

Chihuahua & Small Dog Rescue, Inc.

Newsletter

Pasta For Pups

Passionate about pasta? Passionate about pups?

If so, you're invited to indulge both passions by attending our "PASTA FOR PUPS" fundraiser on Saturday, September 30, 2017 at 6 PM at the Highlands Ranch Recreation Center at Southridge, 4800 McArthur Ranch Road, Highlands Ranch, CO.

Mark the date in your social calendar and be prepared to paw-ty!

Tickets are \$30 per person and include Vergilio's Pasta Buffet, a selection of beers and wines, and silent and live auctions, all set against an exciting backdrop of musical entertainment.

Among the many items available for bidding are Denver Bronco tickets and memorabilia, Air Force football tickets, tickets for various local attractions, and sumptuous gift baskets.

All of the evening's proceeds go directly towards the rescue, medical care and adoption of the Chihuahuas and other small dogs we save.

Purchase your tickets at: <http://eventgrid.com/Events/34123/pasta-for-pups>

For more information, contact info@chihuahua-smalldogrescue.org or phone 888-804-0065.

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Be where it's happening!

And paw-ty with us!



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Tailor your emergency “kit” to meet your own specific needs



SOS: Keeping Dogs Safe in Disasters

Article by Nomi Berger

As unpleasant as the prospect may seem, planning for emergencies may mean the difference between life and death for the canine member(s) of your human family.

No matter the season, whatever the reason, all conscientious dog owners should ALWAYS be prepared. Simply put: if a situation is dire for you, it's equally dire for your dog.

If you live in an area prone to such natural disasters as tornadoes, earthquakes or floods, plan accordingly. Determine in advance which rooms are “safe” rooms -- easily cleaned areas like utility rooms, bathrooms and basements. Because access to fresh water is critical, fill bathtubs and sinks ahead of time in case of power outages or other crises. In the event of flooding, take shelter in the highest part of your home, preferably in a room with high counters or shelves for your dog to lie on.

When first alerted to the approach of severe weather -- and the possibility of eventual evacuation -- ensure that your car's tank is full, all essential fluids are topped off, and a high power flashlight (with fresh batteries) is in the glove compartment. If you must

evacuate, prepare for the worst -case scenario: think weeks, not days.

And being prepared includes a canine emergency evacuation kit equipped with a first aid kit; two weeks worth of dry dog food; bottles of water; food and water bowls; disposable cage liners and/or paper toweling; plastic poop bags; brush, hand sanitizer, liquid dish soap and disinfectant; treats, toys and chew toys, towels and blankets.

Of critical importance are photocopies and/or USB of medical records and a waterproof container with a two-week supply of any medicine your dog requires (medications must be rotated out of the kit if close to their expiry dates); recent photos of your dog (should you be separated and have to print “Lost” posters); and an extra collar with updated ID tags, leash and harness, although microchipping your dog is the best precaution of all.

And, of course, a traveling crate or carrier (if more than one dog -- ideally one for each) with complete contact information attached.

While ensuring your dog's safety, ensure your safety and

that of your family's as well by putting your own emergency plan in place. Tailor your emergency “kit” to meet your own specific needs, but ensure that your car is equipped with: a first aid kit; several gallons of water; non perishable foods, protein bars, etc.; a cell phone with chargers; a battery operated radio; flashlights and batteries; a multi-purpose tool, duct tape, scissors and whistle; sanitation and personal hygiene items; hand sanitizers and baby wipes; protective clothing, footwear and emergency blankets; maps(s) of the area; extra money and medications; copies of personal documents (medication list and pertinent medical information, proof of address, deed/lease to home, passports, birth certificates, insurance

policies); extra house and car keys, and family and emergency contact information.

Forewarned, as they say, is forearmed. And planning ahead helps dog owners keep cool heads while keeping their dearest dogs safe at the same time.

One question we are always asked!

What happens to the dogs not adopted?

While it's our hope that every small dog we rescue and place in a temporary foster home finds his or her adoptive home

as quickly as possible, some, quite naturally, take longer than others. This year, two of our “long term” fosters finally found THEIR forever homes -- Beans, who had been with us since the start of

2013 and Lexi, who had been with us since the start of 2014. As for those who never find adoptive homes? They remain safe, secure and truly loved in their foster homes -- forever.

“What To Do When Your Dog Is Shedding Hair All Over The House”

—by Tina Bray

Much like humans, dogs routinely shed their hair as part of their bodies’ “renewal” process.

If, however, your dog is suddenly and inexplicably shedding so much hair that his coat is thin, there may be a medical reason for it. Not only that, but you yourself may feel uncomfortable with the hair sticking to your clothes, your furniture, and scattered throughout your home.

Consider, then, the following suggestions:

Bring your dog to the vet: Only by thoroughly examining and running tests on your dog can your vet make a clear determination as to the cause of his sudden hair loss – from allergies and fungal infections to skin cancer.

Regularly brush your dog’s hair: Regular brushing lessens the amount of hair being shed here, there and every-

where, by removing the weakest ones, and allows you to spend some soothing “get closer” time with your pet. At first, he may not like being brushed, but don’t give up. Begin slowly, once a day, brushing several times, then gently stroking his back. If he seems uncomfortable, stop immediately. Repeat the process until he grows truly comfortable and allows you to brush the hair all over his body.

