

FALL 2005

In Memory...



Pokey
1989-2005

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HOW CAN I GIVE? LET ME COUNT THE WAYS...

This is the season for giving. So many folks begin looking for that perfect present for their special person or for the one who has everything. Of course, some of these people think of giving a cold nose and wagging tail to that special someone. This is not always the best idea, particularly when they start looking at adopting a rescued dog for someone else. A pet is personal. The pet and the human must bond or it won't work. It's next to impossible to match a dog to someone else.

How can you help rescued dogs and give a loved one a present? Well, you can offer to help initiate the search. You can pay some of the adoption fee. Or, you can donate to CRT or another such organization in honor of your family member or friend. Cash donations help every organization, but you can also help your local shelters with donations of pet food coupons, old towels and blankets, pet toys and so on.

If someone gives you new towels for a present, consider recycling the old ones to a shelter or rescue group near you.

In addition, you could become a Best Friend to one of the dogs in our care who has extra needs. This will make you feel good, make the dog feel good and thrill the foster home in ways you cannot even imagine. You can also visit the website and learn about our Save-a-Chi campaign that Pokey mentions in her column.

Whatever you do, please give a special pet and hug to your own loving cold nose and wagging tail for me.

Happy Holidays

LYNNIE BUNTEN, PRESIDENT
CHIHUAHUA RESCUE AND TRANSPORT

GIVING THANKS

The first 3 pages of this newsletter have been a struggle to put together.....I've been a little choked up more than once. All of us at CRT lost a great friend (albeit one with a very sassy mouth on her) on October 4 when Pokey went to the Bridge. I was honored to meet Pokey in person in August this year at the Midwest Chiesta in Dayton, Ohio. Pokey was stumbling a bit and unsteady on her feet due to the progression of a brain tumor, but she still held court like the royal SpokesChi that she was. Her mom, Laura, kept a close watch on her that day and told me that she didn't think Pokey would make it to Thanksgiving. Sadly, that was true.

Laura made the choices and decisions that Pokey needed her to make so that she would have the best quality of life for as long as she could, and then it was time for Laura to let Pokey go on to the Bridge. To the right is the poem that Laura sent with the sad news that Pokey was gone.

So why am I having a hard time with this? Why am I choked up when Pokey wasn't even my dog?!

I think all of us who deeply love our animals hurt for each other when one of us loses a pet. And there's a part of us that hugs our chis a little tighter to us, makes us kiss them a little more at the thought that someday, we too, are going to experience this same kind of loss. Or maybe we've already experienced it and this brings it back to us again, fresh and painful. Sometimes it makes us not want to love again, not get another animal, because all we can see is the loss that comes at the end.

But what about all the giving that goes on in between the first meeting and the last goodbye?

Pokey gave us a lot of laughter over the years....remember all the times she would be emailing us or writing her column and her mom would catch her asking us to send her treats or calling her mom an old buffalo? What a mouth she had on her (uh, I mean Pokey, not Laura. Well, then again.....).

Let's all have a giving spirit in honor and memory of Pokey, in honor and memory of all of our chis. Let's give in whatever way we can. Can you foster? Can you transport? Can you give financially? Can you do home visits? Maybe you have a skill or talent you can give to CRT.

Whatever it is you can give, do it in a spirit of love and thankfulness.

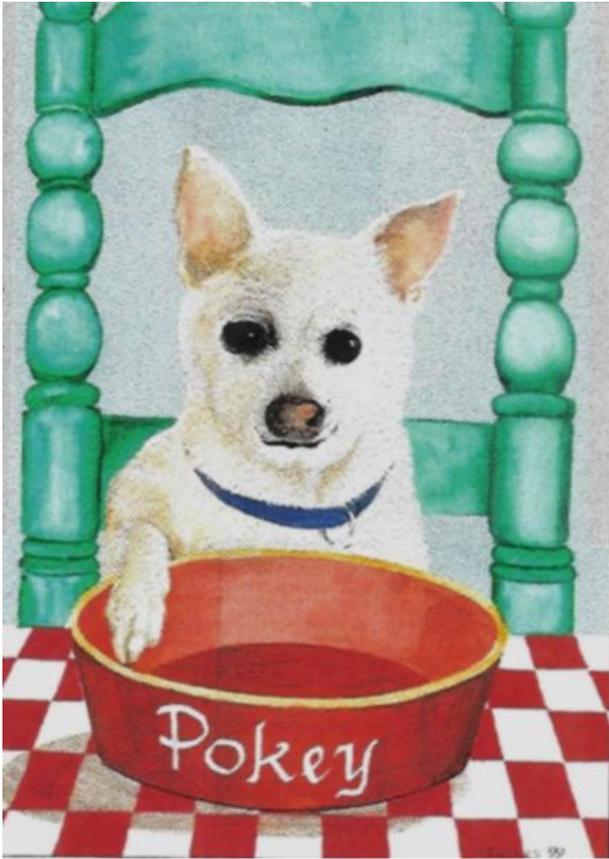
Janice Robinson
 CRT Board
 Newsletter Editor

