

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, and live and silent auctions while supporting a worthy cause at the same time. All proceeds from the dinner and auctions go towards the medical costs of the little ones in 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

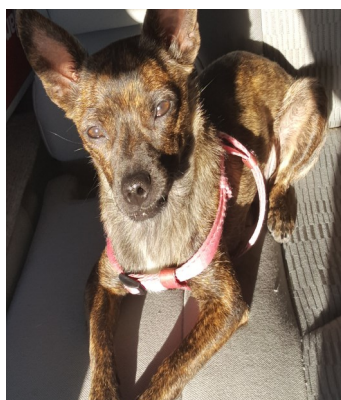
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*Gather some fun
games for all to enjoy*



Throw a Dog Pawty!

Article by Jennifer Chapman

Throwing a pup party for your dog demonstrates just how much he means to you. Not only will he enjoy himself, but it's also a fantastic way to spend quality social time with your best furry friend. Whether you're celebrating a birthday or anniversary, a reunion or graduation – or simply for the fun of it -- don't procrastinate! Start planning your party today!

Begin by drawing up a list of guests to invite, including your pup's favorite doggy playmates. Let your imagination run wild and create your own party invitations using colored paper, stickers and ribbons. Your invitees will really appreciate that personal touch. Fill party bags with delicious dog treats and toys for the canine guests and provide party favors and hats for the humans. Decorate the designated party area with signs saying "Wipe Your Paws" or "Beware of Dogs" and with brightly colored balloons and streamers. Look for balloons printed with everything from doggy faces and biscuits to doggy paws and bones.

Of course, cake is a MUST at

any party! Choose one of the many varieties of flavored dog cake mixes and frostings, perfect for satisfying even the hungriest hounds. For added pizzazz, use a bone-shaped cake pan and top your creation with sprinkles made expressly for dogs. Don't forget to whip up a tasty cake for you and the other dog owners, serving up generous slices on white paper place mats cut into the shape of a large dog bone. If you're feeling especially energetic, make the party atmosphere even more festive by baking another cake, organizing a "cake walk" to the song "Who Let the Dogs Out?" or "How Much is That Doggy in the Window?" and having the pups play the game by following their owners' lead.

If not, there are many other fun, interactive games to play, including "doggy dress up" and "pin the tail on the cat". People always enjoy dolling up their doggies (you can even vote for the best-dressed pup), and a grand old game of pin the tail never fails to amuse. For parties held outdoors, piñatas packed with doggy delights are a delightful idea: pups love the

treats while their owners get a kick out of making the treats spill out.

Then there are water relays and paw painting. For paw painting, mix cornstarch, water and food coloring in an oversized bowl until the consistency is smooth and runny. Secure large pieces of paper to a flat surface like the patio or deck and supply the guests with sponges. Have them apply the "paint" to their dogs' paws and let each pup take a turn padding across the paper, thereby creating original works of art for their proud owners to take home as souvenirs. The "paint" is safe and washes off easily with a hose or a dip in a kiddie pool. Just remember to have a stack of towels at the ready.

When your guests are preparing to leave with their pups, present them with the party bags you made beforehand, then cuddle up with your own precious pup to savor the good time you shared – together with some tasty leftovers!

What we are doing

As we near the end of our 12th year and begin our lucky 13th, we're proud of the fact that we've rescued more than 1,600 little ones to date, and may rescue as many as 210 this year. With a dedicated

base of 100 volunteers, we're continuing to reach out to and attract even more as we continue to grow, and we couldn't be prouder of our low return rate which stands at a remarkable ½ of 1 percent.

The key to this success is our firm belief in "quality" over "quantity" in that we're committed to giving our little ones the highest quality of care before placing them in the best possible adoptive

"Mind Your Canine Manners"

—by Nomi Berger

The lure of the dog park is inescapable. That wide expanse of grass. Trees, shrubs and rocks dotted about. Perhaps a metal fence for added protection.

As inviting as the scene may be, it's essential that both you and your dog pass the test in proper dog park etiquette before you even enter the grounds.

There may be no signs posted stating "BAD MANNERS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED," but every well-informed dog owner knows what they are.

For those first time owners who have absolutely no clue, the following is a list of the most essential DO'S and DON'T'S of playing safely at the dog park.

DO keep your dog under control at all times and DO make certain that he always comes when called. Pity those poor owners standing helpless and

hoarse, leashes dangling, treat bags drooping, while their own dogs dance off disobediently into the distance.

DO make certain that your dog has been properly socialized beforehand. What's worse than watching an aggressive dog going after a timid dog, resulting in punishment for one and pet therapy for the other?

DO ensure that your dog is up to date on all of his vaccinations, is heartworm negative and parasite protected. Think about all of those tiny, unseen menaces like fleas and ticks lurking about in the grass.

DON'T bring an intact male or female dog to the park. Picture the pandemonium that would ensue. Not to mention the potential for a passel of unplanned pups.

DO monitor the behavior of the other dogs in the park and be alert to possible signs of

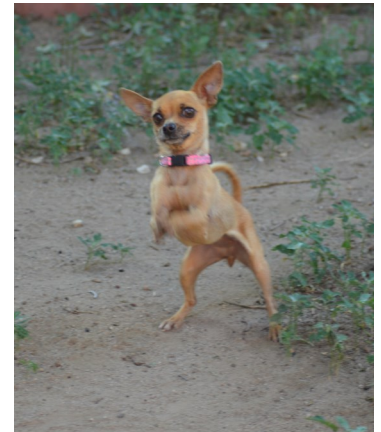
trouble. Step into referee mode and start dropping penalty flags on the field if loose packs are forming, playing is getting too rough or bullying has begun.

