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**CLEARING UP THE CONFUSION**

“Hello, is this Chihuahua Rescue? I want to rescue a tiny teacup, toy, miniature, rare blue female, longhair Chihuahua.” Can you believe people are so specific about what they think they want? Most of the time, with this type of call, the caller is trying to get a Chihuahua on the cheap. Lots of times, it’s just ignorance and an overload of reading ads in the newspaper and on the internet.

So, I’m here to cut through the garbage and clear up a few things. Please help educate the public every chance you get.

First of all, the whole teacup thing is a confusing mess. It’s a term used by puppy millers, back yard breeders and folks who read or heard the term somewhere. To me, it means a runt, but I’ve had people tell me they mean anything from 1 pound to 8 pounds. Since the breed’s standard specifies that the maximum size is supposed to be six pounds this gets funnier. So, the term teacup doesn’t really mean anything. Neither does tiny, tiny toy, or miniature when used to refer to Chihuahuas. Chihuahuas are just Chihuahuas. They are special enough without these extra and undefined terms.

The next area of confusion is that of color. The breed standard says that they may be ANY color, solid, marked or splashed. They do come in blue and blue and tan as well as chocolate, silver, black, white and spotted along with a smorgasbord of other combinations. Whenever you see an ad for a “rare” color, assume it’s a scam. Some colors are more common than others, but none are truly rare. If a color doesn’t occur frequently there are a couple of reasons. One is that the breeders or the public aren’t attracted to it. The second reason applies to blues. There may be something not so good that goes along with the color. Such is the case with blue Chihuahuas. It frequently comes with a myriad of skin and other health problems. One of the featured articles in this issue tells the tale of one such dog.

So, the bottom line is we need to educate folks and we need to beware of the marketing scams.

**LYNNIE BUNTEN, PRESIDENT**  
**CHIHUAHUA RESCUE AND TRANSPORT**

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## MATTIE—A SUCCESS STORY

BY SARAH SKALA

As a CRT volunteer, my first foster dog was very cute but something just wasn't right about him. The vet determined that he had hydrocephalus. He wasn't adoptable but luckily found a home with another volunteer in the south. It was disappointing and sad for me to have that be my first experience as a foster mom.

The second foster came to me from a local shelter and she looked like a big mess. Her teeth were in terrible shape and she was missing hair all over her body except her head and shoulder area. Her back bone was very noticeable and she was very thin. Her name was "Happy". I didn't like that name but after a little time, I could see why she was named that. She was the happiest little dog in the world. I decided to name her after my brother whose name is Matt. So I called her Mattie which is what we called my brother when he was a happy little baby.



MATTIE—BEFORE

some chocolate mixed in. She had great big Chihuahua ears and has the cutest face ever. Most blue coat Chihuahuas have medical problems with their skin, fur, immune systems and other things too. Mattie was most likely from a backyard breeder, someone who doesn't know how to breed and which dogs are the best to breed. They simply like the color and that is why they breed them, without regard to their health.

It wasn't long before her big beautiful ears starting to get crusty at the tips and then the tissue began to die. As they crumbled away, my vet tried everything to heal them. If her ears were touched she would scream because they hurt her so much. They would bleed and crust and kept shrinking. Mattie went to a specialist and we tried all kinds of medication, creams, supplements and nothing worked. My vet does not believe in ear cropping but in



MATTIE—AFTER

As I continued to foster her, I kept asking our Regional Coordinator to hold off on posting her for adoption on our website. I was falling in love with this little mess! So I ended up adopting her, of course. Funny how this girl came into my home as my second foster and I was upset I didn't get a "beautiful, perfect dog." It sure didn't take long to see that she is a *beautiful* dog! One thing that really got to me is that she "hugs" just like a person. She puts her long front legs around your neck and just hugs and snuggles. Everyone at my vet clinic loves her. She is very popular.

Mattie is what is considered a "blue" coat. She is a smooth coat and is actually a pretty grey color with



MATTIE—DURING

this case it was our last hope. The vet felt that if her ears were cropped maybe they would heal naturally. So she had the operation. It ended up taking one year for them to heal. She remained happy and full of personality through the whole ordeal.

She has had several dentals and now has only two teeth in her whole mouth. She can still eat and enjoys "chewing" on rawhides and other chewies. She is really just gumming them but she enjoys it.

Mattie is now ten years old and I adopted her when she was about seven. Her fur never grew back but her skin is healthy.

