

CHIHUAHUA & SMALL DOG RESCUE

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LOOKING BACK—2016 IN REVIEW

Looking back at 2016, it was a very good year for Chihuahuas and other small dogs here in Colorado. Throughout the year, thanks to all our volunteers, we were able to rescue 200 dogs, and were able to help 174 find their forever homes. None of this would have been possible without the continued support of our donors and supporters. We are eternally grateful for everyone that appreciates the work that we do..

....A LOOK AHEAD

Looking ahead to 2017, there are some new and fun events scheduled, so mark your calendars now. On July 8th and 9th, we will once again be participating in the Colorado Springs Pride Festival. August 5th and 6th, we will be participating in the Critter Rescue up in Woodland Park. They have been asking us for years to be a part of their event, and this year, we are finally able to participate in the City Above the Clouds. Then on September 17, we will be participating in the annual event at Clement Park. To round out the year of special events, plan to attend our big fundraiser on September 30th at the Highlands Ranch Southridge Recreation Center. More details to follow on page 3 .

MARCH 4-5 is one of **PETCO'S NATIONAL PET ADOPTION WEEK-ENDS** and **CSDR** has been chosen as one of their **VIP** groups that they are promoting this weekend! **SPREAD THE WORD!**

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A GREAT SUCCESS STORY



Many of you know the story of Chloe. Once upon a time, Little Chloe came to us with her healthy siblings, but unfortunately, she was born with what is known as an arteriovenous fistula, which is a disruption of the normal blood flow pattern. This caused blood to pool under the skin and form the large mass on her sweet little face. Additionally, she was born with one leg shorter than the other and several bones missing in her ankle. Some people may have thought little Chloe wasn't worth saving. But at Chihuahua & Small Dog Rescue, we saw Chloe differently. We saw the potential of what her little life could actually be like. The good news was that as Chloe grew, the fistula went away, and thanks to the generosity and love of so many of you who saw the value in little Chloe's life, we were able to have her leg amputated, which has allowed her to lead a healthy and happy life. Today Chloe has adapted well to only having three legs and has no trouble getting around. She recently found her forever home, and as the story goes, she is living happily ever after.

Your Contributions Do Make A Difference

Every dollar generously donated to Chihuahua & Small Dog Rescue, Inc., brings us one step closer to realizing our mission "to end the unnecessary euthanization of small dogs in our shelters." Your gift helps provide the necessary medical care for little ones like Chloe.

[Click here to make a donation](#)



Chloe with her new forever family. This is what love looks like.



SEPTEMBER FUNDRAISER

Remember the good time we had in October, 2015, as we celebrated our tenth anniversary? Plans are now underway for our big fundraiser on September 30, 2017. Join us for **PUPPIES & PASTA** to be held at the Highlands Ranch Recreation Center at Southridge in the Wildcat Mountain Auditorium. Good food, entertainment, and plenty of items to bid on in the silent and live auction will make for an enjoyable evening

To quote Mark Twain, "If you pick up a starving dog and feed him and make him prosperous, he will not bite you. That is the principal difference between a dog and a man!"

6 THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT CHIHUAHUAS

1. Chihuahuas are one of the most versatile dogs. They have one of the largest color combinations of any breed. Chihuahuas can come in virtually any color combination. Their hair can be long, short, or mid length. It can be wiry or silky, and can be single coat or double coat. There are apple head and deer head Chihuahuas.
2. The Chihuahua is one of the oldest registered dog breeds. The Chihuahua became a registered breed with the AKC in 1904, whereas the AKC was founded in 1877
3. The Chihuahua has one of the longest lifespans. It has an average lifespan of 10-18 years. Many Chihuahuas live to be well over 20 years old. Toy breeds generally live longer than large breeds.
4. Chihuahuas shake and shiver when they are cold. They also shake when they are excited, shake when they are frustrated, and when they are frightened. Secure Chihuahuas tend to shake less.
5. Chihuahuas were once a sacred dog. Mummified remains have been found in Meso-American grave sites, believing the Chihuahua helped them travel to the afterlife safely. Healing qualities have also been attributed to the Chihuahua in ancient times
6. It has been said that a Chihuahua can actually die from a broken heart. Chihuahuas form very close attachments to their owner.

