

The Prez Sez

Holiday Greetings!!!

With the holidays comes the usual hustle and bustle of shopping, wrapping gifts, party planning and making merry! We realize this newsletter comes to you at a very busy time but we hope you can take a few moments to relax with your favorite beverage and read our very interesting articles. Thank you for your past support and we hope to inspire you to continue your support of our efforts to rescue and care for Chihuahuas at risk of being euthanized. The need for your support is greater than ever as there are record numbers of owners surrendering their Chihuahuas and sadly we turn down many every day. Some of you may have heard this already but Chihuahuas are now the second most euthanized breed in shelters. I hope that you have time to read the story about Petey in this newsletter. Petey nearly died from Parvo virus and would not be here today if not for the support of many of you. We understand that you have many choices when it comes to deciding which well-deserved charity or charities to support especially around the holidays.

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The official newsletter for friends, volunteers, and supporters.

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Check out our new look! CRT decided it was time for an updated look, so you will see lots of changes including our new logo, sported here on this newsletter. We had several entries from CRT volunteers and it was not an easy decision for the board to pick the winning Logo. Our very own Diane Busch from CRT Ohio chapter submitted the winning logo and we are very excited about our new look. Please keep an eye out for our updated website too, which will also showcase our new look with lots of enhanced features and functionality.

Seniors Need Love Too!

BY: LYNNIE BUNTEN

As usual, all our foster homes were full, when the emails came in about Cysco. Cysco's dad had died suddenly and the nine year old neutered male was now alone. They lived in a pet friendly apartment complex and the management found other tenants to care for him while the emails went out all over.

Nine years is too old for many people, and I figured we'd have him for a while if I took him in, but his time was running out and a shelter was going to be called. I managed to squeeze in some time to go get him after the current tenant got home from work. Cysco is a lovely cream colored boy and when I met him he was walking in his harness to go get the mail and meet me. I fell in love with him and took him home to introduce him to my resident fosters.



Cysco reading a copy of the CRT newsletter

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Senior Love

He fit right in, but just to be sure of him, I left him in the harness for a few days.

Cysco went to event after event but no one was interested in adopting a senior male. Then one day, I left him at home. A nice lady came by and was looking for a companion. She was ready to have another one after losing her dog a few months previously. We had some puppies at the event and she looked at them, but as I looked at her I said, “you don’t really want a puppy, do you?” She didn’t so I described Cysco to her and her eyes lit up and she asked if she could meet him. I told her I had to run home for a bit and would bring him back if she could wait. Oh, yes, she would come back after she grabbed some lunch.

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We hope you keep us in mind when it comes time for you to make that choice. Without your support we could not continue our efforts to save these precious little ones.

On behalf of the board of directors of Chihuahua Rescue & Transport, Inc. I would like to wish you and your family Happy Holidays and many blessings for the New Year!
Chris Mesker, President

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Petey, The Miracle Dog

BY: CHRIS MESKER

An email came in from our local shelter with a picture of a cute little Chihuahua who had been abandoned, picked up by animal control and was not doing well in the shelter environment. When I arrived at the shelter and walked back to the holding area our eyes met, and he got so excited that he crawled on his belly to the crate door to lick my fingers.

I took Petey home from the shelter that day. It was Thursday and that night he refused to eat his dinner and stayed curled up in his bed. Because he looked so sad, at first I thought this was just his way of reacting to all of the changes in his little life .



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One of Our Own Has Crossed the Rainbow Bridge



Laura L. Hasenstab lost her battle with cancer on July 20, 2013. She was a founding member of CRT and was the Vice President and Midwest Coordinator until her diagnosis. A celebration of her life was held in Cincinnati, Ohio on August 10, 2013 and was attended by over 25 people. She will be greatly missed.

Senior Love

When I got back with Cysco, it was love at first sight. She sat and loved on him for about an hour. We agreed that she'd put in her application and if it was good, I'd bring him over to her apartment on her next day off.

That day came and Cysco and I set off for his, hopefully, new home. I turned into the complex and made the first turn. Cysco started jumping around in his crate and barking like crazy. It was as if he was saying, "yes! This is where I'm supposed to be. Hurry up and let me go home to my new place." His new momma met me and I handed her his leash. He led her to the apartment and took a quick tour before coming out to mark his new trees.

As we filled out the paperwork, it was so wonderful to watch Cysco inspect his new couch, his television, his bed and his new mom. The smile on his face was priceless!