All of this was due to an irresponsible breeder who bred for looks only. While I love her dearly and her fur is a gorgeous color, I just can't support color breeding for blue or any other "rare" color. It isn't worth it.

## PEPPER SAYS.....

Oh boy, things are happening around here! This is Pepper Hasenstab, and I get to be our new CRT SpokesChi! I'm so honored -- I wasn't sure I could write well enough, but I'm getting better with practice.

My mom went out yesterday to do some things (get away from us, I think), and she left a garbage bag of used cat food bags that her friend gave her (she recycles them) way up on top of some stuff. Margo was in her pen, and so was my new sister Conchita, and just Mina and I were loose in the house. When she came home, the first thing she saw was six big cat food bags shredded into confetti all over the foyer, and Mina sitting in the middle of them. When I heard her key in the door, I ran really fast and started yelling, "Mom! I didn't do it! I didn't do it!" but I didn't tell on Mina. Of course Mina is the reason we can't have a mail slot in our door anymore and my mom had to get a big locking mailbox put on the outside of our house, so I think she figured out who did it. I was very worried, though, because I thought my mom would think I helped, but I'm a good girl and I know better than that, just like I know you're not supposed to drag a whole full box of Kleenex off the nightstand onto the bed and shred them all up, either. I know how to keep my teeth in my mouth and not on other people's property.



So that's what's been going on at our house, except we have a new sister, Conchita. She's still in a big crate because she fractured her front leg by jumping off a deck and had a biiiig surgery on it. She has until June 4th to go until she can play with us.

This issue of our newsletter is about older Chis, and hard-to-adopt Chis, and special needs Chis. There are an awful lot of us in CRT, and we sure need homes. Well, I don't, because I already have a home, right here, but all those others do. You can see them on our website, at [www.chihuahua-rescue.org](http://www.chihuahua-rescue.org). Please go there and take a look.

My mom has been getting requests to take Chihuahuas every single day now. They're almost all male, between three and seven years old, and over eight pounds. But when we take them, no one ever wants to adopt them. We've had lots of male Chis like that who were adopted by their foster moms because no one else would adopt them. Would you consider one? They're usually sweet, gentle, playful, and very loving, and deserve homes just the same as tiny, young females. People are always sending us messages that say, "Can you help this Chi? I would take him myself, but....." Maybe when you see a Chi like that on our website, or in a shelter, or on Petfinder, you could make room in your home for him. You're missing out on a beautiful experience when you overlook these Chi boys.

I hope you all made it to the Petco Chihuahua races in Chicago, Miami, Dallas, and southern California. Some of us were there, and our foster moms were handing out flyers and helping set things up. They're going to happen every year in early June, so mark your calendars for next year. And if you live anywhere near the Dallas area, or within traveling distance, be sure not to miss their annual Chi-Esta in October! There's more information on it later in this newsletter.

Ark! Ark! from Pepper

P.S. I attached a picture of me on here, in my old dog bed. Margo hijacked my new one.

## THE DOCTOR IS IN.....

Hello again Chihuahua lovers. Welcome to the Price is Right! My name is Dr. D'Anne Stephens, today posing as "Bob Barker". "Spay and Neuter your pets" will be our topic of conversation today.

There are many overpopulation and medical reasons why your pets should be spayed or neutered. (Spaying is removing the female reproductive tract so she cannot reproduce; neutering is removing the male testes so that he cannot reproduce). Although some people think that it is okay to have only the female or only the male done, there are many medical reasons to justify that both females and males in the same household should be "sterilized".

We recommend that spaying or neutering be done at 6 months of age, and before the first heat cycle. The reason for waiting until 6 months is because you want to allow the organs in the body to develop and be able to adequately handle the anesthesia. Although some Humane Societies do theirs early, they have their reasons. They have to be able to adopt out an animal that cannot reproduce- OVERPOPULATION!

By spaying prior to the first heat cycle, you can decrease the incidence of certain cancers and infections in females. The longer you wait, and especially after the 2nd heat cycle the risk of these problems increases. Neutering your male dog lessens a dog's temptation to roam, and decreases incidence of aggression and fighting. (It also lessens your dog's temptation to fall in love with your company's legs!) It will cut down on the chance for prostate problems and testicular cancer in the future.

To research this article, I found out what I already knew. Millions of dogs and cats are euthanized (put to death) each day at local shelters. This can be prevented! Responsible pet ownership is the key. When you take a dog or cat into your home, you are devoting not only your love, food, and shelter, but also medical attention, financial responsibility, and training.

