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A NOTE FROM THE PREZ

Deciding on a topic has been really difficult this time. There is so much to talk about.

First issue: *Owner surrender requests are UP*

We are seeing a record number of requests to take in dogs for reasons such as these:

- My mother-in-law had to move into a "no pets allowed" apartment
- The dog isn't housetrained and I don't want my baby crawling around on dirty floors
- My grandkids and I are homeless and living in the car and we need to place the two dogs (when I called this one back the phone didn't go through because her minutes were gone)
- We found a dog and already have one so we can't keep it

And loads of other reasons...

I'm thinking that the economy is not only having a harsh impact on people, but on pets, as well.

Second issue: *Adoptions are DOWN*

The economy makes things hard on the adoption end, as well. Rescue competes with ads giving away dogs "for free" on Craigslist, and other sources. Designer dogs are the current fad and people are quick to rush to the Internet or newspaper and look at Chugs, Chiweenies, Choodles, etc. My take on these dogs is that they are basically mixed breeds. However, in an effort to find good homes for some of our Chihuahua mixes, don't be surprised if we start presenting some of them in designer dog terms. *But*, there is still GOOD NEWS!

We've had a number of severely injured or ailing Chihuahuas in the past year. I'm happy to report good progress on their care and recovery. People have been most generous in helping with these wonderful animals. Sasha is coming right along, and for the most part, so are the Cleveland 6. Unfortunately, there's always another one waiting in the wings. I like to look at those situations as an opportunity to help another one, though. We don't always just take in the "easy" ones. We try to do our best to help any dog we can. The cost is considerable, but the rewards of placing one of these little guys in a great home make it all worthwhile. Special needs dogs and seniors are a true joy.

Here are some of our current NEEDS:

- DONATIONS
- FOSTER HOMES – helping a dog on his way to a forever home is such a thrill!
- ADOPTERS – adding a rescued dog to your home is both a challenge and a wonderful pleasure. Dogs are pack animals and most tend to like another buddy to keep them company while you are gone at work, etc. Consider adding one more to your family.

LYNNIE BUNTIN, PRESIDENT
CHIHUAHUA RESCUE AND TRANSPORT

PEPPER SAYS.....



Okay, so it's the last minute and I'm supposed to write my column for this issue. I don't know how anyone in this house could write anything, with all the dogs coming and going, and all the confusion. Plus, Gretta keeps trying to nip me in the butt when I lie in front of the heater and one of these days I'm going to jump up and bite her right back!

Well, maybe not. Maybe I'll just look surprised and walk away, like I usually do. Or maybe I'll just stay right there. It's not easy being the oldest and nicest dog in a home. I have some standards to uphold here and I intend to uphold them all the way!

We've taken in lots and lots of new little Chis since the last newsletter. There's Guido, with a broken leg, Abby with another broken leg (and that's big money because they both needed plates and bone grafts), and now little Squeak. If you want to see something cute, just go to our web-

site and take a peek at Squeakachu. We also have little Trudi, who is very skinny and needs lots of care. She has some problems, but we're fixing her all up.

OH! I can't even think! My mom has our TV on and these stupid models are simpering around and saying "Hellllloooo, Howie!" and it makes me crazy! I wish we could go upstairs so I could go under the covers and lick my mom's knee (I have to do that for a few minutes before I go to sleep) and Margo could go in her crate and stop growling at everybody. She's sleeping with Gretta now in her bed and as soon as Gretta moves, she's going to jump up and bite her.

Better her than me, I always say.

Actually, there are lots of things I always say, but I can't think of them right now. I'm going to have to go and sleep in front of the space heater some more. I see an empty place. I'll dream dreams of lying out on my deck on the warm boards, soaking up the sun. Ahhh.....



SQUEAKACHU

Did you know? We had 266 adoptions in 2007!



<http://www.firepluginn.com>

THANK YOU to Fireplug Inn for their continuing support of 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 & breakfast for your small dog, be sure to check them out!

