



CSDR NEWS

CHIHUAHUA & SMALL DOG RESCUE, INC

A Letter From The President

By Sue Fisher

Chihuahua & Small Dog Rescue, Inc. is celebrating it's fourth year as a rescue group and 501 (3)(c). In our short four years of rescuing small dogs, we have come a very long way. We started out with three people and almost immediately we were down to two volunteers. It took time and many mistakes, but we grew, becoming a strong and well known organization in the state of Colorado. My initial vision of Chihuahua & Small Dog Rescue was a small group of people helping a few little ones each year. I knew there was a need to help small dogs in the state, but never knew the real need. By the time we came to our first anniversary, we had rescued 100 little ones

and had 20 volunteers. I didn't think when I started out that we would rescue 100 in our first year.

Here we are at year four. We were very excited in February 2009 that we reached 500 rescues. That was a mile marker that four years ago I thought we would reach in about 10 years. In September we rescued our 600th little one. We lost a few along the way due to quality of life, but no matter what was wrong with a little one that we took in, their medical was taken care of. We have rescued numerous little ones with broken legs, little ones that have been hit by a car and a whole range of medical issues. We have never turned

away a little one because of their medical needs. The only time we turn little ones away is if we do not have the room. It always breaks my heart whenever I have to say no to a shelter because we don't have a spot for a little one in need. Unfortunately, when we have to say no, I very much know what the outcome of that little one will be.

As with any rescue group, we are always in need of foster homes and volunteers. We do not have a facility for our little ones that we rescue. Each one goes into a foster home to be cared for, taught doggy manners and get them house trained. When we get little ones in that need major surgery,

there is a long rehabilitation time for them and when this happens our foster home now becomes unavailable for a long period of time. A broken leg will take 8 to 12 weeks to heal and in some cases longer, because our little one may need a second surgery. But, we do not turn away this little one because he/she will be with us for a long period of time, we still take the little one and get them healed and ready for their forever home.

All that we have accomplished over the last 4 years would not have happened without the help and dedication of our volunteers. Even with their busy lives, they have all opened

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Hi, I'm Suzy. I came to CSDR as a bag of bones, but, with some good food and plenty of love, I gained 4 pounds.

I was so lucky to quickly find my forever home

Suzy

By Linda Kressler

and now I enjoy being a beloved member of the family. My new mom and dad say that everyone who meets me falls in love with me. I am adorable!

Mom has made me a great coat so I can keep warm when I play outside in the snow. My mom and dad took me

for my very first camping trip - we went to Phoenix to spend Christmas with my "sister" and her family. They wanted to keep me but Mom and Dad said No Way! I love camping.

Just look at my picture, I told you I was adorable!

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From The President Cont...



Pictured above is Chico. A little hairless guy who spent the last days of his short life in the loving care of his CSDR foster family.

Sometimes, it costs nothing to do so much!

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their homes, hearts and lives for the little ones we rescue. We have a great time, we have fun, we cry and we laugh, but it is all for our furry friends.

Foster homes are the backbone of our organization,

without foster homes, we would not be able to rescue chihuahuas and small dogs. We are always in need of foster homes, but if you feel that fostering is not right for you, we have many other volunteer opportunities as well. Our little ones need your help! Volunteering for Chihua-

hua & Small Dog Rescue is all about what you can do to help. You tell us what you can help with and how much time you can devote to helping save a life. Come join us as our little ones need you!

Fundraising Opportunity

If you can make the commitment once a day to visit this page www.chihuahua-smalldogrescue.org/onlinefundraisers.htm and click on one of the links, CSDR's little ones will receive 5¢ each day that you participate. It will only take a short time each day for you to do this.

Five cents does not sound like much, but if everyone

you know goes to this website and in turn passes this website on to everyone they know, that 5¢ can easily turn into hundreds of dollars in a short time that will be used for the medical care of our little ones.