CHEESE CRACKERS

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Cook Time: 20 minutes

5 c. rice flour

2 tbsp. olive oil

1/2 c. shredded, reduced fat cheddar cheese

1 tbsp. fresh rosemary, coarsely chopped

3 tbsp. cold water

Add the first four ingredients into a food processor and pulse until crumbled. Pour the mixture into a medium-sized bowl and add cold water one tablespoon at a time, thoroughly mixing the dough after each tablespoon until dough comes together. Using your hands, apply slight pressure to the dough and form a ball. Wrap the dough in plastic wrap and press into a flat disc. Place the dough in the refrigerator for 30 minutes. (Note: If the dough is too hard once removed, then let it sit for a few minutes until it is workable).

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Using a rolling pin, flatten the dough to about 1/8" thickness. Take a pizza cutter or a knife and cut the dough into 1" squares. Place the squares on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper and bake for 20 minutes or until the top of the treats start to brown. Allow the treats to completely cool down before serving to your dog.

Makes about 3 dozen 1 inch squares. Safe for humans.

6 THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT CHIHUAHUAS—

CONT.

6. *cont.* While they will get along well enough with other family members, they will bond very closely to one particular person. They are a loyal dog and very protective of their owners. They have been known to jump out of their owner's arms onto a larger dog to protect the owner.

FINDING A NEW COMPANION FOR YOUR PET

You feel guilty because your four legged family member doesn't have his own fur friend to keep him company while you are at work. Or you feel like your aging dogs need a new companion to keep him feeling young.

Rescuing a pet can be rewarding for the entire family. Nevertheless, not all pets are a good match for everyone, and not all times are the right times to get a pet. When deciding to rescue a pet, consider the following:

- Your current pet's history of interacting with other animals
- Lifestyle, and whether the pet's breed, size, age, and personality are compatible with it
- Budget (consider emergency and preventative veterinary care, food, supplies, etc.)
- Ability to make and keep a long-term commitment
- Availability to spend time with your pet
- Home's size, type, and yard, or lack of
- Family's allergies
- Household members' readiness for the commitment

FINDING A NEW COMPANION FOR YOUR PET—*CONT.*

Research is key. Your veterinarian is also a great resource. He or she can help you narrow your choices and recommend other sources of information.

Once you have decided which type of pet is right for you, look into various shelters and rescues. Look online at the available animals up for adoption.

Next visit the shelter, or a Meet and Greet, like what Chihuahua & Small Dog Rescue sponsors. Make a point of talking to the volunteers at these location about the particular traits you are looking for in a new pet. Ask questions to determine whether or not you would be willing to work with a particular behavior or personality.

Make sure to interact with the animal as much as possible. If possible, try to arrange to have your current pet meet the potential new family member. Take time to find the animal that is perfect for your family.

Once you are ready to adopt, you will need to take extra care introducing your new pet to his or her new environment and animal companions. Try to introduce the newest member on neutral territory. That way you can watch the dogs interact without one getting defensive of his space, toys, or food.

For all pets, confine them to individual rooms or by using baby gates so you can monitor their behavior. Never allow pets to be alone unsupervised until you are certain of how they will interact, and make sure each pet has a safe spot to use as a retreat. Keep introductions brief, and interrupt them at the first sign of conflict. The new pet should be allowed to explore without any of the other pets around.

Adding a new pet as a companion for your current dog or cat can strengthen the bond you have with your pets, and in the process, make all your lives fuller and more fun.



It's almost spring!
***Time to check for heartworm disease! Schedule your
pet's yearly checkup today!***



It's March—springtime is around the corner! Worms in your garden...and worms in your pet? Eew! Hold on, let's explain...

The worms you find in your garden mulch are not the same worms that cause heartworm disease in pets. Mosquitoes carry heartworms. And all it takes is one mosquito to bite your pet to become infected.

Here's the good news about heartworm disease. It's an illness that can be easy and affordable to prevent. The bad news is, if you don't prevent it the right way, your pet is at high risk of getting sick. Heartworm disease is dangerous to your pet and some signs of the illness are tough to spot. Your pet may be acting fine, but they may have so many heartworms inside their body that it can become life threatening.

You may be thinking, "my pet stays indoors, so there's no need for heartworm prevention." But, heartworms are carried by mosquitoes, which get into everyone's homes! One mosquito bite is all that's needed to spread the disease to your furry friend.

Schedule your pet's yearly checkup with Fountain Valley Animal Hospital. They'll do a thorough exam, including a simple heartworm test, to make sure your pet is at his/her optimum health. And they'll talk about the best way to prevent heartworm disease, so your pet stays healthy, happy and safe!

Make an appointment for your pet's annual exam today!

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