“THE ASK”

BY PAULA HENSEL, TREASURER

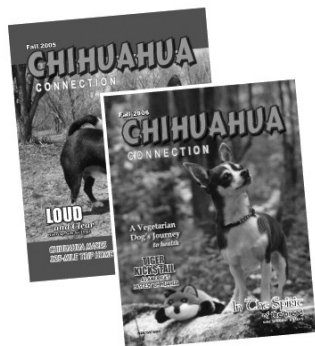
Greetings, friends of CRT! I'd like to introduce myself. I'm Paula Hensel, the new treasurer of Chihuahua Rescue and Transport. I'm excited about my new responsibilities here at CRT, and I'd like to tell you a little bit about myself. I've been an “unofficial” volunteer for several years now, which means my sister (who is a volunteer) roped me into doing CRT things with her. Okay, she really didn't have to try too hard. I have 17 years of nonprofit experience in accounting and human resources that I'm excited to share with CRT and most importantly, I bring to my new role a love of all animals. My Chihuahua, Sherit, was adopted from CRT. Before she came to her forever home, she needed patella surgery on both legs. It was quite an expensive proposition, so I'm grateful for everyone who gave donations of time and money to make it possible for me to have my four-legged best friend.

One of the things I've learned by working in nonprofits is the concept of “the ask” which simply means this: people might not think about doing a particular thing, but if asked, they often willingly help. For instance, last week I was called by one of the presidential campaigns to ask if I would help at the phone bank this past weekend. I had the time and was willing to do it, so I said “yes.” Without “the ask”, I would have been at home watching TV instead of helping. As the new Treasurer of Chihuahua Rescue and Transport, I have an “ask” for you. When you receive your special tax rebate this summer, would you consider donating part or all of it to CRT? This is extra money none of us were planning on receiving when we did our budgets at the beginning of the year, so why not give a portion to help the Chihuahuas we are currently fostering and also allow us to accept more dogs into CRT? It would mean so much to all the dogs we have now and will have in the future and also to all the people who don't yet know that we have their future four-legged best friend in one of our foster homes.

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce myself and for listening to my “ask”. I look forward to serving the Chihuahuas and their humans.

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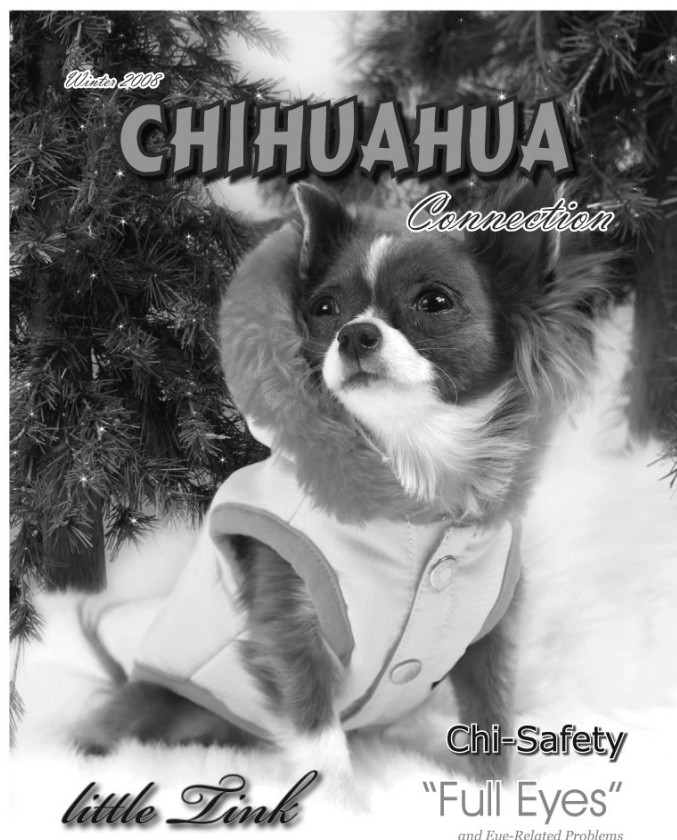
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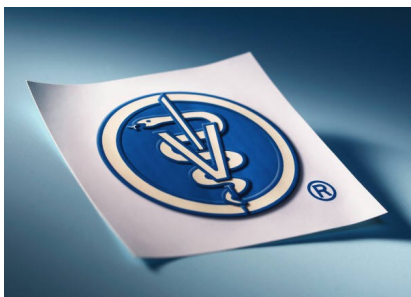
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THE DOCTOR IS IN.....