I found an interesting poem that I would like to share with you.

### Do I Go Home Today?

Author Unknown

*My family brought me home cradled in their arms.  
They cuddled me and smiled at me and said I was full of charm.  
They played with me and laughed with me and showered me with toys.  
I sure do love my family, especially the little girls and boys.  
The children loved to feed me; they gave me special treats.  
They even let me sleep with them- all snuggled in the sheets.  
I used to go for walks, often several times a day.  
They even fought to hold the leash, I'm very proud to say!  
These are the things I'll not forget-a cherished memory.  
I now live in the shelter--without my family.  
They used to laugh and praise me when I played with that old shoe.  
But I didn't know the difference between the old one and the new.  
The kids and I would grab a rug, for hours we would tug.  
So I thought I did the right thing when I chewed the bedroom rug.*

*They said I was out of control and would have to live outside.  
This I didn't understand, although I tried and tried!  
The walks stopped, one by one; they said they hadn't the time.  
I wish that I could change things; I wish I knew my crime.  
My life became so lonely in the backyard, on a chain.  
I barked and barked all day long to keep from going insane.  
So they brought me to the shelter but were embarrassed to say why.  
They said I caused an allergy, and then they each kissed me goodbye.  
If I'd only had some training as a little pup, I wouldn't have been so  
hard to handle when I was all grown up.  
"You only have one day left", I heard a worker say.  
Does that mean I have a second chance?  
Do I go home today?*

Thank you again for your time,  
"Bob" Dr. D'Anne

D'Anne Stephens, DVM has been in practice since 1993  
and is owner of Park Plaza Animal Clinic in Arlington, Texas.





## SAVE-A-CHI DONATIONS

We've had a lot of adoptions lately, which means that a lot of new Chihuahuas have come into rescue. This is a special program to begin their vetting process: **Save-A-Chi!** For each \$50 contribution, we'll publish the names of the donors on our website and in the issue of the newsletter immediately after, along with the name of the Chihuahua who was given a headstart with their vetting process -- a checkup and vaccinations (or as Pokey said, a stab right in the butt with a sharp needle!)

Please help us to help these little guys. As we're sure you all know, vet costs are rising along with everything else, and while \$50 doesn't come close to covering what we spend on each dog (about \$250), it gives us a good start towards getting them ready for adoption.

If you can help just one new rescue, please send your contribution (made out to CRT) to our treasurer at 3414 Pemberton Dr., Pearland, TX, 77584-9483, or use the PayPal button on the page at <http://www.chihuahua-rescue.com/saveachi.htm>. We'll choose the very newest little rescue to receive your donation, and notify you of the dog's name and the region where it is being fostered. If you have questions about the program, please email [MidwestCoordinator@chihuahua-rescue.com](mailto:MidwestCoordinator@chihuahua-rescue.com)

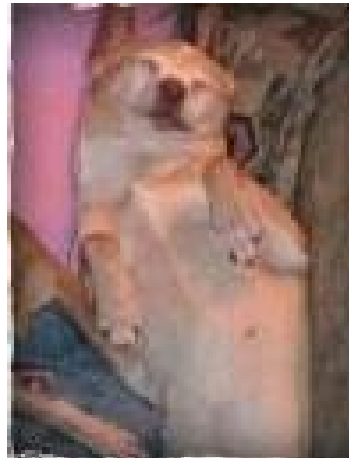
Thank you for helping us to help these deserving little dogs.



FREEDA

-TONI-LYNNE CALABRESE -

"IN HONOR OF MY OWN SWEET LITTLE CHI,  
VALENTINE"



LUCHA

- REGINA KELLY -



CONCHITA

- MARION MERGO -

### A NOTE FROM CONCHITA ...

I'm Conchita, and I want to thank everyone who helped me get my new leg. As you can see from the picture, the hair hasn't grown back yet, but I'm beginning to use my leg already. I have three more weeks of crate rest and then I'll be free! If it hadn't been for a lot of very generous people, I'm afraid I wouldn't be here now. Thank you so much for caring about me and helping pay my bills. You sent in a total of \$1500, and the bill was \$2000. I'm so grateful for the kindness of strangers <g>

Love,  
Conchita

P.S. Now I'm looking for a home!

