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**A NOTE FROM THE PREZ**

*Helping a Chi: Priceless*

BY LYNNIE BUNTEN

Looking for a place to spend your extra cash? Have you considered sharing it with Chihuahua Rescue & Transport? If you have a tax refund coming, this is the perfect opportunity to help CRT and the dogs in our care.

I hate to beg, but I'm going to.

We are seeing a growing number of dogs in need of new homes. More and more Chihuahuas are being evicted from their homes because of the economy. People find themselves in financial trouble and have to move to other quarters. Sometimes they move in with a family member, and there's no room for a pet. Some communities have low pet limits per household, and if that limit has been reached, the new pets have to find somewhere else to live. It may be the family has to take an apartment that doesn't allow pets, or the dog barks all the time because of unfamiliar noises in its new home.

Some of the dogs we take in appear to be healthy at first, and only later do we discover they need extra veterinary care not in our budget.

No donation is too small. If you shop online, remember to use iGive.com. By registering Chihuahua Rescue & Transport as your charity, a portion of anything you order online through iGive.com benefits CRT and Chihuahuas.

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*Dear Diary,  
It's not my fault.  
Sincerely, Margo*



**Day 1:** Our mom went out hunting this morning and bagged some English muffins and a lot of stuff in cans and boxes. She always puts the bags up on the counter, unless they're all cans, but today she forgot the muffins were in one of the floor bags. I was very quiet until she went upstairs to change clothes.

**Day 2:** Pepper is sick today. She's a sneaky little snitch, so yesterday while my mom was changing clothes, I managed to get into the English muffin bag, and I gave her the very first one, just to keep her from barking and alerting our mom. While she was gobbling it down like the little pig she is, I ate the next two. Then our mom came back downstairs.

**Day 3:** Pepper is still sick. I think she's faking it just to get me in trouble. It's not my fault — I didn't "make" her eat that muffin, you know!

**Day 4:** The muffin crisis is over. Everything is back to normal and Pepper is gobbling down her regular food. If she ever tells on me again, I'll make sure I feed her a big fat jalapeno. This was just a little introduction to the future.

**Day 5:** Someone in this house who isn't me got so excited over getting up this morning that she jumped smack on our mom's face when she opened her eyes and cut her lip. I was sleeping quietly in my nice large crate when it happened. Our mom wasn't in a good mood til about noon today.

**Day 6:** Today was better. It was about 50 degrees below zero, and when all my sisters went outside this morning, I peed on the floor. It wasn't my fault, though; I had my front feet on that puppy pad, but it just wasn't big enough, I guess. I couldn't really explain it well enough to our mom, so I just told her Sadie did it on her way out the door. I think she believed me.

**Day 7:** Our mom is the new CRT treasurer now. That means she spends lots of time on the computer typing in people's names and stuff about the money they send us. She doesn't notice what we're doing as much as before, so if you send lots more money, I'll bet I can learn to climb up on the kitchen counter by spring. See what you can do, okay?

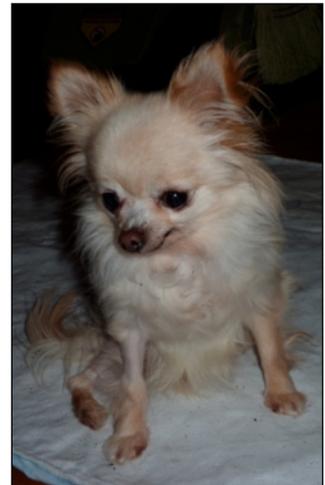
*Later,  
Margo*

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contributions, please let them know about your donations to CRT. And, of course, you can always mail a donation to the address on the website, or click the PayPal button to make a contribution.

We want to thank all the donors, adopters and foster homes that make this work. It takes a lot of coordination and effort, but with many great people out in Chihuahua land, we'll keep on doing what we do.



**MEET CHLOE**

I'm 5 years old, and I've never walked before! I could only scoot. I've had one back leg fixed, and we're working on the other. You should see me go!

If you want to help me with my surgeries, please go to our website and donate through Paypal or send your donation to the address given on that site.