Life is Eternal

I am standing upon the seashore.
 A ship at my side spreads
 Her white sails to the morning
 Breeze and starts for the blue
 Ocean. She is an object of
 Beauty and strength and I
 Stand and watch her until
 At length she hangs
 Like a speck of white cloud
 Just where the sea and the sky
 Come down to mingle with
 Each other. Then someone
 At my side says: "There! She's
 gone!"

Gone where? Gone from
 My sight - that is all. She
 Is just as large in mast
 And hull and spar as she
 Was when she left my side,
 And just as able to bear her
 Load of living freight to the
 Place of destination. Her
 Diminished size is in me,
 Not in her; and just at the
 Moment when someone at
 My side says: "There! She's
 Gone!" there are other eyes
 Watching her coming, and
 Other voices ready to take
 Up the glad shout, "There she
 comes!"

--Unknown



This is my mom's favorite picture of me..... her friend, Jan Sulkes, painted it.

those balls! What better deal can you ask for?

Lots of little Chihuahuas are getting adopted lately, but there are lots more looking for homes. Remember, the gate will be locked soon, so you'd better be opening your homes to them because they won't have anywhere else to go! Only little Chis who have to come here, like me and my brain tumor, can get in right now, so those good homes had better open up.

CRT could use lots of donations, too, for little Chis who have nothing but the fur on their backs. If you'd like to have your name listed in our next newsletter in our Save-A-Chi campaign, just send your check, money order, or Paypal donation for \$50 to CRT. That will provide a rescue with a vet check and some vaccinations -- enough to get a good start to a new life. Go to the website to see how to help.

If you've read this far, here's what I want you to do this Christmas season (and I'm watching, remember?):

1. Buy raffle tickets for that beautiful quilt!
2. Hang a few balls on our Christmas tree(\$5/each)
3. Donate \$50 to our Save-A-Chi campaign and help start out a little Chi through the vetting process

You can find information on all these things right on our website! Go there!

Love Forever and Always,

Pokey, CRT SpokesChi

Hey, everybody, it's me, Pokey! I'll bet you're sure surprised, aren't you? Well, this is my last letter, but I just had to write it because I've never been one to stop before getting the last word in.

I'm at the Bridge, and I've been very busy up here installing a big old lock on the gate because we don't need any more dogs coming in. I've got the hammer and nails out and it'll be finished just in time to beat the Christmas rush. More treats for me, I always say!

I've been keeping an eye on CRT and all of you down there, and to tell you the truth, I'm not happy about it. That silly little Pepper dog has been biting my Sponge Bob toy, and Mina is sleeping on my Sponge Bob quilt. Next thing I know, my mom will be taking her lunch along in my Sponge Bob lunch bucket.

Oh wait. She can't do that. *I'm* in the Sponge Bob lunch bucket. Yes, sir, my ashes are right in there, on the bookcase. It was the most special thing my mom could find for me.

Christmas is coming, and I know that you all know about our big quilt raffle by now! Just go to the first page of our website (www.chihuahua-rescue.org) and you'll see where to click for more information. It's a beautiful quilt, and I hope one of my best friends wins it! Of course, if you have a little Chi, or you like little Chis, or you used to have one, you're my best friend. Unless you've sent me treats in the past, and then you're my very very very best friend.

