



CSDR NEWS

CHIHUAHUA & SMALL DOG RESCUE, INC.

Avoid Toxins

Spring is here and many of us are turning our attention to the garden. Unfortunately, dozens of common plants are toxic or even fatal for dogs. The most impressive list of toxic plants is located at http://www.healthypet.com/library_view.aspx?ID=133&sid=1. Besides identifying toxic plants, this list also indicates which bodily system can be affected (cardiovascular, gastrointestinal, respiratory, neurological, kidney/organ failure). Another good resource is the Veterinary Medicine Library at <http://www.library.uiuc.edu/vex/toxiccomlist.htm>.

In addition to plants, this is a good time to review household items as many of them are also toxic to dogs. Items to avoid include

- ◆ Chocolate
- ◆ Coffee/coffee grounds
- ◆ Raisins and grapes
- ◆ Cooked bones

- ◆ Avocado
- ◆ Onions and onion powder
- ◆ Macadamia nuts
- ◆ Alcoholic beverages
- ◆ Prescription and over the counter drugs
- ◆ Fabric softener sheets
- ◆ Fertilizer
- ◆ Antifreeze
- ◆ Citronella candles
- ◆ Cocoa mulch
- ◆ Fly baits containing methomyl
- ◆ Slug and snail baits containing metaldehyde

If your dog eats a toxic substance, stay calm. Try to identify the substance and collect samples. If the dog vomits, collect that too. Contact your vet immediately or an emergency hospital. Some poisons do not cause symptoms right away, so if you spot your dog eating something toxic, contact the vet even if you don't see symptoms.



A good resource for responding to potential poisoning is http://www.asPCA.org/site/PageServer?pagename=pro_apcc_whattodo. Learn what to do now so that you're ready if your dog gets into something it shouldn't.

Dogs' systems are designed to handle rotten meat, so if your dog finds a dead bird as mine did, there's no need to panic if they eat it. Dead rodents may have been poisoned, so check with your vet if your dog chews on one.

Puppies and young dogs are most likely to chew on things. Supervision can help if you find a few toxic plants in your yard. Many bulbs, like my favorite daffodil, are planted much too deep for small non-terrier dogs to dig up easily.

Jeannie

New Volunteers for April



Welcome to CSDR!!!

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Perpetual Care for Pets By Jeanne Stroh

Last month a co-worker died in a car accident. I wondered if he had pets and what his family did with them if he did. People in my family typically live into their 80s and 90s, so I have felt confident that I will outlive my pets. The reality, however, is that accidents and illnesses can dramatically shorten one's life span. My initial research suggests that I'm not alone in wanting to make arrangements for my pets. Pet owners are increasingly planning ahead for their pets.

Regardless of the final options you select, there are three things you should do right away to help protect your pets in case something happens to you. First, carry a card in your wallet notifying emergency workers that you have pets at home and list contact info for someone who can care for your pets in an emergency. Even if you set up a trust for your pets, you need someone to take care of them until all the legal steps have been completed. Naturally, you want to discuss this with your emergency person in advance and give that person a key to your

home so that he or she has access to your pets. Your emergency person will also need to know your long term plans for your pets so that he or she can contact the right people. Second, post a notice on your doors telling fire and police that you have pets inside. Be sure to keep this notice up to date so that fire fighters don't have to search your house for a pet that is no longer there. Include contact information for your emergency person on the notice or provide this information just inside the door. Third, write up information on your pets and include pictures if possible. Keep this document or a copy of it with your will. Include things like descriptions of each pet, what you feed them, veterinary information, anything you think your emergency person and long term caregiver would need to take care of your pets. The Humane Society of the United States offers a free kit with templates for these three items along with instructions. http://www.hsus.org/pets/pet_care/provid-



[ing for your pets future without you/](#)

Veterinary schools and some shelters offer perpetual care for pets as long as you provide funds for their care. All the veterinary schools I looked at wanted \$25,000 per pet. In most cases, veterinary students care for the pets until adoptive homes are found for them. One site helpfully suggested ways to finance this arrangement such as purchasing life insurance with the school as beneficiary. Frankly, I don't think my estate will be big enough to pay that much for all my pets, so I'm looking further into other options. The Humane Society of Boulder Valley has a Guardian Care Program that may appeal to some people. <http://www.boulderhumane.org/help/ccfl.html>

Setting up a trust for your pets looks a bit tricky. In most states pets are considered property and can't be beneficiaries, but you can set up a system of checks and balances with a caregiver and trustee who have to work together. For a nice overview of the legal possibilities, see Professor Beyer's article on estate planning for pets at <http://www.professorbeyer.com/Articles/Animals.htm>. Although he couldn't avoid

legal language completely, Professor Beyer does a nice job of explaining everything in everyday language.

At least one sanctuary exists where pets can live out their lives. It's located in another state, so I didn't pursue it. I think most of us would want to avoid a situation where our dogs would be kept in a shelter or sanctuary. These kinds of facilities generally lack the staffing to provide the level of attention to which our pets are accustomed. The noise in these facilities would be very stressful for small dogs as well.

Making arrangements for pets in the event of disability or death is a very personal task. Each person will no doubt make different arrangements. If none of the options discussed here appeal to you, type "perpetual care for pets" into a search engine and you'll get dozens of links to explore. Talking with family and friends is a good first step. Writing out your wishes for your pets is another excellent step. At least your survivors will have something to go by if you haven't completed more formal arrangements when the need arises.