DO be prepared to leave the park if it means avoiding a potentially unpleasant or dangerous situation. Whether it's your dog's fault or someone else's dog, finger pointing is preferable to finger biting. But both should be studiously avoided.

DO be considerate of the other dogs and their — hopefully — considerate owners. Stoop and scoop up carefully after YOUR dog. If you don't appreciate your dog's nose sniffing at, or your feet slipping on, another dog's droppings, you're certainly not alone.

Forewarned, as they say, is forearmed.

Now, go play!



*Bad Manners will not
be tolerated*

Off the Beaten Path

This may not be about "small dogs", but it IS about a larger issue: email scams. Two weeks ago, CSDR received an email from a party informing us that they wanted to donate \$3,000 to the rescue. From the way it was written, I felt it was a scam. I was asked for our name, address and telephone number, and since our name, address and telephone number are a matter of public record, I sent them the information. Their response: the check is in the mail. The next day, they emailed to say they hadn't yet mailed the check but would send it that day with an additional \$1,500 for us to forward to another charity. Knowing it was definitely a scam, I agreed. A check for \$4,500 was mailed to us by the US Postal Service by Priority Mail with a tracking number, and when I opened the envelope, I saw that the check was issued by a company in California and mailed from Florida. The company does exist, the routing number matched the bank's name on the check, as did the addresses of both. They had certainly worked hard at making this look real! Bringing the check to our bank, I told them about my suspicions, and when they called the other bank, my suspicions were confirmed. When our bank asked to keep the check and the envelope, I agreed, and they were sent to their fraud department. The takeaway from all this: be wary of such scams. As the saying goes: if it seems too good to be true, it probably is.

Annual Physical Exams

As with people, annual physical exams are recommended for pets. Older dogs or those with medical problems may require even more frequent examinations. A year is a long time in a dog's life, and assuming that most small dogs will live into their early teens, they will only receive 13 or more annual exams in their lifetime. A small price to pay for keeping them healthy!

During your own dog's annual exam, we suggest that you review the following with your vet:

- Vaccination status
- Parasite control for intestinal parasites, fleas, ticks, mites, and heartworms
- Dental health care you give at home; any mouth odors, pain, or other signs of disease you may have observed
- Nutrition including what your dog eats, how often, what supplements and treats are given, and changes in water consumption, weight, or appetite
- Exercise how much exercise your dog receives including how often and what kind; and any changes in your dog's ability to exercise
- Ears and Eyes any discharge, redness, or itching
- Stomach and intestines any vomiting, diarrhea, constipation, gas, belching, or abnormal stools
- Breathing any coughing, shortness of breath, sneezing, or nasal discharge
- Behavior any behavior problems such as barking, 'accidents,' or changes in temperament
- Feet and legs any limping, weakness, toenail problems
- Coat and skin any hair loss, pigmentation changes, lumps, itchy spots, shedding, mats, or anal sac problems
- Urogenital any discharges, heats, changes in mammary glands, urination difficulties or changes, neutering/spaying if it has not already been performed
- Blood tests especially for geriatric dogs, those with medical problems, and those who are receiving medications



Sweet Potato Dog Treats

Ingredients

- 1 Sweet Potato
- 2 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
- 1/4 cup unsweetened applesauce
- 2 eggs

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Prick sweet potato several times with a fork.
2. Heat sweet potato in a microwave on high until tender, about 6 minutes. Cut potato in half and scoop flesh out of the skin into a bowl; discard skin. Mash potato with a fork or potato masher and transfer about 1 cup to a large bowl. Save any remaining sweet potato for another use.
3. Mix whole wheat flour, applesauce, and eggs in the large bowl with the sweet potato until a dough forms. Turn dough out on a well-floured surface and roll dough to about 1/2-inch thick. Cut out shapes using a cookie cutter or cut dough into strips with a pizza cutter. Arrange cookies on an ungreased baking sheet.
4. Bake until crisp, 35 to 45 minutes. Cool in the pans for 10 minutes before removing to cool completely on a wire rack.





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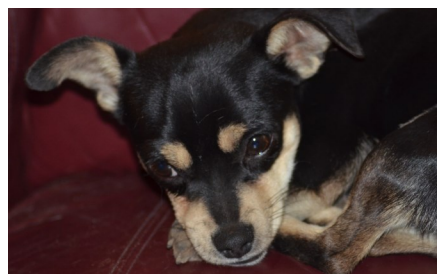
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The friendship and love each pet finds with a family is remarkable. If you have cherished a pet, then you know all about the chemistry of love: that magical bond unique to each pet and pet owner. Won't you please help the dogs we rescue ultimately 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.



Volunteer with Us

As a volunteer-based organization, Chihuahua & Small Dog Rescue is always in need of the time and talents of more caring and committed volunteers. If you're passionate about animals and eager to add your voice to ours, won't you consider joining us in one of the following capacities:

- ◆ Administrative Work From Home
- ◆ Adoption Follow Up
- ◆ Adoption Meet & Greets
- ◆ Committee Member
- ◆ Dog Trainer
- ◆ Education & Outreach
- ◆ Events & Fundraising
- ◆ Foster Parent
- ◆ Grooming
- ◆ Home Visits
- ◆ Newsletter
- ◆ Photography
- ◆ Social Media
- ◆ Tabling/Agency Fairs
- ◆ Transportation
- ◆ Website Support

Visit our website to see [more information on volunteering](#) and while you are there you can submit an online [volunteer](#) or [foster parent](#) application.