Yes, there are homes for seniors and this was a perfect match! Cysco came over to me and said "thanks Linnie, this is my home!"

Petey

The next day he still wouldn't eat but I didn't become concerned until late in the afternoon on Saturday, when he started vomiting. When he was still vomiting and began to have diarrhea on Saturday night, I began to suspect that he had Parvo, so I took him to the Emergency Vet early Sunday morning.

My heart just broke when the vet told me he was positive for the virus. Thoughts raced through my head like "he's just too small," and "he won't survive, he's just a puppy". The vet admitted him that day and on Monday, he was transferred to my vet (Dr. Joseph) where he remained on IV's. My vet tried to be positive but I knew his chances to pull through this were pretty much zero.

He spent the next few days in the hospital with everyone trying to coax him to eat but to no avail. The vet tech called me with the sad news that he was not doing well so I ran over to see him. I began massaging him from head to toe, trying to invigorate him and let him feel how much he was loved. I also mentioned to the vet that a fellow rescue volunteer had suggested trying plasma or blood transfusions. My vet agreed that we could try a plasma transfusion to stimulate his body to fight, but after 2 transfusions and no results, the only other option would be a whole blood transfusion.

It's Friday now... a whole week since he first got sick. They allowed me to take him home because there wasn't any more that could be done for him medically and they left an IV catheter in his little leg, in case he needed more fluids.



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Petey



Petey , eating his first meal

He still wouldn't eat or drink anything and I tried to get food and water down with a syringe but I didn't have much luck. Dr. Joseph called MedVet hospital to find out how much it would cost for a whole blood transfusion, and when they told me the price of one transfusion for a tiny Chihuahua, we decided it was not going to be an option. This was a very sad moment for me and I cried as I scheduled an appointment for him to be euthanized on Monday.

Over the weekend I received numerous encouraging emails from many friends and family and I dreamed about Petey on Saturday night. Something inside me kept nagging at me to not give up on him. Monday morning I called to cancel

his appointment for euthanasia. He was down to 3 pounds and nothing but skin and bones but I just couldn't give up on him. I tried very hard for the next few days to force feed him with a syringe but it was hard to monitor how much he was actually getting since he spit a lot of it out.

I took him back to my vet and we decided to try a feeding tube in his neck. So now here I was tube feeding this poor baby. I started to feel bad, but at least I could monitor how much he was taking in. After 5 days of this, I began questioning my decision to not give up on him. I started to feel like I was torturing him, however he was getting a bit stronger and was now walking around.

Just before I lost all hope... I was eating a piece of ham and I had Petey sitting on the couch with me... suddenly he lurched for but missed my piece of ham. What was this? "Petey are you hungry?" I asked, as I tore off a tiny piece for him. He gulped it down and wanted more!!!! Oh my gosh! My heart just burst and I called the vet with the happy news. Two days later we removed his feeding tube and within a day he was chomping down regular dry dog food!

Four months later, Petey now weighs in at six pounds and is well on his way to being almost completely recovered. He still has less stamina than his foster brothers but he gets stronger every day!

CRT wishes to thank all who sent in donations to help cover his medical costs. If not for people like you, we would not be able to properly care for the many Chihuahuas that come into our rescue looking for forever homes, some of them in critical condition. Petey also sends out a big thank you and a sloppy puppy kiss for helping to save his life.



Petey, four months after eating his first meal

Thank You!!

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>



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The Midwest Report

Adoptions are really down in the Midwest. This is a very sad statement to make. The few applications we are receiving are sub standard at best and cannot even be considered. We hope this trend turns around very soon. We have a record number of requests to bring in dogs from owners needing to surrender and from the shelters due to hoarding situations.

We also have lost several foster homes as people have moved and/or changes in home or family situations. The foster homes we do have are full so we turn many dogs away on a daily basis. If you have ever considered being a foster home in the Midwest now is the time to step up. We need you! Homeless Chihuahuas NEED YOU!!!!

Chris Mesker
Midwest Coordinator

Meet the CRT Board:

Lynnie Bunten,
Founding Member, Past
President, & Board Member

Who is this Lynnie Bunten? Lynnie is a founding member of CRT and a rescuer for far longer. She's a retired teacher now, but education is still a passion for her. That's why she gave herself the "title" of Education Coordinator years ago and still uses it. That seems to fit the various questions that come across the computer and website.