JACKIE BUSCH, DVM



Most articles concentrate on the health benefits of spaying and neutering your pets, which of course, is very important. However, behavioral benefits should also be addressed, as well. Both of these aspects help to not only reduce the pet population, but to also keep our pets happy and healthy as members of our family. Spaying and neutering is best performed at an early age, preferably around 4-6 months for both sexes. Spaying of females and neutering of males at this age allows for a quicker and easier recovery, and maximizes the health benefits to your pet.

In the female dog, spaying prior to her first heat cycle will reduce her chance of developing mammary cancer significantly. In fact, some sources cite a close to zero percent likelihood of developing mammary cancer if a dog is spayed before her first heat. The incidence of cancer increases with the subsequent heat cycle and by the second cycle, the incidence may be close to 25 %. As female dogs age, the incidence of an infection in their uterus, called pyometra, increases as well. This is a life-threatening infection, requiring an emergency spay surgery. Without surgery, the expectation is almost certainly death.

By neutering your male dog, you eliminate any possibility of testicular cancer and greatly reduce the possibility of prostate disease later in his life. The removal of the testes removes testosterone and its potentially harmful effects. Removing testosterone can help prevent certain hernias and tumors around the anal area, as well. And occasionally, a condition known as cryptorchidism can occur in male dogs where the testicles are retained or simply never descend into the scrotum as they should naturally. In these cases, an undescended testicle, if left within the abdomen, is more likely to develop a tumor. Even males that have this condition can and should be neutered.

As mentioned, addressing the behavioral aspects and benefits of spaying and neutering is also essential. If a dog is not spayed or neutered, both sexes are more likely to roam from their yards in an instinctive desire to mate and are at an increased risk of being lost, stolen or injured. Under the powerful effects of estrogen and progesterone, female dogs may show aggression not only toward other dogs, but to people, as well. Intact females may inadvertently attract intact males into their territory. And testosterone can influence the male to acquire several undesirable hormone-influenced behaviors which may include aggression toward other dogs and people, and urine marking in your home. Once these hormone behaviors have started, they can remain an annoying or dangerous habit, even after neutering.

A neutered or spayed animal is a happy and healthy one. It's ideal to spay or neuter your pets at a young age. And remember, a pet is never too old to spay or neuter and reap some of the health benefits that they all deserve.

Jackie Busch, DVM has been in small animal practice for over 8 years and joined Westwood Hospital for Animals in Brownsburg, IN in 2001.

DISPELLING THE MYTH OF THE "TEACUP CHIHUAHUA"

From [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chihuahua_\(dog\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chihuahua_(dog))

Although such terms as "teacup," "pocket size," "tiny toy," "miniature," and "standard" have been used to describe different-sized Chihuahuas, the Chihuahua Club of America issued a statement stressing that these descriptions are misleading.

"Unfortunately, the additional adjectives used to describe the size differences and physical appearances are many and have been misused for so long they now seem legitimate. Teacup, Pocket Size, Tiny Toy, Miniature or Standard - are just a few of the many tags and labels that have been attached to this breed over the years. The Chihuahua Club of America is concerned that these terms may be used to entice prospective buyers into thinking that puppies described in this way are of greater monetary value. **They are not** and the use of these terms is incorrect and misleading."

The Chihuahua Club of America and the American Kennel Club only recognize two types of Chihuahuas: the Long-haired and the Short-haired Chihuahua.