# Step into my heart

Lopez proves taking in a 'difficult' dog is worth the trouble

BY BRENDA BOGGS

In March 2003 I got a call from the Midwest Regional Coordinator Laura Hasenstab that changed my life. She asked me to foster a 4-year-old Chihuahua named Lopez, who was no longer wanted by his family

When I took delivery of Lopez she said, "Be careful. Do not reach in the crate to take him out. My vet says this is the meanest Chihuahua she has ever seen."

I took the little fellow home, placed his crate in my gated kitchen, opened the door and waited for him to come out. Cautiously, a little brown Chihuahua stepped out of the crate. He kept his distance and heeding Laura's warning, I did not reach for him but spoke softly, hoping my voice would reassure him that he was in a safe place.

I lived in a condo at the time, and it was necessary to walk my dogs around the court several times during the day – both for exercise and to allow them adequate potty breaks. As I tried to ease a collar onto Lopez, he began to bark and snap at me. After several attempts, I went into the garage and got the heaviest leather gardening gloves I could find. Wearing them, I was able to slip the clasp on the ring of his collar.

We returned from the walk and after several attempts, I managed to get the leash off his collar. By chance, after he tried to nip at me I told him 'No,' picked him up with a big towel and placed him in a crate. I covered the crate with the towel, and he began to howl the most forlorn cry I had ever heard. Aha, Lopez suffered from separation anxiety. Maybe that was the answer, I thought.

I left him in the covered crate for just one minute and then uncovered it and let him out. As I walked away, he nipped at my heels. I again picked him up with the towel, told him "No," placed him in the crate and covered it with the towel. After several repeats of the same actions from both of us, he finally came out of the crate and did not nip at me.

I would like to say that Lopez made a quick



IT TOOK LOPEZ A LONG TIME TO LEARN TO TRUST HIS FOSTER FAMILY. EVERY GOOD MOMENT WAS A TRIUMPH.

turn around but he had other ideas. It took a long time before I could trust that he would not try to bite me if he felt threatened by my actions.

During the period that we were trying to get acquainted, Lopez began jumping up on my lap, then he would jump back down and nervously look at me to see my reaction. He repeated this action for several days. After about a week he jumped into my lap, laid across my legs, heaved a huge sigh, put his head down on his little paws and stayed for a bit. From that point on, whenever I sat in that chair, Lopez was in my lap.

Eventually Lopez's biography and history appeared on our Chihuahua rescue website. His temperament and special needs were spelled out as explicitly as we could with hopes that he could find an adoptive home. My husband, Wayne, and I talked of this many times. I told him I was worried because we didn't seem to be finding the right people to adopt Lopez. Wayne smiled and said, "Well, if it were up to me, I would just keep him. But we will have to move. We can't have

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three dogs in this condo.” Within a short time we found a home that was perfect for our little family.

Lopez trusted my husband, my daughter and my son, but he never learned to trust others. A trip to the vet’s office was a major undertaking. I was fortunate to find a vet who was understanding of Lopez’s nature

In autumn 2008, Lopez’s activity and zest for life began to ebb. We began a regimen of medication. For a while he seemed to rally. In March 2009 Lopez’s heart began to fail. One evening he began to have breathing difficulties. We rushed him to an emergency clinic, and my heart sank as he allowed a stranger to touch him. I kissed his head and asked him to step into my heart where he would no longer struggle to breathe. He died in my arms.

People have asked me why we took in such a difficult little dog. My husband and I just smile when we hear these questions. Because of Lopez we have a home that has been host to many foster dogs. We have hosted an annual Chi-esta in Lopez’s backyard for five years, and we have met hundreds of friends who believe dogs that have been abandoned, abused and neglected deserve a second, better chance to live their lives with humans who love and respect them.

As I look out at his favorite spot in the yard, I smile because I can almost see his spirit laying in the sunlight, his eyes closed and his heart at peace. Why indeed would I take in such a difficult dog? Because every good moment and every triumph with Lopez was well worth every sore finger I got from his nips.

## Crate training: Creating safe haven for your dog

BY LAURA HASENSTAB

There seem to be several misconceptions about crate training. A crate is used as a "room" for your dog, much as your child also has a room of his or her own. It's a place of safety and security for your pet. We require that all our dogs be crated when in the car, for several reasons. It keeps your pet safe if you have to stop quickly or are in an accident. The crate, when securely fastened with a seatbelt, will not fly around the car, injuring your pet. It prevents your pet from bolting from your vehicle when you open the door. And for pets that are not good travelers, it provides some security and ensures you won't have to clean up a mess on the car seat later.