We're having our annual Christmas Tree, too! That's the one with all the balls on it -- you know, "Buy Some Balls For Christmas," if you don't have any right now. For just \$5 you can hang a ball on the tree with your Chi's name on it, or you can add a package below the tree for a little Chi who is up here at the Bridge with me, or you can put anybody's name at all on the balls, stars, or packages. It's all up to you! So if you're a little short on balls this season, just go right to our website and you'll see that tree listed there with directions to buy



THE DOCTOR IS IN.....

Hello Chihuahua lovers! I would like to introduce myself. I am Dr. D'Anne Ross-Stephens, the veterinarian and owner of Park Plaza Animal Clinic. Park Plaza has been the veterinary clinic for the North Texas Chihuahua Rescue and Transport group for the last eight years. Many of you may have known the late Dr. Doyle Johnson who preceded me. He took care of the Chihuahuas for a long time and will be missed.

I graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1989 with a Bachelor of Science in Zoology. I was then off to Oklahoma State University to receive a degree as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1993. I have two beautiful daughters and a wonderful husband that support me 100%. In the quarterly newsletters I would like to point out a few common conditions of Chihuahuas. The most common problem I am seeing in the rescue dogs is periodontal disease (bad teeth). A lot of these dogs have been neglected and dental care was not a priority of their previous owners. Deciduous canine teeth (or "baby teeth" that don't fall out) are a common problem. The upper and lower canine teeth do not fall out when the adult teeth come in. This can lead to tartar buildup between these teeth. The deciduous teeth need to be extracted. Can you imagine what our mouths would look like if we didn't brush our teeth every day? Untreated dental disease can contribute to various other problems in the body such as heart and kidney failure. I can't stress enough the importance of brushing teeth and dental rinses for Chihuahuas. Remember, dogs and cats have to be put under anesthesia to get a proper dental cleaning and polishing. Maintenance care would help prevent the frequency of which your pet will need a dental cleaning. There are several enzymatic toothpastes, rinses, and chew bones on the market today. Remember, don't use your toothpaste, you need one that is approved for pets. Ask your veterinarian for the best dental plan for your pet.

While we're on the subject of preventative care, I would like to mention heartworm disease. We see quite a few dogs that are positive and must go through the treatment for it. There are many different options for the prevention of heartworms including a monthly or daily pill, topical medications and controlling the mosquito population in your environment. Those dogs that test positive must go through a treatment with a drug called Immiticide. Although it is safer than the old drugs we used to use, it can still be dangerous. Starting any puppy on heartworm prevention before the age of six months and keeping them on it for the rest of their lives will not only prevent the disease, it will also protect your pet from certain intestinal parasites (worms). Adult dogs must be tested by drawing a small blood sample prior to starting prevention. Remember, heartworms are transmitted by mosquitoes. Ask your veterinarian which heartworm prevention is best for your pet.

Another common problem seen in the Chihuahua breed, as well as other small breeds is patellar luxation (a kneecap that "pops" out of place). The patella can be displaced medially or laterally depending on the animal, however, most chihuahua luxations are medial with the kneecap on the inside of the leg. It is actually more common in females. Signs you may see at home are dependent on the grade (severity) of luxation, the degree of arthritis, and the chronicity of the disease. You might see them carry the hind limb, occasionally "skipping", or intermittent lameness in that leg. The causes can be congenital (born with) and traumatic. Breeding of any affected animal is discouraged. Of course, we recommend spaying and neutering all pets for their overall health and to help control pet overpopulation. Treatments may include anti-inflammatory and pain medications to control the signs from associated arthritis. Surgery is also an option to correct the structural problem and prevent the luxation from worsening over time. Any sign of your pet limping or "skipping" when walking or running should be evaluated by your veterinarian.

Stay tuned for the next quarterly newsletter.

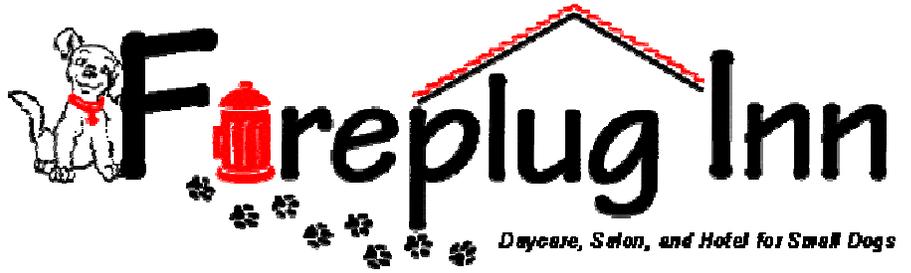
Thank you for your time,

Dr. D'Anne



THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

Chihuahua Rescue & Transport would like to recognize and thank Fireplug Inn of Southlake, Texas, for their many contributions to CRT.