## A K-9 “UNIT” IS NOT A BAD THING

BY PAM STANLEY

I was asked to write an article about the virtues of the ten lb. PLUS size, male Chihuahua foster dog for the CRT newsletter. I guess it's because I've had both personal and foster dogs that fell into this category. I also know that there is reluctance on the part of potential dog parents to entertain the idea of adopting one of our Plus Size Guys. I thought to myself, "Hmmm. Now why should that be? What myths need to be dispelled about male Chis, especially larger ones?" I've had a few male Chihuahuas in my life to hold up as shining examples of the qualities, characteristics, benefits of the larger, male Chihuahua. I consider myself somewhat of an expert on this subject (we're all born with a gift, right? Sadly this is mine). I've fostered Jonesy, JoJo the Circus Chi, Mad Max -

Beyond Thunder Dog, and Thomas, our most recent male foster. Thomas, with his jutting-under bite and big feet. Thomas, who had nothing going for him at the animal shelter because he was an adult, 10 lb, male, Chihuahua. He was not the 3 lb. "Tinkerbelle" who is apparently today's latest fashion accessory. What Thomas did have going for him was an exceptional rescue group like CRT who was willing to pull him, find him a loving foster home, and care and provide for him until his forever home was found. Shortly after going to his foster home, Thomas, now Pico, was adopted by an exceptional couple who live in Dallas and who love him beyond belief. Thomas is home.



THOMAS, NOW PICO



“MAD MAX” ON THE FARM

and just being a “livestock” Chi. So we adopted him ourselves. He loves his life here, has an ABSOLUTE blast everyday, and we love him. Max's original owners dumped him at the pound and lied that he was “epileptic”. We believe the real reason was his size since we've had him now over two years without incident. If not for CRT, its volunteers and big-hearted adopters who see with their hearts and look past size, all of these beautiful dogs would have died. They would have died simply because they were “too big”.

So now, let me tell you how these other unwanted, mid-size males made out. Jonesy now lives with a woman who fell in love with him without even meeting him first, who wanted to adopt him, and no one but him, and who went to every expense and measure to get him. Jonesy now lives in a rather wealthy home, with friends, swimming pool, and the best of everything. His “caring” original owner dumped Jonesy because he got too big. Jonesy's new mom thinks he's just perfect. Then there is JoJo. JoJo is now the adored baby of a wonderful lady who not only adopted him, but also went on to become a CRT volunteer who has adopted more rescued Chis! JoJo was originally owned by a “caring” family who left him outside, and when hit by a car, did nothing – NOTHING- to help his pain or fix his leg. JoJo's new mom loves him dearly and sees beyond his size and disabled leg. Then there is Mad Max – which is really just a name of endearment. While fostering Max, we noticed how much he loved running outside, being with the horses, playing with the other dogs



MAX

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A K-9 "UNIT" ... CON'T

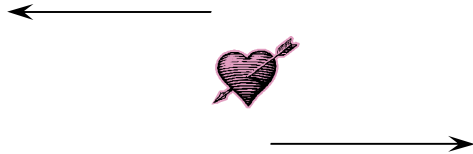
Here are some things potential adopters should know about our larger male Chihuahuas. Many, many of them were abandoned simply because they got too big. They are just as deserving, loving, loyal, personable dogs as any other. And really, when you stop and think about it, ten + lbs. is still a small dog. Larger Chihuahuas are not as frail or prone to injury in typical household mishaps as are the tiny Chis. These sturdy fellows are better suited for romping, playing, and going for walks. It's also a myth that it's harder to housebreak a male than a female. I've had equal success with both. And remember, a dog adopted from CRT has lived with a foster parent who helps train, socialize and housebreak our little friends. Our goal is that when these deserving, wonderful, charming, so-be-it bigger guys find their new home, it's forever.

WE'RE THREE VERY NICE, NOT-SO-TINY BOYS IN SEARCH OF THAT  
SPECIAL SOMEONE TO ADOPT US AND LOVE US FOREVER AND EVER.



ECHO (MIDWEST)

I'm Echo, a Doggy Training School graduate. I'm about 9 lbs and about 2-3 years old. If you're looking for a shy blonde guy who loves to snuggle up with his girl, I'm ready!



LUCKY (DALLAS)

Lucky is a good natured, tall-legged Chihuahua mix with brown, black and white fur. He's approximately 3 years old and weighs 10 1/2 lbs. He's not a fan of cats, but does well with dogs that are not too hyperactive. He's very smart, house-trained, and has a passive personality. He enjoys snuggling in your lap and likes belly rubs and sleeping on the bed.



