

A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As we come up to our 10 year anniversary, I would like to thank all our adopters, volunteers and foster parents past and present for believing in our mission and making CSDR the wonderful organization that we are. If it wasn't for all of you, we would not be here today.

Thank you,
Sue Fisher
President

UPCOMING EVENT

A DECADE OF DOGS – RESCUED, REHABBED AND REHOMED

On October 17, 2015, Chihuahua & Small Dog Rescue will be holding a fundraiser to celebrate ten years of rescuing, rehabbing & rehoming over 1300 Chihuahuas and other small dogs. Plan to join us from 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. for some good food, Mexican beers and wines, entertainment by “The Mike High Musical Tails” a silent and live auction. The event will be held at the Debus Mountain Auditorium in Highlands Ranch. See page 5 for details and to purchase tickets.

IS IT WORTH IT?

Sometimes we may ask ourselves, as a volunteer with CSDR, is what I do worth it? Am I really making a difference?

In an article in the Colorado Springs Gazette last November, it spoke about the fact that in El Paso County (the Colorado Springs area), the local animal shelter euthanized a pit bull every day. Statewide there were about 7,000 dogs euthanized. What makes this story particularly sad is that behind pit bulls, Labradors were the second most euthanized breed. What is even harder to believe is that the third most euthanized breed is the Chihuahua. The good news is that the number of dogs euthanized in the state was small compared to the number of dogs shelters adopt out or return to their owners. In 2013, over 53,000 dogs were adopted out. Because of your tireless efforts of transporting, helping out at Meet & Greets and vet days, fostering and adopting, and all the other ways you help, over 1300 little ones, in the 10 years that CSDR has been in operation, have been rescued because of people like you, and your dedication and devotion to the little ones.

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BE PREPARED

With the recent wildfires and floods here in Colorado, it never hurts to BE prepared. Here is the final of a three part article on

PREPARING YOUR PETS FOR EMERGENCIES

- Part 3. from FEMA

STAY INFORMED –

KNOW ABOUT TYPES OF EMERGENCIES

Some of the things you can do to prepare for the unexpected, such as assembling an emergency supply kit for yourself, your family and your pets, is the same regardless of the type of emergency. However, it's important to stay informed about what might happen and know what types of emergencies are likely to affect your region as well as emergency plans that have been established by your state and local governments. For more information about how to prepare, visit www.ready.gov.

The likelihood that you and your animals will survive an emergency such as a fire or flood, tornado or terrorist attack, depends largely on emergency planning you do today. Some of the things you can do are to be prepared for the unexpected, such as assembling an animal emergency supply kit and developing a pet care buddy system, are the same for any emergency. Whether you decide to stay put in an emergency or evacuate to a safer location, you will need to make plans in advance for your pets. Keep in mind that what's best for you is typically what is best for your animals.

If you must evacuate, take your pets with you if possible. However, if you are going to a public shelter, it is important to understand that animals may not be allowed inside. Plan in advance for shelter alternatives that will work for both you and your pets.

Make a back-up emergency plan in case you can't care for your animals yourself. Develop a buddy system with neighbors, friends and relatives to make sure that someone is available to care for evacuate your pets if you are unable to do so. Be prepared to improvise and use what you have on hand to make it on your own for at least three days, maybe longer.

HEALTHY EATS

We often hear the debate about giving “people” food to our pets. There are actually some “people” foods that are good for dogs and that they actually like. Treat your dog to one of these healthy snacks.

Raw Green Beans – Green beans have a high cellulose content making them hard for dogs to digest and are low in calories. When used as a raw snack, the slow digestion can be good for dogs needing to shed a few pounds.

Baby Carrots – Baby carrots are high in vitamins and minerals, including Vitamin A and Beta-carotene. With their high soluble fiber and crunchy texture, they are not easily digested and low in calories.

Sweet Potatoes – Sweet potatoes are a good source of Potassium, Vitamin A and Vitamin B6. When used as a raw snack, they make a great crunchy treat high in fiber and lower in calories than more processed snacks.

Zucchini – Zucchini and squash, in general, contain healthy doses of Potassium, Vitamin A, and Folate. They can be found year-round and are low in calories; finely grated with the peel left on, these veggies make for a great doggie treat.

Green, red, orange and yellow bell peppers – Colorful bell peppers are high in dietary fiber along with Vitamin A, Niacin, and Magnesium. They are also good source of Vitamin C, Vitamin B6, Folate, Potassium and Manganese.

Beets – Beets include Potassium, Vitamin A, Folate, Magnesium, Phosphorous and Vitamin C. Finely grated beets can be very popular, but don't be alarmed when your dog has pink urine or poop.

HOW WELL DO YOU SPEAK DOG?

