

Chihuahua & Small Dog Rescue, Inc.

Newsletter

Pasta For Pups

Chihuahua & Small Dog Rescue invites you to a pasta dinner! Join us for Italian fare, entertainment, a live and silent auction, and support a great cause at the same time. All proceeds from the dinner and auction go towards the medical care of the little ones that come into our care..

WHEN:
Saturday,
September 30, 2017
6:00 pm – 10:00 pm

TICKETS:
\$30
Purchase tickets at
[www.eventgrid.com/
Events/34123/pasta-for-pups](http://www.eventgrid.com/Events/34123/pasta-for-pups)

LOCATION:
Wildcat Mountain Auditorium,
Recreation Center at Southridge
4800 McArthur Ranch Road
Highlands Ranch, CO 80130



Nemo— One of our little ones that found his forever home.

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Are You The Pack Leader for Your Dog?

Article by John Silver

As dogs are pack animals, it is important to understand that they are always conscious of their position within the pack.

This "pack" consists of you, your family, other animals, and any other dog(s) in the household.

The Alpha dog, or pack leader, is the leader and protector of the pack. It is crucial that you accept this role. Your dog will be healthier and happier if it feels secure in it's pack, knowing that their leader does their job and every person is safe.

The first step in establishing your position as the pack leader, or "Alpha" is to learn which signals your dog will understand.

You need to regularly communicate "Alpha signals" to your dog in a compassionate and respectful way. This does not entail being aggressive, bullying, or overbearing to your dog! It is definitely a matter of learning the language that your dog understands, and utilizing the correct signals.

Blended signals and other inconsistencies will confuse your dog, making them think that the pack leader is not effective.

Your pet will be stressed and feel that they have to take control as Alpha to stabilize the pack. Although they are being "bad," you have given them the wrong signals so they feel justified.

So... what are these signals and how would you be able to communicate them effectively?

Firstly, the pack leader always eats before the other pack members, so you **MUST** eat your dinner completely and clear the table before giving your pet their full bowl of food.

They should see you eating and understand clearly you have completely finished before they are allowed to eat. Then, make them stay before you by placing their bowl down for them to eat. If you will be in the practice of feeding your pet before your dinner, or even during, this usually takes a while for the dog to become used to.

Be aware that any fuss they make if you are consuming is part of their learning process. You are giving them new signals, new information regarding the pack, and so you also must let them realize this. They might need time to assimilate this new information, so be firm but patient.

Next, you must always lead your dog, particularly through doorways and passages which can be slim.

NEVER let your puppy push past you or in front of you. The Alpha in a dog pack would not enable a dog that is subordinate to push past, or "lead" the pack, and consequently, neither should

you. Use a leash if need be, but ensure that you enter doors, spaces, gates etc. before your dog. Neither should you let your dog run up stairs in front of you as this permits them to run to the most top allowing them to look down on you, displaying classic behavior that is dominant.

The key for this is not to punish the incorrect behavior, but to not allow them to exhibit alpha behavior in the first place.

Once they do so, it will be too late to achieve that, but it is possible to not enable it. Work with a leash, closed doors, giving a short, sharp shout (or whatever your dog responds to), but remember to be firm, kind, and respectful. You're talking to your dog, not trying to bully them into submission.

Major part of becoming a pack leader for your dog lies in these techniques. Practiced repeatedly, patiently and consistently.



“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much”

—Helen Keller

These important words by Helen Keller are so true. One person can help one or two small dogs, but a whole group of people can help many more.

Chihuahua & Small Dog Rescue would like to ask you to please open your home to a little one so that we can save another life. Not everyone is ready for a life time commitment to having a small dog, but as a foster parent you are

not committing to the life time of a small dog, you are committing to a much shorter period of time so the little one can find their forever home.

Do you have that un-expected guest coming? Well you can say if you like, I am sorry the guest room is taken. Fostering a little one and knowing that you are saving a life is very rewarding.

Come join the family of Chihuahua & Small Dog Rescue and help save lives.

You can find a Foster Parent Application at:

<http://chihuahua-smalldogrescue.org/foster-parent-application>



What’s New in CSDR

Our website has a new look. It was mobile friendly but now it is even more mobile friendly and we made it a little more user friendly. But the really new thing is we now have a weekly blog.

We are very honored to have Nomi Berger as our blog writer. Nomi is the best-selling author of seven novels, one work of non-fiction, two volumes of poetry and hundreds of articles. She lives in Toronto, Ontario, Canada with her adopted Maltese Mini, and has, for the last five years, devoted all of her time volunteering her writing skills to animal rescue organizations throughout Canada and the United States.

See our new website at www.chihuahua-smalldogrescue.org and see the great info in Nomi’s blog.

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Heartworm Disease

Even though we live in Colorado and we don’t have a lot of different diseases that can happen around the country, heartworm disease is truly here in Colorado.

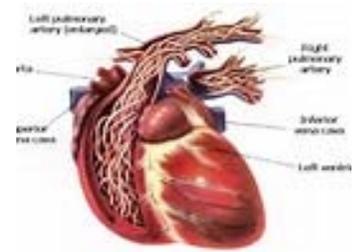
Just last week one of our vets told me that a dog came in

and tested positive for heartworm disease and the dog never left Colorado. So please be sure your dogs and cats are on heartworm prevention.

The small cost to have them on prevention is much cheap-

er than the cure for heartworms.

Please be kind to your furry friends in your house hold and put them on heartworm prevention. Heartworm disease can kill.



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The friendship and love each pet finds with a family is remarkable. If you have cherished a pet then you know all about the chemistry of love - that special bond which is unique to each pet and their human companion.

Please donate today to help our little ones get the medical care they need so they can find their forever home so they can find that special chemistry of love.

<http://www.chihuahua-smalldogrescue.org/how-you-can->

Helping Dogs and People Find Their Perfect Match

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your family and friends.



Peanut Butter Dog Treats

Ingredients

- 2 1/2 cups whole wheat flour (see note below for substitutions)
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 cup natural peanut butter
- 1 cup water
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 egg

***NOTE: some dogs are allergic to flour/wheat. if you want to make these wheat free, you can use rice flour or coconut flour as a replacement. they will work, but might change the consistency a bit.

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350F
2. In a large bowl combine flour, baking powder, and the egg. Add peanut butter, water, honey and stir until you have stiff dough. the dough becomes very firm and sticky. you may need to use your hands, or the paddle attachment on your mixer.
3. On a lightly floured surface, roll out the dough about 1/2 inch thick and use a cookie cutter to make fun shapes. The treats barely spread and rise, so get creative with your shapes.
4. Bake for 20 minutes, until golden brown. Keep in an airtight container or give as gifts!