From fundraising for us to selling sweaters and collars in their shop, Fireplug Inn financially supports CRT.

We also greatly appreciate their gift of daycare and boarding to CRT fosters when it is needed.

<http://www.firepluginn.com/>



Thank you

From Chihuahua Rescue & Transport

Dear Chihuahua Club of America,

CRT is grateful for your generous donations to our organization. We have the love of a very special breed in common and we are thankful for your gift to us. You helped to save the lives of many Chihuahuas who otherwise would not have had a chance for happiness & love in a forever home.

We give thanks for you!

CRT

Thank you

From Chihuahua Rescue & Transport

Dear Petco,

We at CRT greatly enjoyed your invitation to be your Rescue Partner during your search for the country's Fastest Chihuahua this fall. Our volunteers & their chis took part in some of the races and we had a wonderful time. You contributed to us not only financially, but the publicity that was generated resulted in several adoptions and new volunteers for our organization.

In sincere thanks,

CRT

OLDIES BUT GOODIES, PART TWO:

Or, How I went to the Chiesta with two Chihuahuas, and came home with three. Revisiting the joys of adopting a senior dog.

Last issue, you read an article by Janelle about her love of the “Oldies but Goodies”. I had the good fortune to meet Janelle, her fiancé Zak, Nachita, & Chip at the Midwest Chiesta in August. And guess what happened at the Chiesta??? Yep, Janelle & Zak added to their family by adopting Jose, a completely toothless 10 year-old chi! I guess after Jose won the costume contest in his Harley outfit there was no resisting him! Here’s Janelle to tell you a bit about her 2nd “oldie but goodie”....

As a CRT volunteer, one of the most tangible rewards of our efforts throughout the year is the annual get-together known as The Chiesta. Each region hosts their own in an effort to reunite old volunteers and friends, as well as acquaint newcomers to the rescue, either as volunteers themselves or as adoptive parents. All people actively associated with CRT are welcome, and for the Midwest region, ours takes place during the summer months. The Chiesta also provides the opportunity for those who foster to be reunited with the dogs that they had come to love so much. And with their devotion and commitment, have afforded them the ultimate goal of our group, and what they so rightfully deserve, a forever home. It’s a time to celebrate those we have saved, along with their new families, raise funds to enable us to continue our plight and to honor those whom we shall see at The Rainbow Bridge, as well. Ultimately, it is the culmination of the efforts of each region of those dedicated to CRT and our beloved Chihuahuas. We even allow a few “honorary” dogs of other breeds to partake in the festivities. However, aside from the scrumptious summer fare, raffles and generous donations, the highlight, for me anyway, is stepping into a yard teeming with tiny dogs and dozens of people wading through them, mindful of what or who may be underfoot.

For those who host the gatherings, it must be a proud, yet surreal moment to see their yards swarming with upwards of forty Chihuahuas at any given time. But watching them mingle and interact is a truly spectacular sight. Each seemingly with their own personalities and agendas, some scour the yards searching for the scent of friends, while others patrol the fence in hopes their friends will soon arrive. Some bide their time in the shade under picnic tables relying on the clumsiness or carelessness of humans, hoping to sample the snacks, and still others parade around, some in costumes, commanding belly rubs and frolicking with friends. From the saucy to the mild, randy to the reserved, young and senior, you will find all types of Chihuahuas at a Chiesta.

Perhaps it was my penchant for the older dogs, as detailed in my previous article “Oldies But Goodies”, an ode to my senior Chihuahua, Chip and all the rest of our eligible, more mature foster dogs. Perhaps I had a subconscious intention of finding another companion for the distinguished old gentleman and his younger sister, Nachita. Whatever the case, it was an older male with all the sparkling characteristics of the senior dog and a little something extra that caught my eye and captured my heart, ensuring himself a one way ticket back to Detroit from Ohio last August at The Midwest Chiesta.

