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# Greetings from the New Prez!

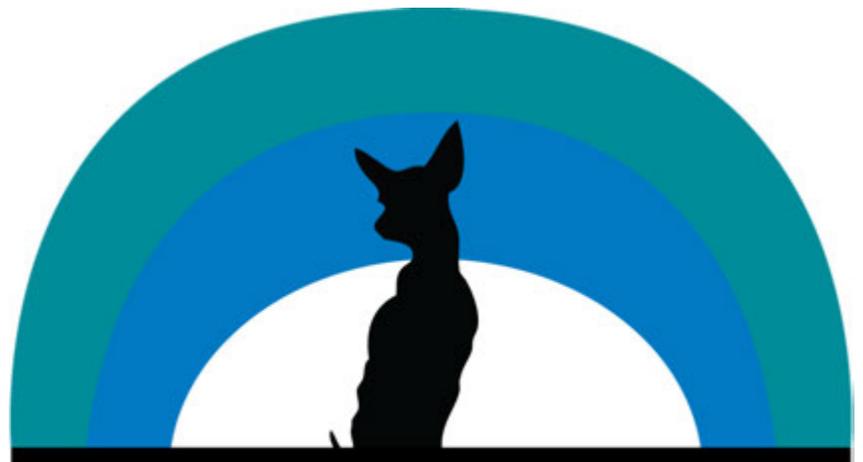
Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Chris Mesker and I have been the Midwest Region coordinator for about a year and a half and was just elected President of Chihuahua Rescue & Transport Inc. at the last board meeting.

I live in Dayton, Ohio with my husband of 27 years, Dave, and our 5 dogs, Lanie (16), Chile (15), Frankie (13), Giggles (12) and Little Mack (8). All are Chihuahuas except Frankie who is a 12 pound Dachshund who thinks he is a Chihuahua. We also currently have 5 fosters so it's a full house here and always busy. We have 2 grown children, Carrie and Ricky and a grand dog named Koda (also a Chihuahua) who spends a lot of time here with his mom.

Our dogs are all excited about the warmer weather as it facilitates their favorite pastime of sunbathing on the patio, or in Little Mack's case, on top of the hot tub cover where apparently it is a tad bit warmer. Of course, it also gets me outside to enjoy the fresh air and sunshine. I am looking forward to leading CRT and our volunteers to new and innovative ways to increase adoptions and to improve and shore up our integrity and reputation as an outstanding 501(c)3 rescue. As part of this, we welcome any ideas that lead us to that objective. You can contact me anytime at [president@chihuahua-rescue.com](mailto:president@chihuahua-rescue.com).

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On May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013, board members from all over the US met in Florence, Kentucky for a first ever face-to-face board meeting. During this meeting, we discussed the future of CRT, elected new officers and had a wonderful lunch. We would like to invite our CRT membership to feel free to email us at [crtboard@chihuahua-rescue.com](mailto:crtboard@chihuahua-rescue.com) with any suggestions or comments you have about anything to do with CRT.

# Once I Was A Lonely Dog...

BY: ARLENE PACE

Once I was a lonely dog,  
Just looking for a home.  
I had no place to go,  
No one to call my own.  
I wandered up and down the streets,  
in rain in heat and snow.  
I ate whatever I could find,  
I was always on the go.  
My skin would itch, my feet were sore,  
My body ached with pain.  
And no one stopped to give a pat  
Or to gently say my name.  
I never saw a loving glance,  
I was always on the run.  
For people thought that hurting me  
was really lots of fun.  
And then one day I heard a voice  
So gentle, kind and sweet,  
And arms so soft reached down to me  
And took me off my feet.  
"No one again will hurt you"  
Was whispered in my ear.  
"You'll have a home to call your own  
where you will know no fear."  
"You will be dry, you will be warm,  
you'll have enough to eat  
And rest assured that when you sleep,  
your dreams will all be sweet."  
I was afraid I must admit,  
I've lived so long in fear.  
I can't remember when I let  
A human come so near.  
And as she tended to my wounds  
And bathed and brushed my fur  
She told me 'bout the rescue group'  
And what it meant to her.  
She said, "We are a circle,  
A line that never ends.  
And in the center there is you  
protected by new friends."

