USDA Animal Welfare Act, which licenses kennels after inspecting them for minimum standards, such as space for each dog, shelter, feeding and veterinary care. Unfortunately, a loophole in the AWA exempts retail pet stores and commercial breeders who sell directly to the public. Thus puppy mills continue to flourish.

Due to poor care and nutrition, puppy mill breeding dogs often suffer from a variety of skin and ear infections, arthri-

tis, cataracts, and bad teeth as well as little or no socialization. Full recuperation can take months or years.

A search on the web produces hundreds of links. One of the best, and most balanced, web articles is The Dog Owner's Guide at [www.canismajor.com/dog/puppymil.html](http://www.canismajor.com/dog/puppymil.html). Another good resource is the Humane Society at [www.hsus.org/pets/issues\\_affecting\\_our\\_pets/get\\_the\\_facts\\_on\\_puppy\\_mills/index.html](http://www.hsus.org/pets/issues_affecting_our_pets/get_the_facts_on_puppy_mills/index.html). You can read the Animal Welfare Act and Regulations including amendments at [www.nal.usda.gov/awic/legislat/usdaleg1.htm](http://www.nal.usda.gov/awic/legislat/usdaleg1.htm).

## Mandy's Story

### By Kathleen Stiny

Mandy is perking up and today she spent some time in the yard exploring (until now she has just sat on my lap quivering). She was pretty hesitant at first. She walked all over sniffing. After a little while, she suddenly realized that she was free!!!! She put her head up and then took off in doggie circles just enjoying her run. It was a wonderful sight to see her truly enjoying herself. Of course when it was time to go in she was terrified of me picking her up. It took quite awhile to catch her, but it was so worth it! Her gait is a bit unsteady and awkward. I think a daily run in the yard will fix that in no time. Isabella is in the pictures because she was never far from Mandy's side. Protecting her little charge!



Mandy & Isabella



Betsy



Jim Bob



Rosa



Margo

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## Upcoming Events

**September 9, 2007**

### Petco Grand Opening & Adoption Days

Come celebrate Petco's new store at North Union and Powers. There will be events and lots of dogs to see.

Adoption Meet & Greet. Visit with some of our little ones that are available for adoption. Our foster parents will be available to answer 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. We will also be offering low-cost microchipping.

**Petco**  
N. Union & Powers  
Colorado Springs, CO  
10:00am - 4:00pm

**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



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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



Chocolate Chip



Chiquita



Mandy