



# CSDR NEWS

CHIHUAHUA & SMALL DOG RESCUE, INC.

## Gingersnap becomes Ginger By Jane Turk



My husband Dave and I used to joke that he married me for my money and my fluffy little white dog. When we got married ten years ago, I had a Pekinese/Poodle mix named Shasta. I had adopted her when she was 18 months old, and she had been with my two daughters and me during their growing-up years. Shasta immediately warmed to Dave, and we both were very attached to Shasta when she died at 17 years old in July of 2005.

We decided to let some time pass (it's called grieving) before we found another dog. We both recently took an early retirement, and we planned to stay physically active while we're

healthy. We figured that we'd enjoy not having the responsibility of a pet and would, therefore, travel more often. (We didn't.)

After about six months, we began to look online at all the area shelters. We again wanted to adopt rather than buy a puppy. We enjoyed having a small dog, and we'd observed that small dogs seemed to be adopted quickly. We did some research about small breeds and their characteristics, so that we knew what to expect. Online we noticed an organization called Chihuahua and Small Dog Rescue. We called CSDR, submitted an application, and they visited our home.

Soon after the CSDR home visit, we spotted a picture

online of Ginger Snap, a Chihuahua/Terrier mix whose owner had died, and we immediately called CSRD to see if we could visit her. We drove from our home in Golden to her foster home in Colorado Springs. We watched her tumble and play with her two beagle companions, and then we took her for a walk to talk it over. We decided that she was the one for us and took her home that day in August 2006.

We shortened her name to Ginger, and it took a few days for her to adjust to the sounds and routines of our home. At first, she had some separation anxiety, but she quickly learned that we always come home. She is the ultimate lap dog, and she keeps us active with her daily walks. We walk on a path that we call the "salad bar" because she likes to munch on the grass. We've discovered that she loves veggies like lettuce, zucchini, carrots and her favorite treat is frozen green beans. She loves to slide on the hardwood floor while playing "Chase the Rabbit" with her stuffed rabbit. She is calm and gentle with our 19-month-old granddaughter, and she likes to be around people and other dogs. Each morning about 5:00 she comes to

the edge of our bed to seek permission to jump into bed with us. She will jump right up if we say "yes" but will also go back to her own bed if we say "no" (she's a bed hog). She has become part of our family and gives us lots of joy. What a great dog!

We have met several other people on our walks who have adopted their dogs; we even met one couple who has four dogs, two with special needs. Thanks to people like these who adopt from shelters or rescue groups; and thank you to the CSDR volunteers and for those who provide loving foster homes. We appreciate your generous warm hearts and all you do for our dog friends.



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## Vaccinosis by Jeanne Stroh

*Note: This article is intended to inform dog owners. Foster dogs will follow the vaccination schedule as determined by the CSDR Board of Directors.*

It is common knowledge that vaccines may cause anaphylactic shock (a severe allergic response), but most dog owners are not aware of increasing evidence that vaccines may be implicated in long-term chronic illnesses and temperament changes that veterinary professionals are calling vaccinosis. Chronic disorders tend to fall into the auto-immune category such as skin disease, allergies, inflammatory bowel disease, spondylosis (spinal osteoarthritis), hemolytic anemia, thrombocytopenia (reduced platelet count) but may also include seizures, lethargy, warts, and more. Temperament changes are primarily linked to the rabies vaccine and according to Michael E Dym, VMD (<http://www.canineworld.com/dr/dym/rabiesalert.htm>), symptoms might include reverse sneezing, increased sexual desires (even in neutered pets), aggression, suspicion, unusual fears, and lack of impulse control. Because rabies vaccines appear to cause more health problems than most other vaccines, some owners in some states request a waiver so that they can avoid over-vaccinating sick and senior dogs. I haven't found information about how or if Colorado accepts waivers.