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## Prez

We are noticing across the nation that there are increased requests for us to take in dogs and a decreased number of adoptions. This is a very sad trend as we are turning away adoptable dogs because we just don't have enough foster homes. In efforts for CRT to become more visible to the public audience, we now have regional Face Book pages as well as one regular CRT Page so we encourage you to "Like" our pages and contribute pictures, stories, successful adoptions and rescues, encouraging letters, announcements, events or anything you find interesting or amusing (suitable for public viewing please) and mostly pet or rescue related. Also please feel free to encourage your friends and family to "Like" us as well. You may find us at the following addresses:

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Chihuahua Rescue & Transport, Inc. - DFW Region  
Chihuahua Rescue & Transport, Inc. - San Antonio Region  
Chihuahua Rescue & Transport, Inc. - Midwest Region

Until next time.... Many blessings to all.

*Chris Mesker, President*

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## A Lonely Dog

Picture by: Joan Mitchell



"And all around you are  
the ones that check the pounds,  
And those that share their home  
after you've been found."

"And all the other folk  
are searching near and far.  
To find the perfect home for you,  
where you can be a star."

She said, "There is a family,  
that's waiting patiently,  
and pretty soon we'll find them,  
just you wait and see."

"And then they'll join our circle  
they'll help to make it grow,  
so there'll be room for more like you,  
who have no place to go."

I waited very patiently,  
The days they came and went.  
Today's the day I thought,  
my family will be sent.

Then just when I began to think  
It wasn't meant to be,  
there were people standing there  
just gazing down at me.

I knew them in a heartbeat,  
I could tell they felt it too.  
They said, "We have been waiting  
for a special dog like you."

Now every night I say a prayer  
to all the gods that be.

"Thank you for the life I live  
and all you've given me.

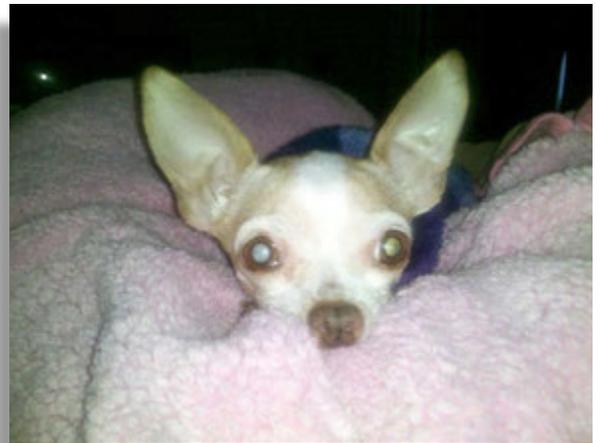
But most of all protect the dogs  
in the pound and on the street.

And send a Rescue Person  
to lift them off their feet."

# Why I Adopted An Older Dog

BY: LISA MITCHELL

I met Chika, now known as Ahsoka, at the Bark and Wine charity event in Greensboro, NC last September. I had looked previously at her profile on PetFinder and wanted to adopt a senior dog with special needs. When I met her, I fell in love and knew that she needed me as much as I needed her. I am an RN and definitely a nurturing type of person. My 14-year-old cocker spaniel, Skylar, had passed away the previous year. I wanted to adopt an older dog as a tribute to him and because most people tend to stray away from adopting an elder dog. Most people want the cute puppy and something that is "shiny and new". There are ups and downs with adopting a dog of any age; however, senior dogs tend to be calmer, house-trained, past the chewing stage, and generally just an overall better companion. Senior dogs are grateful and appreciate that they have been given a second chance at happiness. Most people also tend to dwell on the fact that an older dog will not be around as long, and it will be painful to have to let go so quickly.



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## In Memory of Chuck Maze...

BY: TRACY WALLACE

Chuck Maze was "One of a kind", larger than life, a big kid at heart, adventurous, generous, outgoing and fun loving. He was our boss who let you know how much he loved his family, and this included his two little dogs, Roxy and Zoe. We couldn't believe this man had such little dogs; as normally you would expect a man like Chuck to have two big dogs. It was quite funny but very endearing. I could go on and on about what an amazing man Chuck Maze was; he is what made work full of life and fun to come to. To know him was to love him. Our hearts are very heavy with sadness as his passing came so quick to us, and we weren't ready for it at all. We adored him, and he was our boss in Supplier Quality Management at Lockheed Martin.