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Another Rescue Needs Our Help

BY: WENDY GOLMAN

It was one of several emails from Chihuahua Rescue & Transport (CRT) DFW Coordinator Karen Hales that arrived in my email before lunch on Tuesday, October 1st. All were about Chihuahuas in need, but the subject line of this one read "Another rescue needs our help." A Chihuahua that had been adopted in 2012 from a rescue in California had somehow ended up in the animal shelter in Garland, Texas. The shelter had scanned the Chi for a microchip and contacted the California rescue it was registered to, Dogs Forever Found. Tessa Anderson, founder of the rescue and former foster mom to the Chi in the shelter, sent an email to CRT in Dallas, frantic to find someone to pull her former foster, described as a small, white female Chi named Tic Tac, from the shelter and foster her until she could arrange transport back to California. Karen's email closed with "Anyone interested in helping?"



Sitting at my computer at work, I couldn't even fathom how worried and helpless Tessa must have felt, not able to get to her former foster or knowing how on earth she ended up over 1,200 miles away from California in a kill shelter in Garland, Texas. I emailed Karen immediately to let her know I would foster Tic Tac. Diana Hightower stepped up to go to the shelter that afternoon and pull her. I would pick Tic Tac up from Diana after work. I called Tessa to let her know CRT was going to pull her dog. When she exclaimed "Oh, thank you!" you could hear the relief her voice.

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Meet the Board

Lynnies original degree was in Biology although that has just been a hobby. She taught students with special needs or teachers of those students for about 30 years. The biology interest, however, has been helpful in understanding animal behavior and various medical issues we encounter in rescue. Rescue came naturally to Lynnies since her mother and grandmother were always bringing in dogs or other animals. Lynnies has fostered a variety of critters including a Turkey Vulture. Right now the focus is just on Chihuahuas and the occasional Chinese Crested or Mexican Hairless.



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Rescue Needs Help

When Diana got to the Garland shelter that afternoon, they had two surprises in store for her. The first was that Tic Tac, though a white female, was not small. She was overweight at a whopping 13 pounds! The second surprise was that Tic Tac had not come to the shelter alone. The shelter worker asked Diana if CRT was going to pull the other dog Tic Tac was with -- a small, slender black and tan female Chihuahua named Hope. Both had been surrendered by their owner, the woman who had adopted Tic Tac in California. She told the shelter they were sick and left them. Diana called Tessa to ask if she wanted CRT to pull Hope from the shelter as well. Tessa replied, "No one gets left behind."

When I brought Tic Tac and Hope home that evening, I was a little concerned with how I would be able to handle my four Chihuahuas plus two more. While Hope was quiet and little shy, Tic Tac outweighed all of my Chis, and was quite exuberant. Luckily, my Chis welcome in new fosters without much fuss, and Tic Tac and Hope made themselves at home. Though they were still stressed from their ordeal and wouldn't eat that night, they readily "crated up" at bedtime and slept through the night. As the days passed, they adapted to our routine without problem.

Since no vet records were given to the shelter when Tic Tac and Hope were surrendered, and their former owner had said they were sick, Tessa requested that I take them to the vet to be checked out and get vaccinated. She told me, "I will send money for whatever they need." To everyone's relief, both dogs were healthy and heartworm negative. That night, Tic Tac and Hope both got a heartworm pill and matching pink and brown collars with their new rabies tags on them. When I put the collars on them, they wagged their tails so enthusiastically I couldn't help but smile. It was as if they knew that after all the upheaval they had been through, everything would be okay.

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Dog's Point Of View

BY: COOPER SCHWARTZ

My name is Cooper and I was asked to write about my adoption experience and my life in my forever home. My mother was pregnant and ended up in a shelter. The shelter staff called Chihuahua Rescue and Transport and asked if they could take her so that she would not be euthanized. A very nice lady named Karen, picked up my Mom and took her

home. She was carrying 8 puppies which is a lot for a small dog. The decision was made to give her a C-Section. All of us were born alive and most of us were fine. I have one sister that was born without front legs. The kind hearted people in the delivery room never thought twice about putting her down because she was going to have special needs. She was actually very fortunate to be adopted by an amazing family that flew her all the way to Colorado to get her a mobility cart.

So, I lived in foster care for about 4 months with Momma Karen. She took great care of us and got us all ready for adoption. One cool October day, we were at Petsmart and a nice lady came by looking for a male puppy. She explained her female chihuahua had end stage congestive heart failure and was not going to live too much longer and the other dog in the house would be very lonely without his sister. She held all the male puppies and loved on all of them. When she picked me up, she said "this is the one." I instantly knew this was going to be my new Momma. She was really pretty too. Unfortunately, she left me there. Later, I understood CRT had to check her out to make sure she was ok.