ZANE (HOUSTON)

No, I'm not Mad Max, but I sure look enough like him to be his twin! I'm Zane and I'm just a young pup at about a year and a half old and a sturdy 9 lbs. I LOVE to play, I LOVE toys, and I LOVE to chase balls. Did I mention that I'm active?





## BEST FRIENDS...



**DAPHNE - HOUSTON**

Daphne has one of the saddest stories that we have encountered in a while. She was allowed to run free and was attacked by large dogs. She received no medical care for days, and was finally brought to a shelter. CRT was able to get her the same day, and sent her for emergency surgery.

Unfortunately, it was found that both of her eyes had been punctured by dog bites, and both eyes had to be removed. She also had other bite wounds that were sutured. When she came in, she weighed only 3 1/2 pounds. While she was under anesthesia her heart stopped beating, but the vet was able to bring her back. She is recovering well from her surgery and learning how to get around as a blind dog. Sweet little Daphne is only about a year old, LOVES to be carried around and is very affectionate and trusting, even after all she's been through. She still has some more medical work to be done, after that she'll be ready for adoption.



My name is Mickey and I am recovering from a severe case of mange. I am only 2 years old and when I was surrendered to CRT I was very red and had open sores all over my skin. I didn't feel very good then but now that I've had many MANY treatments, I'm learning to play, love to sleep under the covers and my hair is finally growing back. I will require further treatments so that the mange doesn't return, but should be healthy after all of those little itchy bugs are gone.



**MICKEY - N. CAROLINA**

## BEST FRIENDS

Here are four dogs who need Best Friends....we showed four in our 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](mailto:Sponsor@Chihuahua-Rescue.com)**



**GIZMO - ILLINOIS**

Hi folks, my name is Gizmo. I am one and a half years old, and weigh eight pounds. I'm living in a foster home now because my daddy got sick and had to go away. I am a long-coat Chihuahua. My coat is a pretty champagne and white color, and I really like it when my foster mom brushes it.

It has been a bit of an adjustment for me to come into a house where I have several Chihuahua cousins because I was used to being the only dog where I lived before. I don't really play with the other dogs yet; maybe I will learn to play with them after I trust them a little more. I have adjusted very quickly to my foster mom. I hope to get adopted where there is someone home with me a lot. I am a rather mellow guy, and would do well in a home with quiet, loving adults.

Spanky is an "Honorary Chihuahua", probably a dachshund mix. His people left him at their local shelter when they moved to a place that didn't allow pets. He is such a sweet boy and deserved to come into rescue and have a chance to live out the rest of his life. At 10 lbs and about 10 years old, he's just now learning how to give kisses. We don't think he was allowed on furniture in his previous home, but has gotten quite spoiled in his foster home. Now that he knows he is "part of the family" and not "just a dog" he enjoys sleeping in bed with his foster parents and sitting on the couch when we watch TV. He does have a heart murmur that requires one Lasix pill a day. Fortunately, this is a very affordable medication to give. We hope that we can find Spanky a wonderful home that will continue to spoil him for the remainder of his life.



**SPANKY - FLORIDA**



# HEAVEN ON EARTH

BY BARBARA A. CLARK

I didn't know "heaven on earth" existed until I adopted my two Chihuahuas, Becca and Bailey in April, 2004. They had grown up together and came as a package since they were so devoted to each other and could not be separated.

I had no intention of adopting two dogs and certainly not a male since I know some male dogs hike their legs on furniture. When a CRT volunteer, Janet Marion, brought these two animals to my house, all hesitation disappeared. It was love at first sight. They were both trained to use puppy pads (and they have never had an accident in my house since I've had them). Within 24 hours, I had these two precious angels in my home.

Becca is quite a young lady and has an opinion on everything. She is constantly mumbling as if she were talking to me and is very protective of her home. Becca loves looking out the front window and keeping watch, especially for the mailman. She lays down the law to her brother and lets him know she is the boss. She loves her mommy very much and loves to give kisses.

Bailey, the "man of the house," tries to keep his sister under control but it seems Becca has the upper hand. He is a rugged he-man who loves his yard and tries to keep all critters out, but at times he has trouble with a squirrel who loves to hang from the tree and tease him. Although Bailey is very manly, he loves to snuggle with mommy and give lots of kisses (only when he wants to).

As life continues and we all get older, we live in our "little bit of Heaven" each and every day.

Thank you for the best of all worlds; living with Chihuahuas.