## An Older Dog

There are no guarantees about length of life with any dog. Love is a very powerful thing that can motivate an older dog to be healthier and therefore live longer. Make a statement about compassion and the value of life at any age. Remember, age is just a number. Ahsoka recently turned 12 years old, and we love her dearly. She fits in perfectly with our family, which includes two other Chihuahuas, Neo and Athena. It is a blessing to see her personality come out more and more each day. It is an honor that she is a part of my life, and she truly is special. Consider giving an older dog a loving "retirement home" and provide them with the best years of their life! Rescue a senior dog, and I promise they will rescue you right back!

## A Tribute to Pop...

BY: SANDY HOUSE



It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of one of our long term CRT fosters. "Pop" passed away peacefully at midnight on Mother's Day in his foster Mom's loving arms. He was 16 years old...

Pop was one of my "Heart Dogs" from the first moment he arrived here. A crabby, little old man who was full of playful, full of barkety-bark, and a food lover who would have become a chef, I'm sure! He always followed me everywhere in the house, but "outside" and "walk" were not part of his vocabulary. He sometimes enjoyed being out in the grass (as long as it was not too hot or too cold or raining or snowing or he would rather sleep). He did NOT like walks or wearing a collar or wearing a "sweater". If we had a visitor, he would snarl and grab at their ankles (with 2 of his 7 teeth). My handyman was his favorite - apparently his jeans were tasty. He loved to eat! ANYTHING! But, he would not, absolutely NOT, eat from a dog bowl, a saucer, or a dish of any kind. He would only eat if his food was finely chopped and placed in a clean spot on the floor (never did figure that out). I loved Pop. He was beautiful inside and out.

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**Pop**

At night (he slept in my bed with me), he liked to play "gonna get your nose" and "scratch my tummy." He would crawl up on my chest and "bite" my nose, then I'd bite his. I could go on and on.... But just know that he was a wonderful, amazing, loving, beautiful little old man. Pop died in my arms at midnight, May 12, 2013. He is now playing happily with all of our other CRT Sweeties who were waiting for him at The Bridge. Loving you was a joy. See you again, Sweet Boy.

**The Midwest Report**

The Midwest is experiencing a big increase in requests for us to take in male dogs and a decrease in adoptions. Currently we are bursting at the seams with fosters and I am turning down 5 to 6 owner surrender requests daily. Adoption applications are way down and the few good ones we receive are falling through for one reason or another. I am hoping things pick up this summer as I know it is easier to work with a new dog when the weather is warmer. Now for some good news! We participated in the first annual Cincinnati Petopolis Expo and we were impressed. It was well planned and marketed and we came away with \$567 thanks to our very talented volunteers who make items for people to take home with them for their small donations. We expect next year's event to be even bigger. We are now looking forward to summer and some outdoor pet events where we can showcase our fosters and hopefully get an increase in adoptions.

*Chris Mesker*

**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Chiesta!**

BY: MEG AUSTIN



Jared Oakes hangs the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Chiesta banner to greet guests.

On April 20, 2013, chihuahuas dressed in costume, a dozen pet-centric vendors, food trucks, people dressed in shirts proclaiming things like "That's right, I'm the crazy Chihuahua lover," and Karen Hales in a giant sombrero—it could only be Chiesta!! If you didn't see the article in the Dallas Morning News, let this new attendee tell you about it! Held for the first time at Andrew Brown Park in Coppell, it was a great day to raise money for Chihuahua rescue. We took some posed portraits as well as hundreds of candid pictures of dog lovers and their furry family members. People won homemade baked goods in the cake walk. They bid on tons of raffle prizes from dog strollers to pet costumes to human mani/pedis. There were Chihuahua races on a short track at the bottom of the hill.

S.P.O.T. Agility and the Waco Agility Group co-sponsored an agility demonstration.



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# I Need Help With Healthy Chi's!!

BY: CARLA JOHNSON

The original email came in as: “My sister bred Chihuahuas.... She recently passed away and her husband is unable care for them by himself. They are in good health, most are neutered, and are all ages, including puppies. They are all up-to-date with their shots. These dogs are well taken care of, and well treated, just in need of a good home. My brother-in-law wants only to know that they will be loved and treated the way he and my sister treated them. They are located in North Eastern North Carolina.”