Momma Karen took me and one of my other siblings to her house that week. Again, she picked me up, loved on me and said I was the one for her and her family. She changed my name from Binky to Cooper-thank goodness. I am blonde and I furrow my brow and she says I look like Anderson Cooper on CNN. I guess that is a good thing.



Meet the Board

Lynn timer lives just outside San Antonio, Texas on a 26 acre piece of property with all sorts of wildlife. Her dogs are safely behind a deer proof and coyote proof fence when they go outside.

How did Lynn timer learn so much about Chihuahuas? Well, she encountered some folks who raised show Chihuahuas and joined forces with them. She has shown Chihuahuas since 1986, although she has retired from that now. The old show dogs still live with Lynn timer and her friends.

Lynn timer is also the Breed Rescue Chair for Chihuahua Club of America (CCA). CCA donates to CRT from time to time and has had several rescue parades at their dog shows. The folks who raise and show their dogs are quite supportive of rescue for the most part. Whenever they are asked to help, we get lots of hands raised with the question "how can I help?" Lynn timer is working with the individual CCA members and clubs across the country to try to help them develop a rescue effort, especially in areas where CRT has limited, or no, presence.

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Corporate America Gets Involved!

Greetings CRT Friends! AVNET CARES!

I have been a volunteer with CRT in San Antonio, TX for almost 2 years. It is much more than a hobby or a service to my community; it is my passion to give these little dogs a voice that are the second most common breed in shelters and animal control facilities in the USA.

I am so fortunate to work for a Fortune 200 Company, Avnet, Inc. in that they support my efforts through a program called "Avnet Cares". They recognize and support my volunteer hours through various programs. This past quarter I was selected as volunteer of the quarter at Avnet and for this recognition Chihuahua Rescue & Transport will be awarded \$1000.00. This is a wonderful gift that will go far in helping several dogs get the necessary vet services they need on their road to a forever home. I am humbled and honored to work for such a fantastic company.

Yours in rescue,
Catherine Gorton
SW Coordinator (Texas)
Vice President CRT



Rescue Needs Help

I made the suggestion to Tessa that she sign up with "Pilots and Paws" (www.pilotsnpaws.org), a wonderful organization comprised of volunteer pilots who help rescues across the United States by transporting the animals free of cost, to see if she could arrange air transport back to California for Tic Tac and Hope. After a couple of weeks went by without being able to arrange anything, Tessa made the decision to fly them back to California via commercial airline. So to minimize the time they would have to be crated on the day they would travel, I booked Tic Tac and Hope on a direct flight from Dallas to Los Angeles, with Tessa picking them up at LAX. The longest they would be crated would be 5 hours. Tessa sent money to cover the cost of shipping, the special crates and health certificates required by the airline, with a little extra to get Hope microchipped. They would leave Sunday, October 27.

The night before their flight, I put their new crates together, and placed a cushy pink mat and a soft blanket in each.

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The first couple of weeks were a little hard. Her female, Adrienne, was not all that interested in me and the male, Rocky, wanted me out of the house. He barked, snarled and completely ignored me. Within about two weeks, things had changed for the better. Adrienne and Rocky were both loving on me, ear and eye cleanings at least twice a day. We would all go outside and sunbathe. All was good for about 10 months and then Adrienne passed away in her sleep. All of us were devastated and Rocky went into depression. I was there for him and after a while he got better. We are now best buddies and hang out together. Mom says she is going to adopt a female soon. I guess we better get ready.

My Mom is the greatest. There are dog beds in every room and we get the best food. She does travel for work and when she goes away, we have two awesome nannies that take care of us. One even spends the night and we watch Dancing with the Stars on the sofa together. My mom is an exercise and health nut, so we always go for walks and she feeds us lots of raw fruits and veggies as snacks. My favorite thing is she lets me sleep in her bed. We snuggle up every night.

All in all, I think I won the lottery. I know so many other Chihuahuas are not this lucky and I am thankful my Mom picked me.

Rescue Needs Help

The next morning we got up extra early, and after I fed them, we went for an hour long walk. My hope was that on such a long walk they would “empty their tanks” and tire out enough so they wouldn’t get quite so stressed en route to Los Angeles.