Feed your dog a balanced diet: Feeding your dog the most nutritious, properly balanced diet possible will help him stay healthy and keep his coat soft and shiny. Conversely, an improper diet will affect his overall health, make his skin dry and increase the amount of hair he sheds. To ensure your dog is on the right diet for him, ask your vet for advice, and carefully read each product’s listed ingredients before making an informed choice.

Use a vacuum cleaner: The most efficient way to clean a carpeted home bristling with dog hair is to use a vacuum cleaner. If bulky vacuum cleaners reduce your incentive to clean regularly, purchase a sturdy handheld one to remove the hair quickly and effectively.

Keep the water bowl filled: Without an adequate amount of water daily, your dog’s skin becomes dry, his hair grows weak, and is shed more easily. To avoid this problem, ensure his water bowl is always filled with fresh water and placed within easy reach.

Use a sticky roller: Sticky rollers not only remove dirt, they also remove pet hairs from your clothes. Assiduous “rolling” will leave your clothing happily hair-free before you yourself leave home.



About our President

Our Founder and President, Sue Fisher, has devoted her life to saving small dogs from being needlessly euthanized in shelters. A passionately active “hands-on” part of CSDR, she’s not only as dedicated to us, the volunteers, as she is to the dogs, she’s a committed volunteer herself. We hold a minimum of five “Meet & Greets” a month, and while most of us can only attend one or two, Sue attends almost all of them. Whether the events are held in Denver or in Colorado Springs, Sue is there – unless two are held on the same day, forcing her to choose between them! Fortunately, our vet comes to us to perform our spay/neuter and dental procedures, all of which are supervised by Sue. She also oversees the orientation and training of every new volunteer eager to join our ranks, impressing upon them – as she has on all of us -- that what matters most is the QUALITY of the care we provide for the little ones we rescue, rehabilitate and re-home. Her operating motto: “it’s all about the dogs, not me.”

Your Pet's Skin: There's A Lot to Cover!

Let's Make Sure Your Pet is Healthy All Over

September is when kids go back to school and finally, you have a chance to relax. Who wants to join you? Your pet! While you're snuggling with your furry friend, you may feel a bump or rash on their skin. What should you do?

Your pet may have bumps, lumps, missing fur, a black spot or a funny-looking toenail. Are these things something of concern?

For most owners, it's tough to know what skin issues are ok and what needs further evaluation.

Missing fur may be from a lost battle with a housemate. A black spot may be a tick. A rash may indicate a food allergy. A little bump may be cancer. Skin is the largest organ of the body and there's a lot to cover! That's why a yearly checkup is vital to your pet's health. When you bring your pet in for their wellness exam, your veterinarian will assess every part of them, from nose to tail. Your veterinarian will make sure your pet is healthy and stays that way!

Now that there's a little peace and quiet at home, schedule your pet's yearly exam. Your veteri-

narian will perform a thorough skin check and a few other easy tests if needed to keep your pet happy, healthy and a part of your family for a long, long time. Make an appointment today with your veterinarian!



Martha Stewart's Homemade Dog Biscuits

Ingredients

Makes about 5 dozen

1 cup all-purpose flour
1/4 cup wheat germ
1/4 cup brewer's yeast
1 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 tablespoons canola oil
1/2 cup low-sodium canned chicken stock,
plus more for brushing

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, wheat germ, yeast, and salt; set aside
2. Place oil in a large bowl. Add stock and flour mixture in three alternating batches, beginning and ending with stock. Mix well.
3. On a lightly floured work surface, roll out dough to about 3/8-inch thick. Shape biscuits using a dog-bone-

shaped cookie cutter or by cutting around a store-bought dog bone with a butter knife. (Make biscuits that are appropriate for your dog's size.)

4. If desired, you can spell out your dog's name or a holiday message in the dough with a toothpick (wet the toothpick first so it won't stick).
5. Transfer to parchment-lined baking sheets. Repeat with remaining dough.
6. Bake biscuits 10 minutes. Brush with stock; rotate baking sheets, and bake 10 minutes more. Turn off oven, leaving door closed. Let dog biscuits stand in oven to dry completely, about 1 1/2 hours. Wrap as a gift, or store in an airtight container at room temperature.





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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 magical bond unique to each pet and pet owner. Won't you please help the dogs we rescue ultimately experience that same magical bond by making a tax-deductible contribution towards their medical care today?

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

Helping Dogs and People Find Their Perfect Match

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your family and friends.



5 Benefits of Volunteering with Us.

1. Make a Difference

Sadly, 2.7 million animals are put down every year in shelters because they take in animals more quickly than they can adopt them out. By volunteering with us, you'll be saving the lives of Chihuahuas and other small dogs, and helping them find loving, forever homes.

2. Meet Good People

Volunteering with us ensures that you're surrounded by caring, compassionate and committed people -- all working towards one common goal.

3. Feel Better

Spending quality time with an animal has numerous health benefits. If you can't have a pet of your own, you can still reap many of the same benefits by bonding with the small dogs we rescue.

4. Learn Something New

Learn about rehabilitation and training, grooming and medical care -- skills you can put to good use either with your own pets or with those of people you know.

5. Find the Perfect Companion

Choosing a pet is a serious decision, and some make that decision too hastily -- based on appearances when personality, energy level and exercise requirements are the true determining factors. Working with us allows you a glimpse into each dog's specific character and characteristics, and who knows? You might fall in love with one of them yourself!

We encourage you to visit our web site for [more information on volunteering](#) and hope that you'll submit an online [volunteer](#) or [foster parent](#) application to become a vital part of who we are and what we do. .