Like Chip, Jose’ was lacking in teeth, but certainly not in character and charisma. It was a grand entrance for a grand little dog. Breaking in to the soiree’ by slithering away from his foster mom and making a mad dash to the gate where we were all waiting with bated breath to meet the infamous Jose’ Houdini, he proceeded to introduce himself to people and any unclaimed property, such as the trees and the cooler. With a distinct, brindle smooth coat, this stout little dynamo made the rounds and mingled, and eventually won the costume contest and a place in my heart forever.

José is approximately ten years old; a fact that is very difficult to convince people of at times. He has the telltale graying about the face, but it is hard not to be distracted by the multitude of endearing qualities, such as his ever-present tongue, which dangles outside of his mouth. He seems to have a constant grin, often crying mischief, but mostly he has the look encompassing the wisdom and appreciation of an older dog with the twinkle of a puppy in his eyes from time to time.

José is yet another example of the dozens of older dogs in our foster care that are overlooked or dismissed because of their age and their perceived frailty, flaws, etc. While it is true that the older dogs often require a careful hand, the same is true for all Chihuahuas, and I can attest once again to the magic and ability of an older dog to bring love, excitement and fulfillment into someone's life.

I have written this article as a follow up to my previous article urging people to consider an older dog for adoption and the many reasons why in many cases, it may not prove to be just beneficial for the dog and those adopting, but also the most appropriate option for certain people in certain situations. Jose' is quite active and agile for his age, not unlike a younger dog in many ways, but he also possesses the character and composure of the senior dog. Like Chip, Jose' was not a popular choice for previous applicants, undoubtedly based on his age and the bias that an older dog will not meet one's expectations. Frankly, he has exceeded mine, as has Chip, and I can only hope that this article will further reinforce my admiration for the senior dog and motivate more people to consider them for adoption. It is commendable when anyone seeking an animal companion turns to rescue. And hopefully, this may persuade people to make informed, yet unbiased decisions to adopt not based upon certain criteria, but upon need, and to open their eyes and hearts to the oldies but goodies.

Janelle McDonald

DEDICATED IN FOND MEMORY TO POKEY HASENSTAB, ON BEHALF OF NACHITA, CHIP, AND JOSÉ



José and his devoted foster mom, Carol.



José, winner of the costume contest at the 2005 Midwest Chiesta

CRT CHAT

If you haven't joined the CRT Chat Group on Yahoo yet, you're missing out! We post pictures of our chis and then modestly accept the many "how adorable" "how cute" messages we receive. We discuss food issues, ideas for playtime and toys, ask for advice on behavior problems, and tell funny stories about our chis. Here's how you can join us:

1. Go to www.yahoo.com
2. Click on Sign In
3.
 - a. If you already have a Yahoo email account, sign in with your ID and Password
 - b. If you don't have an email account with Yahoo, then follow the instructions in the section that says "Don't have a Yahoo ID? Signing up is easy" *(When you sign up you can choose to get individual emails as they are posted to the chat group, get a "digest" of posts once per day, or read the posts on the website. With a busy chat group, I prefer to read the posts on the website, but the choice is yours.....you can always change your preferences)*
4. When you post for the first time, be sure to tell us a bit about yourself and of course, your chis!

Hope to "see" you soon on the list!

QUILT UPDATE



"Beautiful", "Priceless" are just some of the descriptions those of you are using to describe the "Paws on My Heart" quilt when you purchase tickets. Over \$1,000 in tickets have been sold thus far and we are only one month into the raffle.

We encourage you to visit the CRT website to read all about this project and to see full-color pictures of it. The website makes it so easy to purchase tickets through PayPal or feel free to send your checks, payable to CRT, to the address listed on the site. In the event you have any questions, simply email Lynda Shehan at No1Ringmaster@aol.com

If you read Pokey's column, then you know what you're supposed to be doing! We're thinking that Pokey has some real "pull" upstairs because we sure had a surge of adoptions in the MidWest right after she passed on. I'd pay attention to her directives if I were you!