Always teach a new puppy to give kisses. That way, you'll still love her when she pees on your bed.

New Fundraising Opportunity

Chihuahua & Small Dog Rescue, Inc., will receive a portion of each sale to help with our little ones medical costs.

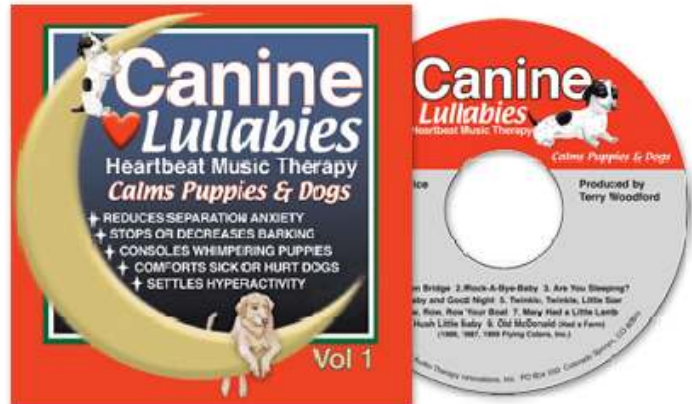
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Hush Little Baby
Old McDonald (Had a Farm)***

According to Elaine Reinhardt in [The Whole Dog Journal](#), "Soy, corn, and wheat are at the top of the list of foods that irritate canine digestion." See *Cause or Effect? Another yeast species is implicated in chronic itching and scratching* in the May 2007 issue.

A Dog Sits Waiting

A dog sits waiting in the cold autumn sun
Too faithful to leave, too frightened to run.
He's been there for days now with nothing to do,
But sit by the road, waiting for you.
He can't understand why you left him that day,
He thought you and he were stopping to play.
He's sure you'll come back, and that's why he stays.
How long will he suffer? How many more days?
His legs have grown weak his throat parched and dry.
His sick now from hunger and falls with a sigh.
He lays down his head and closes his eyes.
I wish you could see how a waiting dog dies.

By Kathy Flood. 

Books

With several titles to her credit, Deborah Wood specializes in small dogs. Her book, **Help for Your Shy Dog: Turning Your Terrified Dog into a Terrific Pet**, is particularly good for rescue dogs.

Wood starts by helping readers identify nervousness and goes on to talk about socialization as a way to help shy dogs cope. Each chapter concludes with a case study. Wood includes realistic expectations for the amount of time needed to rehabilitate a shy dog. Other chapters include phobias and uncontrolled urination/defecation

and fear-biting. This book is very readable and easy to understand.

Another excellent Deborah Wood title for rescue dogs and any small dog is **Little Dogs: Training Your Pint-Sized Companion**.

Simply because of their size, small dogs present some challenges, but more importantly, small dogs require safety training and socialization. Even though small breeds were bred to live with humans in their homes, they still require socialization to learn to behave as a member of the household.

The book is a fun read as Wood uses humor throughout, referring to snappy dogs as armpit piranhas for example. Wood also has a wonderful understanding of life from the perspective of a tiny dog. She points out that "from your little dog's perspective, you seem as tall as a four story building seems to a human."

Experienced trainers who haven't worked with toy breeds can benefit from these books as well as the inexperienced owner.

Jeanne



Another New Fundraising Opportunity



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10,000,000 pets are lost every year and never find their way home. It is a heart breaking experience and we don't want it to happen to you and your best friend.

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you have donated to a great non-profit organization.

Amber Alert for Pets™ is an association of over 1,000 pet owners in our community, who will go out in the community and look for a lost pet if one of our member's pets is lost. This is a terrific program and we are proud and happy to be able to

assist you and your pet in becoming members. We strongly encourage you not to miss this opportunity. **Please take advantage of this offer and join the over 1,000 members of Amber Alert for Pets™ today!**

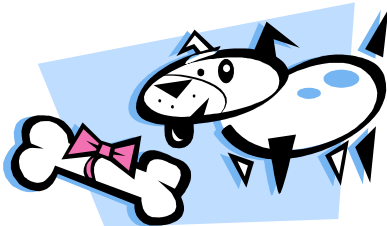
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The Gift By Sharon Henson

**Eyes fearful, paws worn
A sorrowful sight**

**Love they said would be the cure
For the suffering
You had to endure**

**So our family grew that day
We brought you home
With us you'd stay**

**Slowly, gently the bond grew
Faithful, loyal
Loving true**

**Looking backing it's so unclear
How we got by
Without you here**

**Trusted companion, devoted friend
You give and give
It never ends**

**They said we were a gift to you
But now we know
Who rescued who**



CSDR Upcoming Events

Microchip Fundraisers

All proceeds go to Chihuahua & Small Dog Rescue, Inc. for medical costs of foster dogs.

Bring your dogs or cats to be micro-chipped so if they get loose, they will find their way back home.

Cost: \$35 per microchip which includes registration.

May 20, 2007
Key Bank Academy-Hancock
3085 S. Academy Blvd
Colorado Springs, CO 80916

10:00am-4:00pm

June 9, 2007
Little Caesar's Pizza
1175 S. Prairie Avenue
Pueblo, CO
10:00am-4:00pm

Adoption Days

Here's a chance to visit with several of our little ones at once that are available for adoption. Foster parents will be available to answer questions. We will accept applications for adoptions.

PetSmart
7350 S. Gartrell
Aurora, CO 80016
May 19, 2007, 11:00am—3:00pm

Ongoing Fundraisers

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