

# CSDR

## A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I like to thank all our supporters, donors and volunteers. Because of all you, this year we were able to take care of a special little boy. Baxter came to us because he was dumped in a shelter when his owners didn't want to deal with his medical issue. Baxter needed a lifesaving heart surgery. Baxter was only 5 months old, and he was just thrown away. Because of our donors, we had the funds to be able to give Baxter the heart surgery that he needed. Baxter is now in his forever home and has a clean bill of health. It is everyone who helps us that make these types of wonderful things happen. Thank you everyone.

Sue Fisher, President.



## MILESTONES

In 2013, Chihuahua & Small Dog rescue saw the adoption of our 1000th four legged friend since CSDR began rescuing the abused, neglected and abandoned little ones from Colorado high kill shelters. We thank all of you who have adopted, fostered, volunteered, donated and supported us in so many ways. We also thank the high kill shelters for working with us to help give these little ones a second chance.

## DOG of the Month

I love Lucy! No, not that crazy redhead. Lucy, is a 9-year old rat terrier-Chihuahua mix, whom we helped find her forever home. Back in October, Lucy was returning heading for the front door with her best friend, Milo, the five-year old son of Jennifer Rodriguez, by her side. Milo heard the hissing of a snake and ran away, but Lucy, as Milo's protector, was bitten twice, once in her armpit and once in her chest. The vet said that Lucy had taken so much venom that there was a good chance she would not survive because of the severity of her bite wound. She was becoming critical. Her heart rate was slowing and her blood pressure was dropping. Fortunately, she had access to anti-venom medicine.....and through some miracle, she survived. The vet was "mindbaffled", It just goes to show that when we can save a life, the little ones we rescue, can save others in one way or another. Way to go Lucy!

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## BE PREPARED

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

### PREPARING YOUR PETS FOR EMERGENCIES from FEMA

#### Part 1. Get a Pet Emergency Supply Kit

Just as you do with your family's emergency supply kit, think first about the basics for survival, particularly food and water. Consider two kits. In one, put everything you and your pets will need to stay where you are. The other should be a lightweight, smaller version you can take with you if you and your pets have to get away. Plus, be sure to review your kits regularly to ensure that their contents, especially foods and medicines, are fresh.

**Food.** Keep at least three days of food in an airtight, waterproof container.

**Water.** Store at least three days of water specifically for your pets in addition to water you need for yourself and your family.

**Medicines and medical records.** Keep an extra supply of medicines your pet takes on a regular basis in a waterproof container.

**First aid kit.** Talk to your veterinarian about what is most appropriate for your pet's emergency medical needs. Most kits should include cotton bandage rolls, bandage tape and scissors; antibiotic ointment; flea and tick prevention; latex gloves, isopropyl alcohol and saline solution. Include a pet first aid reference book.

**Collar with ID tag, harness or leash.** Your pet should wear a collar with its rabies tag and identification at all times. Include a backup leash, collar and ID tag in your pet's emergency supply kit. In addition, place copies of your pet's registration information, adoption papers, vaccination documents and medical records in a clean plastic bag or waterproof container and also add them to your kit. You should also consider talking with your veterinarian about permanent identification such as microchipping, and enrolling your pet in a recovery database.

**Crate or other pet carrier.** If you need to evacuate in an emergency situation take your pets and animals with you provided that it is practical to do so. In many cases, your ability to do so will be aided by having a

sturdy, safe, comfortable crate or carrier ready for transporting your pet. The carrier should be large enough for your pet to stand, turn around and lie down.

**Sanitation.** Include pet litter and litter box if appropriate, newspapers, paper towels, plastic trash bags and household chlorine bleach to provide for your pet's sanitation needs. You can use bleach as a disinfectant (dilute nine parts water to one part bleach), or in an emergency you can also use it to purify water. Use 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented or color safe bleaches, or those with added cleaners.

**A picture of you and your pet together.** If you become separated from your pet during an emergency, a picture of you and your pet together will help you document ownership and allow others to assist you in identifying your pet. Include detailed information about species, breed, age, sex, color and distinguishing characteristics.

**Familiar items.** Put favorite toys, treats or bedding in your kit. Familiar items can help reduce stress for your pet.

#### Part 2: Plan....next newsletter

#### FUNDRAISERS –

##### Pet Pictures with Santa

Dec. 14th , 11 am – 4 pm at PetSmart in Monument and Parker

##### Bake Sale –

Dec. 14 – Petco – Colorado Springs and Littleton

Dec. 21 – Unleashed by Petco – Arvada

##### DINING OUT –

The following dining establishments will donate a portion of the money we spend on food and non-alcoholic beverages back to CSDR. There is something for everyone's budget, so please tell your friends and families. Dates and locations are still being worked out.