Thank you for your participation - I know many of you are already preparing a place in your home for the quilt. I think positive thinking is a good thing. Please continue to tell your friends and relatives about the raffle. You can buy as many tickets as you please with the deadline being February 11, 2006 at noon.

DONATIONS

<u>In Memory Of</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>In Honor Of</u>	<u>Donor</u>
Julia Lerma	Mark Priest	Snoopy	Robert & Marie Schwartz
Scooter Peacock	Cathy Johnson-Leyba	Lola, Riley, Paco, & Katie	Patti Willis
Cammy & Katie	Barbara Tischer	Bobby Lynn & Bambi	Bonnie Harné
Phoebe	Susan Medver-Wilkes	Chico	Sharon Jackson
Bambi	Linda Robertson	All the babies who need homes	Jennifer McHann
John & Helen Musial	Joe & Marsia Musial	All Chi Chis	Cassie Diaz
Nudi & Pardner	Linda Lawyer	Harley Marie	Carolyn Savko
Vivone Waldrop	Faye Burkhart	Rosie Hewitt	Allison Hewitt
Tuffy	Susan Kolb	Ruby	Jennifer Cripe
Spice	Louisa Chandler	Bart	Cynthia Peck
Chester	Eva Jones	Carmelita	Betty Barker
Homero	Paula Hensel	J-Lo	Margaret Wiltse
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Tara Baby	Maria V. Manterola	Robin Pitre & Pam Stanley	Micki Jenkins
Mary P. Novak	Stephanie Vawter	Lulu	Janet Galante
Pele	Edward V. Novak	Lil Bit & Hannah	Chester Slonaker
Trixie Stanley	Big Dog & Mis Kitti's Pet Sitting Services	Coco & Deuce	Sharon Gerbasi
Petie	Micki Jenkins	Robert Osbourn	Veronica Hurley
Tammy, Camilla, Kate, & Coco Bear	Veronica Hurley	Frankie	Joanne & Carl Donsbach
Nicole Giarratana	Barbara Tischer	Slick & Cheech	Natale Koepenick
Cricket	Catherine Carlino	Chico Hodge	Ruth Uecker
Carmen	Colleen Dold	Allie Christian	Shellie Connor
Taffy	Jane Wilmoth	Dodger & Lucy	J. Kathleen Harris
Willow	Janice Grand	G. Stuart Abbott	Kristie Abbott
Migo, Remi, & Harry	Dorion Keifer	Taco I & Taco II	Maureen Haley
Cindy Hendrickson Phillips	Nancy Meyers	Mollie	Tom & Cheryl Mason
Skippy	J. I. Hendrickson	All the little dogs looking for homes	Theresa Martin
Tessa Elliott	Linda Wadleigh	Shade Taylor	Lynn Taylor
Skippy	Angie Buller	CRT	Matthew, Smokey & Marion Mergo
Peaches Noel Stanley	Mary Helle	Luigi	Nadine Tamborello
Lois Gaines	Micki Jenkins	Penny & Dot	Caroline Twist
Trixie	Janne Swearingen	Peanut, Lucy, & Mia	Linda Rassinier
Luke	Kathy Fox	Chewy Wawa	Lesia Stevenson
Phoebe, Ginger, & Cricket	Rebecca Rosson	Buddy	Greg & Gay Gastell Bink
Pierre	Susan Medver-Wilkes	Dr. LeClair Bissell & Nancy Palmer	Nan Davis
Truffle	Janis Teal	Gus & Jack	Sharon Rosenfeld
Chi Chi & Sparky	Sandra Tischer	Chaupita	Amy Glass
Tipsy Taylor	Frank & Shelly Pasik	Jackson & other rescued chis	Robin Jones
Crystal & Casey	Lynn Taylor		
Jasmine	Sharon Jackson		
Pokey	Sharon Rosenfeld		
Pokey	Rick & Janice Robinson		
Pokey	Ellen Detmering		
Pokey	Sheri Raleigh-Collins		
Pokey	Janice Collins		

THANKS, DOC!

In our last issue we gave you the opportunity to honor that special veterinarian who has helped you and your chi, whether it be through excellent medical care, donation of services to CRT, or just agreeing with us that chis are the best! Here are the vets on whose behalf donations were made to CRT....