## CRT FUNDRAISER!

Here's another fundraiser for CRT. Put these magnets on your car, your fridge, or give them as a gift to another Chihuahua lover!

They're **\$7.50** each which includes shipping. Pay via **check** (made out to CRT) or **PayPal** to email address [Treasurer@Chihuahua-Rescue.com](mailto:Treasurer@Chihuahua-Rescue.com). You can also use the PayPal buttons at

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## DOG - GONE!

BY JENNY KRUGER

As I sit here, holding this precious life in my arms, I think to myself, "There has to be someone out there sickened with grief that they can't find you." For each unclaimed stray, I am sure there *has* to be a family mourning for their loss. I recently read an ad by one of the microchip companies reporting that one out of five companion animals gets lost at some point during its lifetime. That number is mind staggering. Their ad, of course, focused on the higher percentage of pets being returned to their owners, if the pet has a microchip.

I am definitely pro-microchip, but there is also another way to increase the chances a pet will be returned to its lost family: an ID tag. Many people think the county mandated rabies tag is enough. It's not. Try calling the number on your pet's rabies tag after 6 in the evening, or better yet, on a weekend or holiday. Many people assume - incorrectly - that the number on a rabies tag has someone answering 24 hours. It doesn't; the phones are only answered during business hours. Now think about the odds that a Good Samaritan is going to find your beloved pooch during business hours. What happens if they are unable to keep the animal until business hours resume? If your dog has an ID tag on their collar, that Good Samaritan will be able to call you directly, no matter what time or day of the week they find Fido.

Some people have concerns about keeping collars on their pets, afraid the pet will get the collar stuck or tangled and it will strangle the dog. For this fear, many places sell breakaway collars. I have found the cat breakaway collars are the perfect size for Chihuahuas. If you find the jingle of two tags annoying, you can buy "tag silencers." It's important for your pet to wear an ID tag and collar 24 hours a day, not just when you plan to leave your property with your dog. A collar and tag will not do your dog any good if they are not wearing them in the event they accidentally get loose from your home.

So please, keep tags on your pet at all times. It shows that the pet has an owner who cares, and didn't just turn him loose to be picked up by someone else. People will search a lot harder for the owner of a stray pet if it is tagged and they have a starting point for that search. Far too many pets end up euthanized in shelters because their owners can't be found. Don't let any of those pets be yours.

## Chi-Esta!

We're counting down until the 6th Annual DFW Chi-Esta! The Chi-Esta is traditionally held in Keller, TX at the beautifully wooded Bear Creek Park. Keller is a wonderful little town nestled in the midst of the Dallas/Ft. Worth metroplex. Chi-Esta goers will enjoy festive music, raffles, games, contests, vendors, food and, of course, lots of Chihuahuas! Last year, the DFW Chi-Esta raised close to \$3500 for the Chihuahuas of CRT. The event will be held on October 28, 2006 from 11 am - 5 pm.

The park is sprinkled with shade trees near a beautiful creek. Come and plan on staying for the afternoon. Food and drinks are available all day. You can take up residence at one of the many picnic tables at the park or, like many, bring a blanket and camp out on the lush grass behind the pavilion. Donations for the raffle are gladly accepted. Contact Sophie Shores via email at [sshores@charter.net](mailto:sshores@charter.net) for information on how to donate raffle items. Please check the CRT website for printable flyers to post in your area as well as donation information. Hope to see you there!



**October 28**  
**11 am - 5 pm**  
**Bear Creek Park**  
**Keller, TX**



## CRT FINANCIAL SUMMARY - JANUARY - APRIL 2006

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Adoption Fees	\$ 18,750	Veterinary/medical	\$ 32,983
Donations	\$ 11,865	Printing/postage	\$ 2,403
Sales/fundraising	\$ 4,683	Microchips/registration	\$ 2,101
Interest	\$ 81	Advertising	\$ 313
		Chicago PetExpo booth fee	\$ 310
		PayPal fees	\$ 159
		Licenses/permits	\$ 145
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 35,379</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 38,414</b>

**Net Loss: -\$3,035**

Please feel free to email our Treasurer at [Treasurer@Chihuahua-Rescue.com](mailto:Treasurer@Chihuahua-Rescue.com) with any questions regarding CRT's finances.  
Chihuahua Rescue & Transport, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit, tax-exempt, public charity. Our federal EIN is 65-1018866.

***100 CRT Chihuahuas have found new, forever homes so far in 2006!***

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