- Texas Roadhouse
- Tucano's Brazilian Restaurant, Colorado Springs
- The Melting Pot
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## BLACK DOG SYNDROME

Black Dog Syndrome is a phenomenon that is known to shelter workers and rescue organizations across the nation. With the exception of black labs, black dogs are much more difficult to find homes for. They are often the last dogs to find homes and often among the first to be euthanized.

Many people that are not involved in dog rescue have a hard time believing that black dogs are harder to place than dogs of other colors. Others think the only reason there are so many black dogs in shelters is because genetically, black is the dominant color in many breeds.

Black Dog Syndrome may be caused by a combination of size, unclear facial features in photos that don't stand out as readily, dimly lit kennels, negative portrayals of black pets in books, movies, and other popular media, as always being the "evil" dog.

To bring this issue closer to home, the Royce-Hurst Humane Society of Grand Junction was cutting adoption fees in half for black pets. Similarly, the Best Friends Animal Shelter, the nation's largest no-kill shelter in the country had a national campaign called Back in Black, which ran thru November, to encourage people to adopt black animals.

The reality is that a dog's coat color has no affect on the dog's temperament and personality. Black dogs are just as playful, loving and fun as dogs of other colors. When adopting, take a second look and make an effort to see all the dogs available. Make your decision based on finding the dog that will best fit your family. Remember that dogs don't judge you on color and you shouldn't judge them either on what is on the outside.



## HOLIDAY REMINDERS from Heloise

As we prepare for the holidays, with Christmas trees and decorations, we need to remember that this can be a dangerous time for dogs and cats. Here are a few important reminders:

- Don't let animals drink the water that the tree is sitting in.
- A real tree can be hazardous. Needles from real trees aren't digested and may be mildly toxic or could even puncture the intestine.
- If you have a cat, you know how it loves to play! Keep lights and ornaments off the lower branches where a cat can reach them. If a pet bites the light cord, it can be shocked or its mouth burned. Broken ornaments can cause choking hazards or cuts.
- Keep wrapped gifts with bows or ribbons out of reach for the same reason. Pets may be tempted to chew paper, ribbons or the gift itself. They may also decide to "mark" the presents as their own.



Colorado Gives Day is a day of giving to your favorite non-profits. Chihuahua & Small Dog Rescue is one of the organizations that is part of this wonderful day. When you make a donation to us on December 10, 2013 through the Colorado Gives Day website your donation will be increased by a percentage determined by Community First Foundation and First Bank.

Please following this link on December 10, 2013 to help our the little ones that come into CSDR. Your donation will go 100% to the medical care of our little ones.

[www.coloradogives.org/csdr](http://www.coloradogives.org/csdr)

## TREAT TIME.

Here's a treat that is sure to please, and nothing is in these that you can't pronounce. Safe for humans, too.

### Peanut Butter Dog Treats

By NISA BURNS

MAKES 24 dog treats  
ACTIVE TIME 10 min.  
TOTAL TIME 1 hr. 10 min.

#### INGREDIENTS

1 cup plain oats  
1/3 cup unsalted butter (cut into small pieces)  
1 cup boiling water  
1/2 cups corn meal  
1 1/4 cup all-purpose flour  
1 egg  
1/2 cup milk  
1 cup peanut butter

#### DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 325°F.
2. In a large bowl, add oats, butter and boiling water. Mix and let stand for 15 to 20 minutes until a sticky consistency forms.
3. Add in cornmeal, peanut butter, flour, and egg. Mix until you get a flaky texture.
4. Mix in milk until a nice, smooth, sticky texture forms and everything is incorporated.
5. With your hands, roll mixture into balls and place on a greased cookie sheet, or one with parchment paper on it.
6. Place into oven and bake for 35 minutes.
7. Allow to cool before giving to your dog!

## TEN THINGS YOU PROBABLY DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT DOGS

1. The average dog is as intelligent as a 2 year old child.
2. Dogs and humans have been living side by side for about 15,000 years.
3. Dogs drink by forming the back of their tongues into mini cups.
4. Paul McCartney added a high pitched whistle, audible only to dogs, within The Beatles song "A Day in the Life". It was recorded for this Old English Sheepdog.
5. Two stray dogs in Afghanistan saved 50 American soldiers. A Facebook group raised \$21,000 to bring the dogs back to the U.S. and reunite them with the soldiers they saved.
6. If you let the hair of Poodles grow, it will form dreadlocks.
7. Max, Buddy, and Bailey are the most popular male dog names.
8. A dog's sense of smell is 10,000-100,000 times more acute than humans'.
9. Feeling a bit anxious? Studies indicate that petting your dog can lower your blood pressure.
10. It's a myth that dogs only see in black & white. Dogs see primarily in blue, green, yellow and various shades of gray.