PEANUT BUTTER & PUMPKIN DOG TREATS

Ingredients:

- 2 cups whole wheat flour, plus extra flour for dusting
- ½ cup rolled oats
- 2 large eggs
- ¾ cup canned pumpkin
- 3 Tbsp. natural peanut butter
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ cup water

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350° F.
2. Combine all ingredients in stand mixer with a paddle attachment. Mix until the
3. Flour your work surface. Roll dough to ¼" thickness. Cut into 1" to 1.5" pieces.
4. Bake for 25-35 minutes (depending on the size).

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At the park, you encounter a tense, staring canine whose tail is wagging slowly and stiffly. How you respond—and whether or not you get bitten—depends on which of these three personality types you fall into: the clueless, the caretaker, or the controller, says Alice Moon-Fanelli, PhD, a certified applied animal behaviorist in Eastford, CT.

- CLUELESS: Interprets a wagging tail to mean “I’m friendly” and approach is head on.
- CARETAKER: Thinks the dog is scared and needs comforting.
- CONTROLLER: Believes she/he can overpower the dog with stern talk.

The dog’s real message: “Back off or I might bite you.” Respecting a dog’s body posture helps you communicate more effectively.

Here are a couple ways to decode your canine’s communications:

- **Barking when the doorbell rings**

Your dog is sounding the alarm, and his barking escalates when you yell at him to be quiet. So acknowledge him by calmly saying, “I’ve got it. Go to your spot.” Then point to a nearby rug or dog bed.

TRAIN HIM: Get two friends. When one rings the doorbell, show your leashed dog a favorite treat and toss it away from the door while you say, “Go to your spot.” When he does, have your second friend step on the leash to keep him there—your dog will settle down if everyone is quiet and calm. Then open the door and reward your dog for sitting in his designated spot.

- **Jumping on people**

Consider it his doggy display of affection. This behavior is unintentionally rewarded when you yell or wave your hands in protest. “Any attention, good or bad, is still attention in your dog’s mind,” says Dr. Sophia, DVM, an animal behaviorist and the author of [How to Behave So Your Dog Behaves](#).

TRAIN HIM: Teach your dog to come when called and then to sit when guests arrive. Reward him with one treat for sitting and additional treats for remaining seated.

Prevention.com, Dec. 2013

**WANT TO FOSTER A PET?
LEARN TO SAY GOODBYE**

Watching a foster pet leave the nest can be rewarding but you probably are going to cry your eyes out.

A foster home is a place where pets get a chance to heal or come of age or learn how to be social. But knowing you are raising and training a pet for someone else can be equal parts gratification and heartbreak.

Fosters are an indispensable component for shelters and rescues, but there's a lot of turnover because of so-called foster failures—people who fall in love with their foster pets and adopt them.

When a foster becomes an adopter, no one minds, but it does leave shelters and rescues on a constant lookout for new fosters. Without foster homes, more animals will have to be euthanized. So spread the word about fostering, keep up the good work, and remember that for every dog you foster, it means another little life has been saved.

Excerpts from the Gazette, November 2, 2013



HOME
By
Sandra Vicksta

My name is 7458

Picked up as a stray

Aimlessly roaming

Lost

No collar - no tags

Abandoned

Crouched in a lonely corner

Defeated on cold concrete

Corgi/Shepherd mix, black with tan,
white on toes, male, young

Waiting hours, days, weeks

Forgotten, disposed, someone's
inconvenience

Was there any remorse?

Strangers pass by - no one stops or

Returns for a second glance
Time's running out. What will happen to
me?

Does anyone care?

Rescued, spared from lethal injection

Living with a family

I have a home!

Gentle strokes, soft voices

Snoozing next to feet

Chewing on a bone
Resurrected

Loved

MY NAME IS ARTHUR

Chihuahua & Small Dog Rescue, Inc. presents

A Decade for Dogs
Rescued, Rehabbed and
Rehomed

A Ten (10) Year Anniversary Fundraising Event



When: Saturday, October 17th, 2015
6:00 pm till 10:00 pm MST

Where: Debus Mountain Auditorium
at the Highlands Ranch
Recreation Center at
Southridge
4800 McArthur Ranch Road
Highlands Ranch, CO 80130

For more information contact
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Join us for a delicious Mexican buffet (featuring a taco bar and scrumptious desserts), a sampling of Mexican beers and wines, entertainment, live and silent auctions with a variety of items to bid on including fine dining, hot air ballooning, gift baskets for your favorite furry friend and much more.

Entertainment provided by "The Mile High Musical Tails"
www.milehighmusicaltails.com

Tickets are \$30 and are available at:

<http://eventgrid.com/Events/17543>

* 50% of your tickets are tax deductible Click our logo to the right to "like" us on Facebook!