Please bookmark the page and return there every day and click on one of the links. It will cost you nothing but a few seconds of

your time each day. Links can only be clicked once a day. However, if you are able, please click once at home and once at work. And please, spread the word to your family and friends.

From Our Readers



Sally

Dear everyone at Chihuahua and Small Dog Rescue,

Just wanted to update you that we absolutely love our new dog Sally!! She has made herself at home, is so good with our kids and with everyone she meets. She hardly ever barks, and quickly figured out our pet door. We have had only one potty accident in the house, and that was on the first day she was here, so I am proud of her for taking

herself outside to go potty when she needs to. She gets along just fine with our old kitties too.

I am used to having old dogs in my home, so it has been fun to have a younger dog who enjoys playing with toys and going for walks. Sally enjoys sleeping under the covers in our bed, she is sneaky about it too—starts out the night on the blanket but we wake up to find her under the

sheets! She gets to go to work with me everyday and her favorite place to sit is behind me on my office chair, I think I need to buy a bigger chair.

So thank you for all of your hard work with all of these dogs! We are so thrilled to have her.

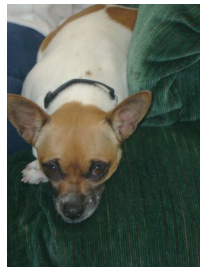
Kerry Hoobler-Riek and family.

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MEMORIES FROM 2009

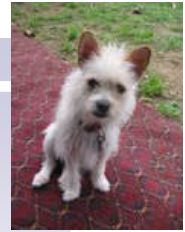
“Early this year my long time foster, Annie, was adopted. Even though she is missed, I am so happy that she found the perfect family.”

Jamie S.



El Camino, my monster of a boy. So full of spunk and always on the prowl for things to do. He was a very sweet boy and loved attention, although he was not so good at sharing it. He always wanted to be with you, even to sleep with you. He was special and I do miss him.

Betty Boop W.



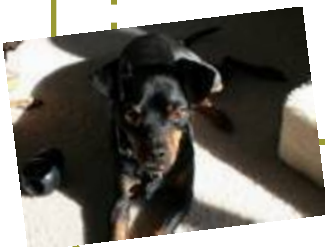
I fostered Mickey for a little over four months. He's a sweet little dog who is doing well in his new home, as I get regular updates from his adoptive mom.

When I first got him, he trembled when strangers would pet him, but a little time with my outgoing chihuahua, Leon, and he finally let his guard down and became a favorite at the Jax in Loveland.

I remember how he loves squeaker toys and broke most of them in my house. He also doesn't like doing his business if it's cold or rainy, but you couldn't stay mad at him for long.

I'm so happy that he found a family that loves him as much as I do, in fact, they love him so much, they are adopting another one of our dogs as a companion for him...he will be so happy!

Jen A.



Apollo playing in Christmas Ribbon.

Jesse C.

“My favorite moment from 2009 was at the volunteer appreciation party when Sue opened the gift from Betty. It was amazingly thoughtful and kind, and it was moving to see how touched everyone was by it!” (Hand made wooden grave markers for our little ones that went to Rainbow Bridge)

Tiffany R.

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MORE MEMORIES FROM '09



Bonnie & Clyde

Debbie B.



Becoming involved with CSDR this year opened our eyes to the burgeoning need there is for fostering abandoned animals.

We'll keep the memory of rushing downtown to the shelter to rescue our first foster dog, Moose, just before he was to be euthanized. Nursed back to health, and two operations later to repair a broken leg, we knew adopting him was inevitable. What a precious bundle of joy! We laugh at his antics - especially his stockpile of dog toys and shoe insoles that he collects and dumps at the front door daily.

Bonny and Katherine B.

Mr. Jingles stole my heart when he first came to me. He was very small but full of love for everyone. He was 9yrs old and had pneumonia. We tried everything from medication to breathing treatments. Some days it seemed like he was getting better and others worse. Finally he just could not hold on any longer. He crawled on to my chest, in my arms where he knew he was loved and passed away. I miss him so much and even now it bothers me to talk about him.