About a year ago, I took 13

year old Corky, a rat terrier, to the vet for dental work and asked them to go ahead and give her vaccinations at the same time. When

I went to pick her up, they said she bled so much after pulling a tooth that they wanted to keep her overnight. They ended up keeping her another day. She seemed so weak and sick when I brought her home that I stayed home from work the next day to watch over her. That night she woke me howling. Before I could finish dressing to take her to an emergency clinic, she collapsed. I scooped her up and rushed to the vet, but she was dead when we arrived. The vet who checked her said he thought she had a platelet problem. I didn't know anything about vaccinosis at that time, but when I ran across thrombocytopenia as one of the conditions associated with vaccinosis, I thought of Corky and wondered if she would have died that night if I hadn't asked for vaccinations to be given along with anesthesia and dental surgery.

Some vets are ignoring the whole controversy and continue to follow the recommendations printed on the vaccine packaging, never questioning the frequency recommended by companies that profit from maximum use of vaccines. Some breeders and holistic veterinarians now advocate few or no vaccinations. However, state law requires



rabies and most services (boarding, grooming, training classes) require proof of vaccinations. The American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) offers the most conservative approach. The AAHA recommends vaccinating puppies, giving a booster at one year, and "revaccinate no more than every three years" unless required by law to give rabies more frequently (The Whole Dog Journal, Nov. 2006, p.7). Colorado currently requires rabies every three years. The AAHA recommends that

- all dogs receive Canine hepatitis (adenovirus-2), Distemper, Parvovirus, and Rabies.
- the following vaccines be given only if a need is indicated: Leptospirosis, Lyme, Bordetella, and Parainfluenza.

The AAHA does not recommend these vaccines for any dogs: Adenovirus-1, Coronavirus, Giardia, Rattlesnake, Periodontal disease.

The complete AAHA report is located at [http://aahanet.org/About\\_aaha/vaccine\\_guidelines06.pdf](http://aahanet.org/About_aaha/vaccine_guidelines06.pdf).

What can you do as a dog owner?

- Do research until you are comfortable making decisions about vaccinations for your dogs. Type "vaccinosis" into a web search engine and you'll get dozens of links to check out. Also, see the list of books below.
- Find an informed vet who provides mono-valent (single vaccine) vaccinations rather than the combo products that often include unnecessary vaccines. Many of the authors recommended giving one vaccine at a time with a period of at least a couple of weeks between vaccinations.
- Avoid vaccinating an animal when it is sick or undergoing a medical procedure that requires an anesthetic.
- Investigate holistic remedies for vaccinosis. Several authors recommend Thuja 30C to be given at the time of vaccinations to prevent vaccinosis. One also recommends a single dose of Thuja as a remedy for warts associated with vaccinosis. He said the warts should go away in about a month.

My senior dog, Sadie, has a bunch of warts, so I

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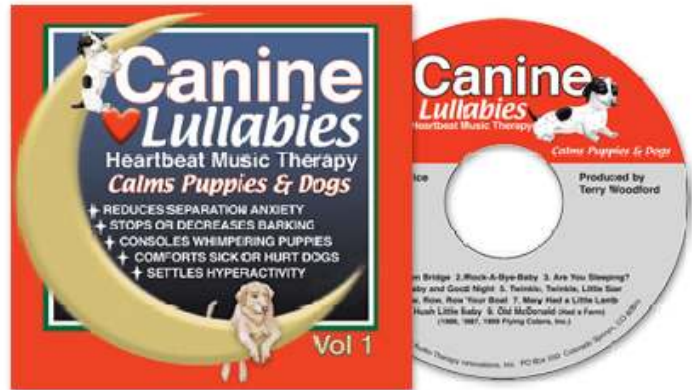
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Old McDonald (Had a Farm)**

## Vaccinosis

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gave her a dose of Thuja to see if her warts clear up. I'm giving Thuja routinely to the puppy until he gets through all his vaccinations.

Holistic remedies have no side effects, so it's safe to try some of the recommendations and see what happens. Rather than experimenting on your own, a

holistic vet should be able to recommend remedies that would be the most effective for your dog's symptoms, but if you're like me and want to learn first and try a few things, check out the list of books below.