My response: “How many of them are there?”

Her reply: “There are 32 chihuahuas, 30 are healthy and two are not (one is blind and one has seizures).”

My thoughts: Where in the world are that many

dogs going to be able to go?????

After many emails, I finally connected with John from Associated Humane Societies/Popcorn Park of NJ. He made some phone calls and emailed me back that they could take all of the Chi's. Now the logistics of getting these Chi's from NC to NJ. We tentatively arranged to drive vans to a midway location in MD. In the meantime, one of our volunteers in Roanoke had been talking about these Chi's and the difficulty in getting them from point A to point B. Apparently someone who overheard this conversation told her that he flew with Pilots N Paws and that he would be happy to assist with getting these dogs to NJ. So now all I had to do was put out a plea on the Pilots N Paws list serve. After posting our plea, I received an email from Matt who lived in NJ. He stated that if we could work it out, he'd fly

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## Chiesta

And the people ate! A new feature at Chiesta this year was the presence of food trucks. The sweet ices and bacon-dominated sandwiches were a hit! The venue was great with easy access, a giant covered pavilion, and lots of families coming from their sports activities at the park. We had so many volunteers who put in countless hours contacting vendors, making gift baskets, setting up a “Chi-tique” for shopping, baking, watching the foster dogs, setting up, and tearing down. Entire families worked before and during the event along with a Girl Scout troop and CRT volunteers even brought in their friends to help. Previous adopters came to show their dogs and help with the event. Possibly the most important service offered at the Chiesta was education about taking care of dogs. This year we raised over \$2,000 for CRT. Next year we will need even more volunteers. We are already hard at work tweaking and adding for Chiesta 2014 and we can't wait to see you there. Please watch for the date next spring and mark your calendars--Ole!

Kathy Robinson with JoJo & Sandy



## I Need Help

down and pick up the dogs and fly them to the closest air strip to the shelter.

To make a long story short, I drove 3 hours east to see just how many Chi's there were, what size, what temperament, and to take pictures to send to John so he'd know what to expect and so we'd know if all of the dogs would be able to fit in Matt's plane.

Upon Meeting Don, the husband of the woman who passed away, he was truly overwhelmed with the care that was required for this number of Chi's plus a couple of goats in the back yard and several more dogs of other breeds in the house. The Chi's ranged from 2-3 pounds to 20+ pounds and most of them were scared out of their minds and hiding under the bed or wherever they could disappear to. By the time that I made this trip, the sister had come down and taken several of the dogs back to NJ with her so that left 28 Chi's. I just couldn't leave the Chug (Chihuahua/Pug) puppy or the momma Chi with her beautiful little tiny LH puppy so they came home with me.

Matt, the pilot, had ideas of placing 12 Chi's in one large crate and going from there. After seeing the Chi's I knew this wasn't going to work so I told him that I would provide smaller crates, straps, bungee cords, etc so that we could stack as many Chi's in his plane as possible. At this point, I was anticipating that I would be bringing more Chi's back home with me as I really didn't think that all of these were going to fit into the plane.

The weather caused us to change our plans several times, and then the date was set. I contacted Joan Mitchell, a volunteer in Richmond VA, who met me at the house. When I initially told her about the little blind guy, she kept saying CRT needs to take this one in. I had already run this by John who told me that he didn't think they'd have any problem in getting a blind dog adopted out so I told her that there was no need for him to come into CRT as we were already over capacity. When I walked into the house for the second time, this volunteer had the little blind guy, Sherlock, in her arms, and he was just snuggling all over her. The look that I got from her told me right then and there that this little guy was going to be part of CRT, but for fun I again told her that the NJ Humane Society was expecting him.

We put ribbon collars on each of the dogs with their names on them, and I took a picture to correspond with each dog so that John would know how to match up their vet records. We loaded all 24 dogs into multiple crates, and Joan put little Sherlock in her car to transport to the air field.

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## Bar Mitzvah

BY: CATHERINE GORTON



Emily Gurwitz and her family adopted a sweet chi named Honey from CRT in January 2012.

