

Chihuahua & Small Dog Rescue, Inc.

Newsletter

Happy Holidays from Chihuahua & Small Dog Rescue

To Our Generous Donors and Friends

T'is the night before Christmas and all through the rescue, we celebrate the many small dogs whose lives we saved in 2017. Thanks to you!

How memorable was the relief and joy in their eyes as they left behind cold, lonely shelters and entered the loving warmth of temporary foster homes. Thanks to you!

How touching to see tucked tails emerge from between trembling legs and start wagging in happiness at the promise of futures far brighter than their pasts. Thanks to you!

This year was one of our most successful to date. Of the two hundred and twelve little ones taken into our care, some were doggy mamas with litters and some were litters without mamas. Many were adults and seniors, and many were injured or ailing. All of our long-term residents found their fur-ever homes, and while there were moments of sadness, they were ultimately outweighed by those of gladness. Thanks to you!

Now, as you consider your holiday contributions, won't your please consider making one to us? As a registered nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable organization, your donation is tax deductible and will help make the lives of more small dogs merrier and brighter in 2018. Thanking you in advance for your generosity, and wishing you a happy and healthy holiday, I am,

Yours truly,
Sue Fisher



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How to Keep Your Christmas Tree Pet-Free

By Kerry Lengyel



O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree—how very lovely your branches are on my hardwood floor because my cat toppled you over. This year, don't choose between your tree and your pet. Instead, follow these 5 tips to keep your Christmas tree pet-free this holiday season.

'Tis the season to decorate your Christmas tree with your family members. But don't forget that your 4-legged family members might want to get in on the fun. Remember that year when Fluffy pawed off all your precious glass ornaments? Or when Fido was running too fast and knocked the tree right onto the floor?

This year, you don't have to choose between your pets and your tree. Instead, follow these simple tips to keep your tree pet-free—and upright—all season long.

1. Fake or Real?

While the lovely aroma of pine needles and the beautiful natural green color are perks that come with a live tree, fake trees are actually much safer for pets. Your cat or dog may end up chewing on the branches of a live tree, which could lead to a trip to the

emergency room due to a punctured intestinal tract or irritated mouth. Consider a fake tree this year if your furry friend eats everything in his path.

2. Location, Location, Location

This may be a no-brainer, but it's important to find the best place to put your Christmas tree if you have nosy pets (and who doesn't?). Try to keep the tree away from perches or furniture that your pet can jump on to reach the branches. If you have a room where pets aren't allowed, consider that your prime tree area.

3. Keep It Up

Making sure your tree remains upright at all times can be a challenge with very active and energetic critters on the loose. Secure your tree to the wall or ceiling with an eye bolt or molly hook along with heavy-duty fishing wire. Also, if you can, elevate your tree so it's even harder to reach. See if your pets can topple *that* over!

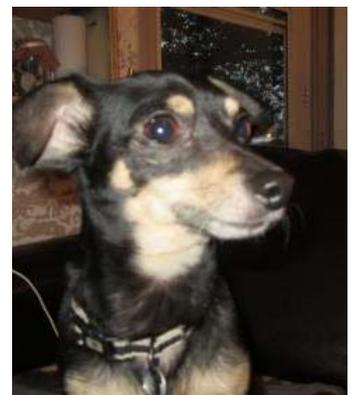
4. Cover the Water

Filling your tree stand with water is a necessity to keep the tree alive and healthy, but it's just asking for trouble from thirsty pets. Be sure to cover the stand with a tree skirt to make

sure your tree is the only thing that's drinking the water.

5. Use Deterrents

If your pets just can't stay away, consider warding them off by applying smells and textures under and on the tree. Aluminum foil or other unfamiliar textures placed under your tree will deter some cats and dogs. Also try spraying your tree with citrus scents, such as lemon or orange, which most cats hate. Of course, be sure that any sprays or repellents you use are not potentially toxic for your pets!





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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?

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Helping Dogs and People Find Their Perfect Match

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Why CSDR

Loved. Nourished. Sheltered. Saved. These four words form the doghouse that surrounds the single, small dog in our logo.

These same four words also describe our mission: to help dogs and people find their perfect match.

Why then, lend us your time and talent, your compassion and commitment?

Because our volunteers and our foster parents are, themselves, the most compassionate and committed people we know.

Because we believe in teamwork, and as a team, each of us is devoted to helping the other.

Do YOU believe in how WE define team?

Together
Everyone
Achieves
Miracles

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