The airline required that the dogs be at the cargo terminal two hours before their flight. When we arrived, the shipping agent told me that I wouldn’t have to put Tic Tac and Hope in their crates until the very last minute, so after we watched him attach all the paperwork and small baggies of dog food to the crates, we went for another quick walk outside. When it was time for them to go, I gave them both lots of hugs and kisses and put them in their crates. The shipping agent zip tied the crate doors and put them on the conveyor belt. I stood and watched their crates move down the belt until they were out of my sight.

I waited at the airport until I was sure their flight had taken off, and then texted Tessa that Tic Tac and Hope were on their way. As I drove home from the airport, I thought a lot about them, how they were such sweet Chis, and how much I would miss them. How I hoped they found wonderful forever homes in California. How lucky they were that Dogs Forever Found and CRT, rescues over 1,200 miles apart, came together to make sure they were safe and cared for, despite the fact that their former owner did not.

A few anxious hours later, I received a phone call from a very happy Tessa. “They’re home!”

The Importance of Vaccinations for your Pet

BY: DR. JACKIE BUSCH, DVM

The majority of pet owners know their animals need to visit their veterinarian at least once yearly, and they expect their pet will get a vaccine at that time. Yearly veterinary visits are important and are an opportunity for the vet to examine the pet and make wellness recommendations. Are vaccinations important at every visit? This is something you and your veterinarian can decide together.



What are the core vaccines that every puppy or dog should receive? Canine distemper virus (CDV), canine parvovirus (CPV-2), canine adenovirus-2 (CAV) and rabies, which is to be given as mandated by local laws. CDV is an often fatal virus which can affect the respiratory, gastrointestinal and nervous systems. Canine adenovirus has two different types, one of which can affect the liver, kidneys and blood vessels and the second type which affects the respiratory system. Parvovirus is an often fatal virus which causes severe vomiting and diarrhea seen most commonly in young, often unvaccinated, puppies. Rabies is a virus which attacks the central nervous system of both animals and people.

Puppies should be vaccinated every 3 to 4 weeks, starting at 6 to 8 weeks of age until they reach 16 weeks of age with the core vaccines. Most dogs are boosted again one year later. Again, the rabies vaccination is given as mandated by local law.

Non-core vaccinations in dogs include Parainfluenza, Bordetella bronchiseptica (kennel cough), Borrelia burgdorferi (Lyme) and leptospirosis. These are bacterial diseases, therefore, the vaccines may be recommended to be given on a yearly basis, but this is determined by the individual’s risk assessment by their veterinarian. These vaccines may not prevent contracting the disease but actually aid in reducing the severity of the signs seen in the animal.

Vaccinations are an integral part to your pet’s overall wellness plan. I encourage discussion with your regular veterinarian to develop an individual program for your pet.

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A Tribute to Trudy...

BY: DAN & LIZ SPANNRAFT

On July 4, 2003, Liz and Dan drove to Cleveland to pick up an addition to our family, a scared 5 year old Chihuahua named Trudy who had been saved by Chihuahua Rescue and Transport. We took one look at her photo back then and decided that we could make a space for her in our home. Trudy had been a breeder in a puppy mill and was left with some serious health issues. CRT took care of her health and then started to take care of her emotional needs by giving her the first name she ever had. Prior to their involvement, she was known only as "59", a number tattooed in her left ear. After the long drive home, she didn't quite know what was happening, but she found a corner of our kitchen to sit in and take in the house and residents, including a Chihuahua sister named Barbie. It then became our job to help her learn that people are good. At the point we adopted her, she was 5 1/2 years old. Over the ensuing 10, yes TEN, years she had become a key part of our small family and developed into one of the most devoted companion animals you could imagine.

July 3, 2013 was the 10th anniversary of our adopting Trudy into our family, and, she was 15 1/2 years old. She had slowed down a bit and her age was starting to show, but she still loved to be held in your lap and petted. She was a tremendous addition to our family. We kept her comfortable and helped her enjoy her years as a senior citizen. She was a good friend to us. Watching her learn to play and come out of her shell was quite rewarding for us as well as her.



Trudy on May 1, 2013 at slightly over fifteen (15) years old

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Vet

This discussion should involve discussing your pet's lifestyle, age, health and exposure to other animals. Visiting your veterinarian at least yearly is important for your pet, even if vaccinations are not needed at every visit. Frequent examinations and other routine preventative care are important to prevent and detect disease early, for the best overall health of your pet.