SAVE-A-CHI DONATIONS

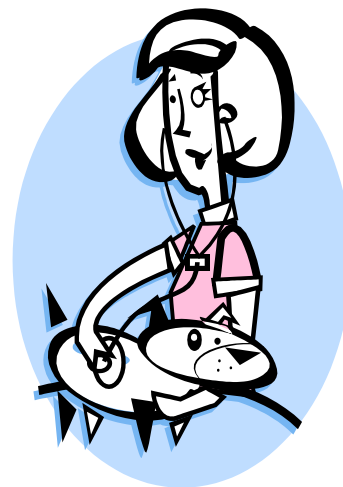
Every dog that comes to CRT is examined by a veterinarian right off the bat. This is a special program to begin their vetting process: **Save-A-Chi!** For each \$50 contribution, we'll publish the names of the donors on our website and in the issue of the newsletter immediately after, along with the name of the Chihuahua who was given a headstart with their vetting process -- a checkup and vaccinations (or as Pokey used to say, "a stab right in the butt with a sharp needle!")

Please help us to help these little guys. As we're sure you all know, vet costs are rising along with everything else, and while \$50 doesn't come close to covering what we spend on each dog (about \$300), it gives us a good start towards getting them ready for adoption.

If you can help just one new rescue, please send your contribution (made out to CRT) to our new Treasurer at 7500 N. Elmhurst Rd. #488, Des Plaines, IL 60018, or use the PayPal button on the page at <http://www.chihuahua-rescue.com/saveachi.htm>. We'll choose the very newest little rescue to receive your donation, and notify you of the dog's name and the region where it is being fostered. If you have questions about the program, please email MidwestCoordinator@chihuahua-rescue.com

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

LAURIE HAMMEKE	COCO
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I'm **STILL** looking for
my **FOREVER** home!!!

LUCKY IN DALLAS, TEXAS



IN MEMORY AND HONOR OF CRT'S CAROLE KRISTE

SUBMITTED BY TANYA MARQUEZ

On September 6, 2007, a phone call brought devastating news. My dear friend Carole Kriste, had left us. The voice on the other end wavered, saying how sorry she was, how she could not believe ... not Carole.

It was Beth, who worked with Carole. She said Carole had had a headache, laid her head on her desk to rest. Then she was rushed to Long Beach Memorial Hospital by ambulance. It all happened so quickly. She had a hemorrhage in her brain; they couldn't operate, couldn't keep her from leaving us.

Other rescue people expressed how much she meant to them, all the work she did. She always offered help and followed through. Friends traveled hours, some from other states, to attend her service.

I met Carole through CRT, where she was an active member, especially with fundraising. She sewed the Chihuahua bandanas, organized raffles and holiday events like the Mothers' Day Poem contest ... she always had ideas, and projects she needed graphics for.



CAROLE AND HER FUR-FAMILY

I got to know her very well when we worked on the "Chihuahua Lovers and Friends" cookbook together, for over a year. She typed every word in that book, several times. She researched it, solicited and organized all the recipes and sponsors, planned the printing so CRT would receive a good discount. She did everything, I just did the art work and graphics. We'd meet at "Volcano Burgers" for chicken salads and go over the details. I'd ask her who a Chihuahua belonged to and she'd tell me the owner's name, what recipes they'd sent in and their email address.

Her mind was sharp, she had a photographic memory ... she was bright, kind hearted, funny ... giving. She could be sarcastic and intuitively accurate when summing up people.

Carole played the organ for her church, did their bookkeeping, wrote their newsletter, all the while working full time for Vollmer-Gray.

Besides sewing, she crocheted, knitted and made wonderful desserts. She was the person that baked cakes for birthdays, cheesecakes and pies for special occasions, or just because someone needed one. I wish there was a way to convey how special she was and the loss so many feel after losing her. Not a day goes by that I don't think of her, and miss her.

Tanya Marquez

Foster Mom to Carole's babies Chiquita and Bucky.

Both Mickey and Tiki have gone to their forever homes.

I met Carole over 8 years ago on a Chi list and we had a great time taking our Chis on cyber "Chi Gang" adventures. I became a CRT volunteer, Carole was my mentor and later, my coordinator...she was so patient, answering questions and helping me with forms. Carole's love of and devotion to CRT was well known, as she touched many, many hearts, big and small. You are missed my friend....