Dr. Rosemary Lindsey
I-20 Animal Medical Center
Arlington TX
Honored by: Patricia Cobb

Dr. M. Tierce, III
Fort Worth TX
Honored by: Lori Moore

Dr. Jane Lohmar
Chicago IL
Honored by: Jan, Mike, & Sadie McFarland

Dr. C. Edward Davidson
Spartanburg Animal Clinic
Spartanburg SC
Honored by: Lori Bailey

Dr. M. C. Pritzl
St. Francis Animal Hospital
St. Francis WI
Honored by: Christine Beard

Dr. Sam Tistch
Indian Prairie Animal Hospital
Aurora IL
Honored by: Caroline Murray Marks

Dr. Bobby Daggs
Berry Street Animal Hospital
Fort Worth TX
Honored by Susan Kolb

Dr. Pat Bauman & Dr. Tracy Westegaard
Marshall Animal Clinic
Honored by: Rick & Jańice Robinson

Dr. Tomaschke & Staff
East Aurora NY
Honored by: Mark & Gail Riggs

Dr. Gregor A. Ulteig
Coit Hedgcoxe Animal Hospital
Plano TX
Honored by: Tessa Devance

Dr. Joseph Demers
Melbourne FL
Honored by: Katie Beauregard

Dr. Darien Lawrence
Rockledge FL
Honored by: Katie Beauregard

Dr. Andrew M. Queler
Columbus OH
Honored by: Linda Jordan

Dr. David B. Nichols
Coral Veterinary Clinic
Honored by: LeClair Bissell, MD

CRT extends a big THANK YOU to two hospitals:

Shearer Pet Hospital in Columbus OH has donated extensive medical services to four Chihuahuas who were rescued from Hurricane Katrina and are now being fostered in Ohio while they undergo treatment for severe heartworms. Read about them here:

<http://www.animaltails.org/articles/chihuahuas.asp>

VCA Bolingbrook Animal Hospital in Bolingbrook IL is a new friend to CRT and has agreed to provide reduced-price medical care to CRT foster Chihuahuas. They are also involved with Min Pin rescue.

A heartfelt **THANK YOU** goes out to both of these hospitals for their rescue-friendly services!

CHIHUAHUAS IN THE NEWS.....



This is Snuggles, the newest Chihuahua super model! This little gal was picked up from a DFW shelter a few years ago. She was a non-stop barker and biter. She was fostered by Cyndi and then adopted by Deb in Texas.

We were asked if we had a dog that could be used in an ad for luggage in return for a donation to CRT. Snuggles did a great job and is now our supermodel! Thanks to Dillard's Department Stores for giving Snuggles a job and for their donation to Chihuahua Rescue & Transport!

CRT's 5th Annual DFW Chi-Esta proved to be the biggest and best yet! This year's Chi-Esta offered contests, raffles, demos, games, a cake walk (with human treats as well as doggy treats) and food! CRT was joined by several vendors this year including, but not limited to, Royal Canin, Fireplug Inn, and Doggy Apparel (www.doggyapparel.com.) KAOS provided a wonderful agility demonstration this year that all Chi-Esta goers always look forward to.

Almost \$3200 was raised for CRT this year at the 5th Annual DFW Chi-Esta! We are looking forward to next year and plans are already in the making.

Here's a sample of the photos that were available in the photo booth. These little guys came straight from the costume contest to get their picture taken! Aren't they *adorable*???



This is Poky...even though his name is not spelled the same as a more well-known Pokey, we thought that it would be nice to introduce him! When his family got a new puppy who got all the attention, he became sad, confused, depressed and lifeless, so his family turned him in to a shelter. This made him even more sad, and scared, too. Then CRT entered the picture.

Poky has juvenile glaucoma in one eye and a cataract on the other eye. The glaucoma eye was not a good risk for surgery but the cataract was removed & he's doing great now! He requires drops in both eyes which he takes with no problem. He also needs to see an ophthalmologist each year for a check up. .

Poky is 3 years old and weighs 8 lbs. He could use a Best Friend to help with medical bills while he waits for his forever home.



POKY
Florida



PETHEY
California

Petey is a 10-year old chihuahua who was turned over to CRT by his owner because she was moving. He only weighed 3-1/2 pounds when he came into rescue.