We enjoyed hearing updates from the Gurwitz's on their new dog's progress. In December 2012,

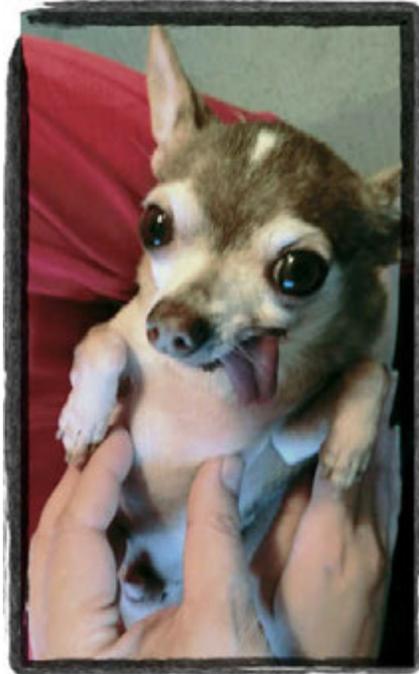
Emily asked us if we could use some help with our rescue efforts that would provide her son, Ethan, an opportunity to complete service hours for his Bar Mitzvah. Ethan started his service project on January 1, 2013 by coming over to walk the dogs in the chilly south TX air. He continued to come by in-between school and other extra curricular activities to walk, play, help bathe, etc for several weeks. Ethan also joined us at PetsMart for adoption events and helped with meet and greets. CRT was honored to present Ethan with a plaque for his service project. We were very surprised and appreciative of the donations from his Bar Mitzvah & of the center pieces on each table, which included dog sweaters, collars, toys, bowls, etc. What a total gift of time and gifts from a thoughtful young man and his family.



# CRT Success Story

BY: MATT & COLLEEN WINDSOR

My tongue is adorable. At least that's what everyone tells me when they see me and pet me. But my life didn't start out so good. I was treated horribly by this man when I was younger. One day, it got so bad that his neighbors rescued me! Once I was at a clinic, a CRT volunteer in North Texas named Sue spotted me and brought me into the CRT family. They were really worried about me because my leg and jaw were pretty badly messed up from being kicked around. Lois and Emily came into my life and they were my angels. They helped me get all these surgeries for my jaw and leg – I even received a fancy A&M Veterinary Hospital scholarship to cover the cost of my amputation. Recovery was rough and some days they thought I wouldn't make it, but I sure showed them. Because of Lois, Emily, CRT volunteers, and CRT best friends, I am literally alive and hopping today. To tell you the truth, most of the time I even forget that I'm a tripod since I like lazing in the sun all day.



Dobby, a success story

Since I'm older and am missing a leg, a lot of people thought I was unadoptable. But in 2010, a young couple in Dallas adopted me. They said that once they watched a video of me hopping around with my tongue hanging out, they couldn't get me out of their minds and wanted to meet me. It turned out to be a great match because they had another Chihuahua named Kappy who was three pounds, just like me! Kappy was thrilled to find someone who enjoyed barking at the mailman as much as he did.

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## I Need Help

We headed to Suffolk Executive Airport in VA where I had already contacted the manager to alert him as to what was taking place. When we arrived, we were escorted out on the run way to a plane that was blaring "Who Let the Dogs Out" over their speakers. We had to transfer the dogs into smaller crates so that as many as possible could make the trip. We did this transfer in the back of my van, and Matt and his co-pilot, Byron, just kept carefully stacking the crates, Tetris style. We got down to the last couple of dogs, and Joan brings up little Sherlock. The look on her face was enough to break your heart so, with a big smile, I just said he's going home with you so just put him back in your car. To all of our disbelief, all 24 Chi's fit into Matt's plane, and after a photo op with a local newspaper, he and Byron taxied down to the end of the run way, and everyone was ecstatic that we had pulled this off. Just as Matt was rounding the corner to take off, I realized that in the frenzy to transfer the Chi's to his plane, I had neglected to give him all of the dog's vet records and health certificates that he would need when he landed at R.J. Miller Airpark in Toms River, NJ. A quick phone call and a return of the plane took care of this mishap. A couple of hours later, Matt called to say that you would have thought that he was transporting Lindsay Lohan due to the numerous news media vans and cameras that were lining the runway when he came in for a landing. He reported that all dogs were off loaded at Popcorn Park and that John and his crew were in the process of checking them out and matching up names with paperwork. All dogs were adopted out, even little Sherlock whom Joan and her husband drove down to South Carolina in their RV to deliver him to his new home. It was wonderful working with two other great organizations in order to help get these little guys to safety. If you'd like to see a video of this event, please visit [http://youtu.be/xUNMPaX\\_Wi8](http://youtu.be/xUNMPaX_Wi8).