**Suggested Reading:**

Goldstein, M. (1999). The Nature of animal healing: The definitive holistic medi-

cine guide to caring for your dog and cat. New York: Ballantine Books.

Pitcairn, R. H., & Pitcairn, S. H. (2005). Dr. Pitcairn's complete guide to natural health for dogs & cats. Rodale.

The Whole Dog Journal: A monthly guide to natural dog care and training. [www.whole-dog-](http://www.whole-dog-journal.com)

[journal.com.](http://www.whole-dog-journal.com)

Zucker, M. (1999). The Veterinarian's guide to natural remedies for dogs: Safe and effective alternative treatments and healing techniques from the nation's top holistic veterinarians. New York: Three River Press.



## A Foster Parent Speaks

Thank You for bringing this foster dog into my life. Had I not made the decision to participate in rescue, I would never have had the chance to meet him. If I had sat here comfortably in my home and said "I already have four dogs and I know that I couldn't take in another - even on a temporary basis," I would never have met this dog.

Yes, it takes time to rescue and foster... but who gave me Time in the first place? And why or what was the reason I was given Time? To fill my own needs? Or was there another reason ever so small and seemingly insignificant, like rescuing this one dog, that could make a difference in another's life? Perhaps to add joy, hope, help and companionship to another who is in need?

With great sadness, I sat down on a footstool in my kitchen this morning and watched as this foster dog bounced back into the house and skidded across the floor to sit ever so perfectly in front of me. He was the picture of health, finally. He was all smiles for me.... and I smiled back at his happy face. Deep in his eyes, the storm clouds of illness and generalized poor health had blown away, and the clear light of his perfection radiated out from his beautiful soul. He holds no ill will toward man. He forgives us all.

I thought to myself as I impressed this one last long look of him into my heart, what a very fine creature you have created. Tears slowly pooled and spilled over my cheekbones as the deeper realization of how wonderful this dog is sank into my internal file cabinet of Needful Things to Remember. Lord, he's a dog - but he's a better human being than I am.

He has forgiven quickly. Would I do the same? He passionately enjoys the simple things in life. And I have often overlooked them. He accepts change and gets on with his life. I fuss and worry about change. He lives today and loves today. And I often dwell in the past or worry about the future. He loves no matter what. I am not that free.

This very lovely dog has gone to his new home today and already I miss him. Thank You for bringing this dog into my life. And Thank You for the beautiful and tender lesson on how to be a better human.

- Author Unknown

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### New Food Recall

Four varieties of Natural Balance canned food has been recalled for botulism contamination.

<http://www.castleberrys.com/news/productrecall>

## Upcoming Events

September 23, 2007 (Rain date 9/30/07)

### Paws in the Park

Adoption Meet & Greet. Come visit with some of our little ones that are available for adoption at the Paws in the Park event. There will be vendors, other rescue groups, games and tons of fun. We will also be offering low cost micro-chipping.

Arvada Vendor Days  
17975 West 64th Parkway  
Arvada, CO  
12:00pm—4:00pm

Registration:

<http://Chihuahua-smalldogrescue.org/eventregistration.htm>

September 29, 2007

### Petco Adoption Days

Adoption Meet & Greet. Come visit with some of our little ones that are available for adoption. Our foster parents will be available to answer any of your questions and we will accept applications for adoptions. This is a day that you can meet several little ones at the same time. We look forward to seeing you there.

Petco  
17132 W. Colfax Avenue  
Golden, CO 80401-4841  
10:00am—4:00pm



### Tip

The old rule -- multiplying a dog's age by 7 to find the equivalent human age -- is fallacious. A dog is able to reproduce at 1 year and has reached full growth by 2 years. To calculate a dog's age in human terms, count the first year at 15, the second year as 10, and each year after that as 5.

Welcome to CSDR!!!

Michelle Reynolds