However, some people believe "crate training" means training your dog to use a crate as a potty area. This is a major problem. It goes against every canine instinct.



The crate is a den, and animals do not normally defecate in their dens or sleeping areas. If you have forced your dog to do this by leaving him crated until he has no choice but to relieve himself, he'll be confused when you crate him to go to the vet or elsewhere. What you end up with is a dog that soils its own bedding and has no idea where it is supposed to go.

You would not teach or force a child to use his bedroom as a toilet area, and you should not do so with your dog! Litter box training is

something else; it can work well and save work with puppy pads, but crating a dog to force it to use the crate for soiling is misuse of the crating principle. The crate no longer is a place of safety and security for your pet; it is a place he avoids unless he is unable to go outdoors. With male dogs especially you are reinforcing their marking behavior and the urge to soil their bedding, and in some cases, your bedding.

If you are getting a new dog, please crate train appropriately. His crate should be a place for snacks, eating, sleeping (naps) and safety when small children are around. Your dog should be able to go to it for security. Use it to housebreak him by taking him out frequently and crating when you cannot watch him (so that he does not soil the house). But don't leave him in it until he relieves himself out of desperation!

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# Yearly vaccinations? Ask your vet

BY JACKIE BUSCH

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 vaccination 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 necessary at every visit? This is something you and your veterinarian can decide together.

According to immunology expert Ronald D. Schultz, “veterinarians need to administer the rabies vaccine as defined by law, but other core vaccines for canine distemper virus (CDV), canine parvovirus (CPV-2) and canine adenovirus-2 (CAV), are administered needlessly.” What are these core vaccines that every puppy or dog should receive? CDV, CPV-2, CAV and rabies. These are the diseases that are distributed and recognized worldwide and are life-threatening. Dr. Schultz recommends that individual puppies receive their first round of vaccines beginning at 8 to 9 weeks of age, with boosters every 3 to 4 weeks until they reach 14 to 16 weeks. Rabies vaccine is to be given as mandated by local laws. Most dogs are boosted again one year later. Dr. Schultz and others have data suggesting that after the initial vaccination rounds, most dogs have likely developed life-long immunity for the core vaccines. Since length of immune response is variable between patients, some experts have recommended antibody titer testing to monitor the length of immunity obtained from the vaccines instead of yearly vaccinations. The yearly vaccine or every three year vaccine protocol most likely will not place the animal at an increased risk of contracting disease but the vaccines may increase the incidence of adverse reactions in some pets, including the typical vaccine reactions of lethargy, soreness, hives vomiting and immune-mediated disease.



By definition, a vaccine titer test is a test that measures antibodies in the blood. The titer is determined by sending a blood sample to the lab. Cost to the client can be fairly expensive but does vary among laboratories. The antibody level helps to determine whether an animal's immune system has responded appropriately to previous vaccinations, typically in dogs older than 16 weeks of age. Using a titer test, one is able to ascertain whether or not a dog needs to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated.

This is a current topic of discussion within the veterinary community and one that deserves continued investigation. The titer level's importance is based on the length of time an animal is protected from a disease via vaccination against a virus.

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 at least 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 aids in reducing the severity of the signs seen in the animal.

Determining the antibody titers of an individual animal may be done in lieu of vaccination, but I encourage discussion with your regular veterinarian to develop an individual program for your pet. 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 is a veterinarian with the Avon Veterinary Clinic in Avon, Ind.*

# Why charge adoption fees?

## Costs of rescue add up

BY KATHY CRUMPLER

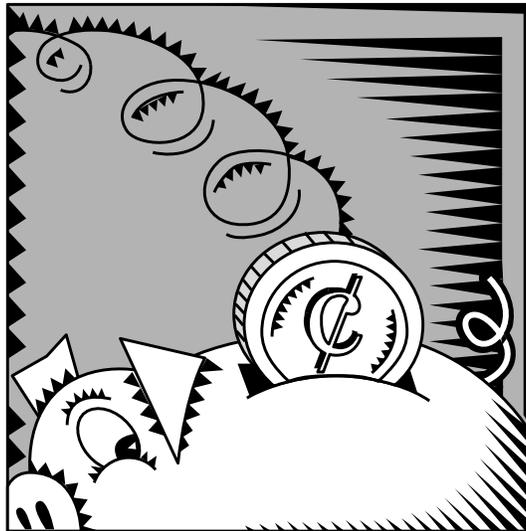
Over my course as a CRT volunteer, I have had many people question our adoption fees. Questions range from "why do you charge a fee at all?" to "why are your adoption fees so high?" Invariably, I will be told the person could "buy" a dog from a breeder for the same price or could adopt a dog from a shelter at a lower price.