**CRT Success**



I still get special dental treatments but for the most part I'm doing just fine. I even got used to living with a man – men used to scare me to death because of my past! Now, I demand to sleep in bed next to him every night. Life with my forever family is pretty good, and I love hanging out in my corner of the sofa during movie nights. Now I only get mildly annoyed from the multitude of daily hugs and kisses I receive, although I make it quite clear that there is no such thing as too many pets. The best part is that I still get to see everyone who helped me. A couple of times a year, I have sleepovers with Emily and hang out with my buddy, Bear. Furthermore, I got to see Lois again at Chiesta in Dallas this year! Honestly, I was kind of a celebrity at Chiesta because everyone remembered me and Lois was telling people about my story. But with a tongue like mine, how can you not treat me like a celebrity?

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# Emergency Preparedness for Your Pets

BY: DR. JACKIE BUSCH

In recent years, extreme weather conditions have encouraged pet owners to think ahead about emergency planning, which may include evacuation and/or relocation. Many lessons were learned post Hurricane Katrina about how to better prepare for both people and their pets. A predetermined, pet friendly and safe location should be first and foremost. The following is a list which may be used as a guideline for preparation.



1. Keep your pet's information in an easily accessible area in case of a quick evacuation. All paper documents should be stored in a waterproof envelope or container. Included should be vaccination records as well as medical records with current information about your pet's health status. A list of current medications should be included. For pets with a chronic disease, I recommend including copies of lab work. Current pictures should be accessible.

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**Thank You!!**

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Fireplug Inn supports CRT by collecting donations and providing free boarding for our foster dogs. If you live in the

Dallas/Fort Worth area and are looking for doggy daycare or bed and breakfast for your small dog, check them out!  
<http://www.firepluginn.com>

# A New Mom and Her Pups!

BY: MEG AUSTIN



We would like to introduce everyone to our newest family here at Chihuahua Rescue and Transport – Ilia and her brand new puppies. (The spelling is i-l-i-a! She is named after a character from the Romulus and Remus myth.)

Sweet Ilia was in the Arlington shelter. Marked as an “owner release,” she was huge with pregnancy and scheduled for an abortion. Several of our CRT volunteers jumped into action to save both Ilia and her soon-to-be-born puppies! CRT volunteer Stacy Howard heard about Ilia and sent her picture to the Austin family.

The Austins are a CRT foster family who had been wishing for a pregnant Chi to save. They immediately said “yes” to the task. The next step was to find someone able to take their CRT foster, Jessie, to make room for Ilia. Thankfully, Kathy Robertson volunteered to take Jessie. This allowed the Austin family to open their home to Ilia, and left them free for the birthing process of new puppies. It also gave little Jessie a chance to widen her circle of trust with people. On May 1, Stacy picked up Ilia and met Meg for the drop.

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## Vet

2. Identification on your pet. This should include a tag with your information as well as a permanent means of identification, specifically a microchip. Keep your information updated with the microchip company. If your pet is lost or separated from you, immediately call the microchip company as well as local humane societies, animal control and veterinarians to alert them to your lost pet.
3. Crates for transport should be easily accessible and your pet should be comfortable in them. The crate should be large enough for your pet to stand, turn and lie down. Prior to an emergency, the pet should be used to being crated for transport to aid in minimizing stress.
4. Medications for pets should be in close proximity for an owner to pack quickly. Ideally a week’s worth of medication should be available as well as monthly heartworm/flea/ tick preventative. A first aid kit is recommended to be included as well.
5. Food and water should be stored. Again, a week’s worth of food, especially if the pet is on a prescription diet, should be made available.
6. Pack sturdy leashes and harnesses.

Having an emergency plan for you family must include your pets as well. Remember to start with a predetermined pet friendly place and have a small kit prepared in a water proof container for your pet.