He was very thin. He had a multitude of problems, all of them stemming from neglect. His owner had never taken him to the vet in the 5 or 6 years she owned him. When he went to his foster mom's, he had sores on his tail and an ear infection. He cried all the time and had stomach problems. Petey had holes in his jaw bones; the holes went up into his sinuses. He may also have cataracts. All of Petey's oral surgeries have been taken care of now. He occasionally has an acupuncture treatment for the degenerative disc in his back. He was diagnosed with congestive heart failure in mid-May. He is on medications now and acts like a young puppy ... full of energy! He could use a Best Friend to help with on-going medical bills.

BEST FRIENDS

Here are four dogs who need Best Friends...we showed four last issue and will show 4 more next issue. These are Chihuahuas who need a forever home. Right now they live with a foster mom or dad who takes very good care of them. Maybe you would love to adopt them but can't do it right now. If you'd like to help take care of them you can become their "Best Friend" by making a weekly donation of \$5 or more, a monthly donation of \$20 or more, or a one time donation of any amount. Even if you are planning to adopt one of them, there are so many more still waiting for that perfect home. When you become a Best Friend to a Chihuahua your name will appear next to their photo on the website.

If you would like to have a Best Friend, please email Sponsor@chihuahua-rescue.com



PETO
Midwest

Peto doesn't have any medical problems, but we think he deserves a little recognition on this page for several reasons: This seems to be the "P" page (Poky, Peto, Petey,) and he's been in foster care for quite a long time now. We don't understand why because he's a great little guy! Maybe a little publicity will help him find his forever home! Peto is 7 years old, house-trained to both outside and pee pads, affectionate, and crate-trained. What more could you ask for? Take a look at his pictures and biography on the website and see if he might be the right boy for you!



BUTTERCUP
Texas

Buttercup was turned over to CRT after severe neglect that resulted in a massive fungal infection and mange. What little hair she had was gone in days. She was treated for the infections, tick fever, starvation, and dehydration....she weighed just three pounds when CRT rescued her. She is now almost five pounds and living the puppy hood she has never had. Buttercup needs some friends to help offset the high cost of her vet care. She has already required two antibiotics and antifungal medications she will take for months. The blood tests she has required are \$75 each and she will need at least one more. She is using puppy pads most of the time with a rare accident on laundry left out or a towel on the floor. The mistake usually is after hard play with Molly, and Buttercup can't make it to a puppy pad and just squats, not bad for a dog raised in a small cage that was never cleaned.

SHOPPING TIME!

Are there any of us who have never spent some time shopping for our chi s (and ourselves)?? The holidays are approaching and if you're looking for a special gift for a canine or human, be sure to visit our web-site.....we have links to some great gifts and the best thing about those gifts is that CRT receives a portion of the income!

Go to www.chihuahua-rescue.org and click on "CRT Fundraisers" to see what is available for that special chi (or chi-lover) in your life! We're featuring a couple of them here.....



<http://www.animalarttm.com/poppys/poppys-pouches.html>

You'll see this graphic after you click on "CRT Fundraisers"...click on the graphic and you'll go straight to their site. Some people call these pouches "chi sleeping bags"; we call them "snuggle sacks" or "snuggle bags" in my part of the country. No matter what you call them, chis *love* these.....they are wonderful for those naps that overtake you in the middle of the day! Some chis take their pouch/sack/bag to bed with them at night, too.

The best thing about these? CRT gets \$20 from every one sold! Pat, the seamstress who makes these, donates \$10 and her husband's employer matches it!

Another thing we do on the CRT website is conduct raffles for unique one-of-a-kind collectibles. This hand-painted porcelain Girlie-Chi comes with her own dressing room and wardrobe. Here's a chi you can dress up and she won't squirm!

Proceeds from the raffle of this figurine will benefit CRT.

<http://www.animalarttm.com/girlie-chihuahua.html>



So, the Fall newsletter comes to a close.....still think you don't have anything to give to CRT?

If you can't foster, maybe you can give financially and support a chi through the Best Friends or Save-a-Chi campaign.

If you can't transport, maybe you can sew or craft an item to be sold on the website.

If you can't give financially, maybe you can educate people about the benefits of adopting.

We all have gifts/talents to give. Discover yours!

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