So.....what is up with our adoption fees?

First, please understand CRT is not "selling" dogs. We view all dogs as living, loving creatures who deserve a good and caring home. No one can adopt our dogs at any price if they cannot provide a stable, safe and loving home.

But dogs, like other family members, come with expenses. They need decent food, vet care and heartworm and flea preventions, among other things. We want to be sure anyone who adopts from us can afford to maintain a dog. In recent years, we have been flooded with requests to take in dogs from people who have run into financial difficulty. People who are unwilling or unable to afford a \$200 adoption fee for a healthy, fully vetted dog are unlikely to be willing or able to afford the basic care of a dog over the course of its life.

The expense of rescuing dogs is another issue. CRT is a 501(C)3 nonprofit organization. We don't make a profit. We are often the only hope for many of the dogs we rescue. Shelters, though they serve a purpose, cannot afford to care for or treat dogs that are sick with heartworms, skin conditions or broken



limbs. Those dogs are routinely euthanized at shelters. CRT will sometimes take dogs that have expensive but curable medical conditions, fix them and then adopt them out. Heartworm-positive dogs can cost up to \$600 to treat, in addition to the basic vet care that includes spay/neuter, shots and worming. Dogs with broken or damaged limbs are even more expensive, with bills running from \$600 to \$2,300 if it is a front limb break that requires a plate. Once these dogs are

healthy, they are adopted out at the same fee as dogs with no health issues. The adoption fees don't begin to cover our expenses. If it weren't for the generosity of our donors, we would be unable to carry out our mission of rescuing dogs in need.

We have no paid workers. We are all volunteers who donate our time and our homes to rescue dogs in need. We spend our own money on food, supplies and extras for our fosters. Your donations help pay vet bills. Our only other expense is having our newsletter printed and mailed, which accounts for about 6% of our budget. We do not spend donor's money on excessive advertising or fundraising efforts. We rely on your generosity and your love for Chihuahuas.

So, if you are considering adopting a dog from our rescue, please consider the value you are getting for the adoption fee: a healthy, well socialized, fully vetted dog with a lifetime of love to give. Because we are a 100% volunteer organization, you can be sure all of your money is going directly toward helping other dogs in need.

## TRAINER TIME

# When a bark is worse than a bite

KRISTIN GIESEKER, *Animal Behavior and Training Specialist*

Except for those lucky few out there whose dogs prefer to be seen and not heard, barking is an issue that almost all dog owners deal with. The good news is, you can help solve the problem. The less-exciting news is that it takes diligence and consistency on the part of the humans to make it work! I will never recommend devices such as citronella collars or shock collars to correct barking, nor will I promote 'debarking' a dog. In my opinion, these are all lazy, quick fixes that skirt the actual problem and are detrimental to a dog's well-being.

Dogs bark for many reasons, and it is one of the only verbal communications at their disposal. Dogs may bark out of fear, excitement, territoriality, or just to let their pack (including you) know what is happening. They may be using their bark to make that scary thing or person go away, to get that interesting dog to come closer, or to call for help. It is important to remember we don't want to discourage barking altogether. After all, who wants a dog that doesn't let you know a burglar is breaking in? We just have to teach our dogs it's OK to stop barking when we ask them. The first way to accomplish this is to teach your dog both to bark and be quiet on cue. Since barking at the door is at the top of most owners' lists of barking complaints, I've detailed how to use that situation in teaching the 'bark' and 'quiet' cues following the easy steps below.

1. Go to the door, and call the dog to you.
2. Give the dog whatever cue you want to use to indicate they should bark ('Bark!' 'Speak', etc.)
3. Make a noise that would trigger a bark, such as ringing the doorbell or knocking on the wall or door.
4. When the dog barks, say "Good [insert barking cue here]!" and give your quiet cue as you pay them with a treat.