## A New Mom

The Austins prepared a birthing suite in a downstairs bathroom and watched Ilia closely. The afternoon of Friday, May 10, she finally began showing signs of labor. She was panting and nesting but would have nothing to do with her prepared space so they moved her upstairs to their quiet bedroom. Ilia would not let Meg go to bed. She pawed and whined until Meg made a pallet by her on the floor. After Ilia's pacing and whining for 3 1/2 hours, Meg turned over to see a small black and white shape on the blanket. The first puppy had been born at 3:40 AM on the Saturday before Mother's Day!



Ilia cleaned Romulus (the first puppy) and got him moving. She then proceeded to have a pup about every 20 minutes until there were 6—while Meg and Joel watched in wonder. Ilia had 2 boys and 4 girls. Two of the girls are black and the other 4 pups are black and white. Ilia is an attentive and protective mother and we look forward to watching the puppies grow and working together to find the whole family new forever homes. Stay tuned to the DFW area CRT facebook page ([www.facebook.com/cutechihuahuas](http://www.facebook.com/cutechihuahuas)) for more pictures and updates on the entire family!

## In Memory of...

Joseph Volpe & Craig Booth	<i>Paco who passed away on Easter.</i>
Carla M. Gonzalez	<i>Nacho, 1988-2006</i>
Madeline & Ted Samples	<i>Chuck Maze</i>
Carolyn Fry	<i>Oliver (Tiny). We loved you so much.</i>
Teri Mobley	<i>Chuck Maze</i>
Scott & Johnetta Allred	<i>Chuck Maze</i>
Susan & Don Cogman	<i>Chuck Maze</i>
His SQM Family	<i>Chuck Maze</i>
Vince & Rita Panzera	<i>Chuck Maze</i>
Leslie Reed Huey	<i>Chuck Maze</i>
Carol Buchanan	<i>In honor &amp; memory of a very special human being and wonderful caregiver for &amp; lover of Chihuahuas, Chuck Maze.</i>
	<i>Chuck Maze</i>
Tracy Wallace	<i>Chuck Maze who we lost 1-13-13.</i>
Barbara Anderson	<i>He was larger than life and will be greatly missed.</i>
	<i>Chuck Maze</i>
Sam & Carolyn Young	<i>Chuck Maze</i>
Toni Elrod	<i>Chuck Maze</i>
Paige Archer	<i>Chuck Maze</i>
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Daniel R. Minninger	<i>Zoe</i>

## Southeastern Report

Greetings to all! Our adoptions were pretty good the first part of this year but now have slowed down to a trickle. I'm still turning down between 8-12 Chi's per day and we have received several requests to assist with hoarding situations where the owner suddenly died. Fortunately we have been able to work with other rescues to find all of these Chi's places. We desperately need more foster homes and people willing to help with adoption events. We have a big adoption event coming up on Sept 21<sup>st</sup> in Virginia Beach, VA. This will be an all day Pet Expo and should be attended by more than ten thousand people.

***In Honor Of...***

Matthew & Colleen Windsor, Lois, Mollee, Sadee, Archie, Sasha & Tcee	<i>Dobby, to help a special needs dog</i>
Joseph Volpe & John Craig Booth	<i>Our vet, Dr. Scott Houston</i>
Donna L. Mager	<i>Penny, Camie Sue &amp; Diva</i>
Robin & Dale Shaffer	<i>Emily Kimmnett</i>
Bonnie Ward	<i>Brooke</i>
Diane & William Edwards	<i>Kyle, Misty &amp; Bailee Edwards</i>
R.J. Strafford	<i>Sonny Harrington</i>
Marlyan Martinez	<i>Rose Leidtka</i>
Melody & Isabella Enscoe	<i>Our 3 CRT pups</i>
M. Capozziello	<i>Angel &amp; Tracie</i>
Nancy Lee Myers	<i>Chase</i>
Sean & Heather Dalmasso	<i>Lessely</i>
Joel & Meg Austin	<i>The Blackmon Family</i>
Joel & Meg Austin	<i>The Koonce Family</i>



Display of agility

Check out our **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Chiesta** fundraiser on Page 5.



Check out our website, <http://www.chihuahua-rescue.com/regions/success.htm>, to read our success stories, find out how to volunteer and meet dogs who are looking for a forever home. You can also join us on Facebook for updates about dogs, updates about fundraisers, and other events.



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