Betty Boop W.



Our favorite memory of 2009 was being able to care for Emmie and her two babies, Quinn and Potsie.

Barb & Dee

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MORE MEMORIES FROM '09



My princess, Pixie, finding the perfect forever home.

Jamie S.



I remember when I said I wouldn't get attached.

Nikki B.



Zeus has gotten along with our other furry family members quite well, but, this morning, he decided that the toy box was his kingdom. He sat in the toy box and "protected" the toys from our other two chihuahua's and mama cat. Anytime they'd get close, he'd bark like mad and run off to chase them away, only to return.

They clearly knew he was losing his mind so they continued to pester him running up to get as close to the toy box as possible only to allow him to chase them off. It was very sweet to see the matriarch of the house (an old fat mama cat close to triple his size) running around like a spring kitten. Zeus keeps our family young and alive and joy in the home.

Tracie W.



Put a string of lights around your heart!

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Mr. and Mrs. Clause with their trusted elf.

Holiday Cheer

CSDR had the wonderful opportunity last year to portray Santa and Mrs. Claus at local PetCo stores.

Besides being loads of fun for everyone who participated, this was a wonderful fundraising opportunity for our group.

Betty Boop and her husband Jeff played Santa at the Englewood store. Their elf was played by Eric, who is Dawn's son. Linda's husband, Mike, played Santa at the Northglenn store.

We had so much fun with this

activity that we have already began preparing for the 2010 Christmas season. The more Santa's we have, the more stores we can cover. Anyone interested in helping out with this is encouraged to let us know.

CSDR President, Sue Fisher, enjoying some time with Santa and Mrs. Clause.



CSDR volunteer, Charlie, enjoying some time with Santa and Mrs. Clause.





Meet Farley. Farley is one of our many dogs waiting for their forever homes. To see more, please visit the Furry Friends page of our website.

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.

Upcoming Meet & Greets

February 27, 2010

PetCo
9835 Prominent Point
Colorado Springs, CO
80920
9:00am - 3:30pm

PetCo
7460 S. University Blvd
Littleton, CO 80122
9:00am - 3:30pm

March 6, 2010

PetCo
1650 Cheyenne Mountain
Blvd.
Colorado Springs, CO
80906
9:00am - 3:30pm

March 13, 2010

PetCo
9835 Prominent Point
Colorado Springs, CO
80920
9:00am - 3:30pm

PetCo
9425 E. County Line Road
Englewood, CO 80112
9:00am - 3:30pm

March 20, 2010

PetCo
450 E. 120th Ave, Unit A2
Northglenn, CO 80233
9:00am - 3:30pm

PetCo
1650 Cheyenne Mountain
Blvd.
Colorado Springs, CO
80906
9:00am - 3:30pm

March 27, 2010

PetCo
9835 Prominent Point
Colorado Springs, CO
80920
9:00am - 3:30pm

PetCo
7460 S. University Blvd
Littleton, CO 80122
9:00am - 3:30pm

April 3, 2010

PetCo
1650 Cheyenne Mountain
Blvd.
Colorado Springs, CO
80906
9:00am - 3:30pm

April 10, 2010

PetCo
9835 Prominent Point
Colorado Springs, CO
80920
9:00am - 3:30pm

PetCo
9425 E. County Line Road
Englewood, CO 80112
9:00am - 3:30pm

April 17, 2010

PetCo
450 E. 120th Ave, Unit A2
Northglenn, CO 80233
9:00am - 3:30pm

PetCo
1650 Cheyenne Mountain
Blvd.
Colorado Springs, CO
80906
9:00am - 3:30pm

April 24, 2010

PetCo
9835 Prominent Point
Colorado Springs, CO
80920
9:00am - 3:30pm

PetCo
7460 S. University Blvd
Littleton, CO 80122
9:00am - 3:30pm