**OWNERS NEED TO TEACH A DOG TO BARK ON CUE BEFORE THEY CAN TEACH IT TO BE QUIET.**

5. As they accept the treat and fall quiet, say "Good [insert quiet cue here]" calmly.
6. Reinforce the same number of barks every time ('Bark!' *dog: bark bark bark* 'Good Bark! Quiet')
7. When unexpected triggers occur, go to the dog, give it the bark cue, and then give it the quiet cue.
8. If the dog continues to bark, walk into it to back it away, then ask for the quiet cue again.
9. If the offense repeats, put the dog in a time out in a low distraction area and leave its sight

for a count of 10, then return, ask the dog to perform an easy behavior, then let it out and try again.

10. Do not reinforce barking you have not cued (initially you will still want to give the cue when they are barking at unexpected triggers to teach the bark/quiet concept), but ALWAYS reinforce quiet whether you've asked for it or not. This will cement in the dog's minds that it can always earn reinforcement by dealing with situations quietly.

After teaching your dog the 'bark' and 'quiet' cues, your buddy will have a better understanding of what you expect. The next step is to correct barking that is not planned. Always correct the barking in person. Be calm, clear and firm.

Yelling at a barking dog rarely silences it. Go calmly to wherever your dog is barking, get in between your dog and whatever it is barking at, and walk into the dog, backing it away from the offending target. Give your quiet command once or twice (over and over just breaks down your training), and if your dog doesn't respond, time out is a great option. Don't get lazy! Remember, your presence alone can prevent or deter barking, so keep your dog close enough to see it at all times when it is not confined. This is perfectly natural for dogs, as a pack always sticks together. Be calm and consistent and a good leader, and bothersome barking will be a thing of the past.

# Chi Rescue News From Around the Nation

## Mothers, pups rescued in Florida

Adoptions in Florida during the fall and winter months have been slow. Unfortunately, the requests to take dogs into rescue have not been.

Florida CRT rescued two mother Chihuahuas, each with three pups, from local shelters. Despite being born in less than ideal conditions, all six pups are thriving in their foster homes, and one of the mothers already has a new home waiting for her once the pups are weaned.

Florida CRT has also committed to saving a little Chihuahua named Jasper from a shelter in Live Oak, Fla. Jasper was apparently used as a chew toy for a pit bull and, as a result, needed to have emergency surgery to amputate his leg and save his life. Jasper is only 2 years old and everyone has remarked on his sweet temperament, despite his terrible wounds. We hope to give Jasper, as well as many other dogs, a second chance for a good life! Look for him soon on the Florida "Dogs Available for Adoption" section of the CRT website.

We've been very active in dog rescue events, especially in the greater Tampa Bay area. Please check the CRT website for upcoming events. We would love to have a chance to meet you and your dogs.

Because of the number of dogs needing rescue, we are also interested in recruiting new foster homes. If you have the time, space and desire to give a rescue dog a temporary home, please contact the Florida coordinator ([FloridaCoordinator@chihuahua-rescue.com](mailto:FloridaCoordinator@chihuahua-rescue.com)) for information on how to volunteer.

*Kathy Crumpler, Florida coordinator*

## Southwest needs more foster homes

This quarter has kept all of us hopping in the Southwest region. We are doing three or four adoption showings a month in Euless and Frisco. We also did our third annual Saks Fifth Avenue showing, which is always a big hit.

We'll book our 10<sup>th</sup> annual Chi-Esta in the Dallas-Fort Worth area soon, so watch the website and newsletter for the date. The tentative date is Oct. 23. Mark your calendars because we'll be celebrating a decade of Chi-Estas!



WENDY GOLMAN (FROM LEFT), BEVERLY RHINEBERGER, KAREN HALES, LYN HEROD, CHARLENE CULLEN, SUE HEMPFLING, CHRISTY MAPLES, MEG AUSTIN, JOEL AUSTIN, DIANA JOHNSON, TERESA ANDERSON AND LOIS WEST TAKE PART IN AN ADOPTION FAIR AT SAKS FIFTH AVENUE.

We have done many adoptions in this region but are turning down dogs daily.