Jackie Busch, DVM works at the Zionsville Country Veterinary Clinic, Whitestown, Indiana & FACE low cost/ spay neuter clinic, Indianapolis, Indiana.

The San Antonio Report

We have had a very busy year with both intake and adoptions up year over year but the demand to take in stray Chihuahuas and those sitting in our local Animal Control Facilities far exceeds the dent we are trying to make in the problem. We have started to see interest in fostering for CRT locally and hope this trend continues as this can be a game changer for the difference we can make in San Antonio. We are consistently at a local Petsmart every Sunday for adoption meet and greet events and also believe this partnership for the last year and a half has given us a real presence in the community. We have participated in many other events; most recently a local "Blessing of the Animals" celebration on the Riverwalk in San Antonio.

We hope all of you have a wonderful holiday season and the very best to you in 2014.

Catherine Gorton
SW Texas Coordinator

Trudy

When we lost Barbie and got another new sister for her, she dealt with the new young one as any good mother would, firm but caring.

On August 29, 2013, we reached that point that everyone dreads when you have a companion animal; the day you have to let go. We lost her this day and both Liz and I are missing her greatly. We also think Mia knows that she is now in a better place. As we became aware of dog rescue, we also learned of the Rainbow Bridge. It is a bit easing to think that she is now there with the dogs that came before her, and our late son, waiting for an eventual reunion.

In Memory of...

Jaime Hunt
Sandy Kegelmeyer
Peter & Trish Pefanis
(Dad, Mom, Paposs
& Nana)

Teresa Golden
William & Carol Dykes
Lynne Cohen
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*Kaya.
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you both.*

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Achi.
Mary Novak.
Jacqueline Everett.
Oreo Ressler. You will be missed by
all that passed through your long
and happy life. Goodbye little man.*

*Blondie & Bella.
Cricket & Coco.
Zippy.
My six year old daughter's fish,
"Cupcake."*

*Laura Hasenstab.
Laura Hasenstab and gratitude for
all the great things she did for our
furry chi friends and this organization.
Carolyn Ann DeNoux, a great lady
with a sweet smile. You will be missed.*

*Robert M. Besneatte. You will be
forever missed & loved. Be at peace,
my brother.*

*Robert M Besneatte. Bob, we loved
you with all our hearts and know
how much you loved Gidget.*

*Jeff Adams, a man who loved all dogs
and who was dedicated to their rescue.*

Southeastern Report

We'd like to welcome a few new foster volunteers in our area but still desperately need more people that can foster. A few Saturdays ago, I had to turn down a record 20 Chi's in one day, which, was very heart breaking. There are just too many back yard breeders and puppy mills out there that continue to flood the market with cute little puppies which grow up with no socialization and are either turned into local shelters or worse yet, abandoned on the side of the road.

Adoptions in our area seem to be at an all-time low, even though we've taken in some new very adoptable Chi's. It's very hard to convince people that our \$200.00 adoption donation is very reasonable when people can purchase cute little Chi puppies from flea markets or from Craigslist for a lot less.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Carla Johnson
Southeast Coordinator

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.



In Honor Of...

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| Summer Wood | <i>Andrea Lawrence-Polzay, Mark Polzay and Lola the Chihuahua</i> |
| Jaime Hunt | <i>Hobie and Maebly</i> |
| Willie | <i>Kyle Knisely</i> |

Dallas / Fort Worth Report

Chihuahua Rescue & Transport was the first rescue organization that I had volunteered for that I truly felt was my home base. The volunteers were all people that I could relate to and our goal's for the Chihuahuas were the same. CRT has a great reputation and works very hard for the dogs in need. I began as a foster mom in 2006. Over the years I have been the Adoption Event Coordinator, helped with every Chiesta since joining, and tried to help in any other way needed. It has been wonderful now fulfilling the role of DFW Coordinator and Board Member. I feel my years of experience in rescue have given me the tools that are needed to take on this new responsibility and my goals are to continue to serve the Chihuahuas in need while maintaining the strong standards set by those before me. In rescue, as with any organization, building a successful team is key to keeping our legacy moving forward. The business of rescue is always evolving and to keep up we must learn to change and



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grow accordingly. We are always in need of new foster homes and people who can assist with marketing, adoption events, and fundraising. The DFW area is a very close group of individuals and we welcome new volunteers. Thank you for your support and I look forward to serving our Chihuahuas!

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