We have a wonderful and dedicated group of about 50 volunteers in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. While we are able to save a lot of dogs, the need is so great that we always need more volunteers. People always ask us where we get these great little dogs. They come straight out of the city shelters. They've usually wound up there through no fault of their own, more than likely because of irresponsibility on their owner's part: no collar, no tags, no microchip. We fully vet our foster dogs before they go to a foster home so your animals won't be exposed to risk. Think about it and let us know. We'd love to have you join us.

*Robin Pitre, Southwest coordinator*

## Chihuahuas find homes in Northeast

It's been cold and snowy in this part of the world, but the Chihuahuas in our care are warm — they have new homes.

Itty Bit came back to us after a fairly long time. She was in foster care and has only recently gone to her great new home, where she is enjoying life as queen of the

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house. Congratulations to Itty Bit and to Gail, her foster mom, who gave her such good care.

Chopper has been up for adoption for quite a while. He's had major health problems, and we almost gave up trying to find a solution. Finally, at the end of 2009 with some tests, trials of the right foods and meds, he's like a new dog. We think he'll soon have a new home. Keep your paws crossed.

We don't have a lot of foster homes in New York and none in New Jersey at the moment. Unfortunately, there are a lot of dogs that need help. We're working with other groups to try to help as many as we can.

*Lynn Buntin, New York, New Jersey coordinator*

## Questions? Ask education coordinator

The Education Coordinator gets a lot of the mail that doesn't pertain directly to a particular area or pertains to an area without volunteers. It's an interesting job. I get a lot of requests for help in these areas and for the most part, I refer to other rescue groups. If it's a question about behavior, potty training or feeding, I often will send suggestions to try to help the individual think through the problem. If you have questions, send them to: [educationcoordinator@chihuahua-rescue.com](mailto:educationcoordinator@chihuahua-rescue.com)

*Lynn Buntin*

## Carolinas, Va. see more dogs in need

Adoptions in this part of the country are beginning to pick up after shutting down over the Christmas holidays. While the adoptions are down, the number of dogs we are being asked to take in seems to be steadily increasing. Many dogs come to us as people are relocating for their jobs or discover conflicts between their pets and toddlers. We also see animals who belong to older people who can no longer care for their beloved pets. We held our first volunteer get-together in March and have several other events planned. "Paws" the little dog whose leg was broken when his previous owner stepped on him and failed to have his injury treated for more than a month, is recovering. He had a bone graft and a pin placed in his leg. Now that the pin has been removed, he may be adopted soon.

*Carla M. Johnson, N.C., S.C., Va. coordinator*

## Older dogs await homes in the Midwest

A big hello from the frozen Midwest! It appears (just recently) spring will actually happen this year, and our adoptions showed a big upswing with the warmer weather. We still have many dogs needing homes, especially some middle-aged and special-needs dogs. If anyone has a little space in their lives for one of these dogs, it would free up a foster home to help another dog. There are a lot of rewards in taking in an older dog; the joy of watching an old one show new life again in a forever home, the compassion you see in yourself while caring for them. Think about it, and maybe you'll be willing to give one a chance.

We didn't set up at the Expo in Chicago this year, because the volunteer who coordinated the set up moved, and it's a tremendous amount of work. We don't have any big events planned, but we do always have dogs coming in and we need foster homes. Because of the way we operate, you must have a securely fenced yard in order to foster. If you'd like to find out more, contact the Midwest coordinator through our website.

Happy Easter, and may the Easter Chihuahua bring you much luck and love for the season.

*Laura Hasenstab, Midwest coordinator*

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## Financial Report 2009

Our income is derived mainly from adoption fees and individual donations. In 2009, donations were about 54% of the total, and adoption fees 43%. The remaining 3% was income from items sold, Chi-Estas and miscellaneous donations.

Business expenses, including postage, newsletter printing/handling/ mailing, office supplies, accounting, Paypal and bank fees and fundraising were about 5.5% of our budget, while veterinary/medical, dog supplies, heartworm preventative and microchips/registration totaled about 94% of our budget. Ninety-four cents of every dollar donated goes directly to vet care/ services for our dogs.

As you can see, with 94% of our total budget being spent on vet-related expenses, we are using your donations wisely. The vets we work with are wonderful, and we wish we had space to acknowledge every one of them. Your donations and their care and commitment to rescue make all of this possible.



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