Sharon Stroud

CRT Volunteer



CRT'S CAROLE KRISTE

CONT'D

Carole was one of a kind, and will be truly missed. CRT lost a pivotal person in my opinion, it's a great loss to the rescue community. Carole was the one who got me started and I will be forever grateful to her for that. She was the kindest, gentlest soul...she loved her babies, rescues and all, unconditionally. I miss her fun birthday parties, her holiday cookie exchanges and knowing she was there for anything and everything to do with helping our four legged babies.

I remember when I had my first Chihuahua gathering at my house years ago, she came all the way up bringing Tanya and Felix with her, while Tiki drove. We had a blast and continue to have gatherings on a monthly basis.

*Debra Steinbaugh
Sherman Oaks, CA*

I met Carole when I transported a dog to her for foster care. We became fast friends, getting together with other mutual friends and everyone's dogs fairly regularly while I lived in California. When I moved back to Missouri, my Chihuahua friendships lingered. Carole and I remained good friends until her last days. I always found her to be smart, caring and kind hearted with an exceptional sense of humor. Her dedication to Chihuahuas and Chihuahua Rescue goes without saying. When there was a problem, she seemed to see right to the crux of the matter and always had astute observations to share. Carole was a great planner and organizer. She was proud of her beautiful home and opened it lovingly to share a cozy get together with neighbors and friends. Her Christmas Cookie Exchanges were a holiday celebration not to be missed. When I started my own rescue, she actually designed my logo for me and our dear friend Tanya made it spiffy. I always felt like the three of us were quite a team and will forever be grateful for the friendship we have shared. I am proud to have brought her much loved Tiki into my home as my own pet. I will miss Carole for the rest of my life. We are all richer for having known her.

*Kim Cronin
River City Chihuahua Rescue, Saint Louis
www.rccr.petfinder.com*



Tiki

"Dogs Welcome"

Author Unknown

A man wrote a letter to a small hotel in a Midwest town he planned to visit on his vacation. He wrote: "I would very much like to bring my dog with me. He is well-groomed and very well behaved. Would you be willing to permit me to keep him in my room with me at night?"

An immediate reply came from the hotel owner, who wrote:

SIR: "I've been operating this hotel for many years. In all that time, I've never had a dog steal towels, bed-clothes, silverware or pictures off the walls. I've never had to evict a dog in the middle of the night for being drunk and disorderly. And I've never had a dog run out on a hotel bill. Yes, indeed, your dog is welcome at my hotel.

And, if your dog will vouch for you, you're welcome to stay here, too."

BEST FRIENDS...



FREDDIE & SISSY-AUSTIN, TX

These two little darlings have been around an awful lot in their 5 short months. Thrown out on the porch to fend for themselves at 4 weeks, they were rescued by a neighbor, who gave them to a friend, who took them to another city, and left

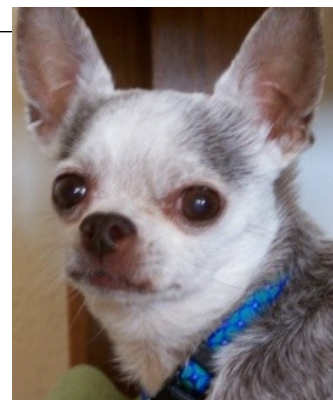
them at a vet clinic where they were taken home by an employee and later turned over the CRT.

Both are very active and playful. They love the outdoors and romp in the yard, playing zoom doggie around and around. If they are not adopted together, each should go to a home with another active dog to play with.

I am Mikey. I am a 5 pound, 8 year old, purebred male Chihuahua. I ended up at the local animal shelter when my elderly mom became sick and couldn't care for me anymore. Sadly, I was slated to be euthanized until the folks at CRT came to my rescue.

I am a quiet little guy who likes to sleep in my dog bed under the end table in my blankie. My foster mom thinks that I am just no trouble at all. I do like to chase balls out in the back yard, and of course I like to beat up the cats. Don't we all though?

I sure do have a lot of time left for my new forever home, since Chihuahuas can live up to twenty years. Anyway, I sure would like to have my own home so if you are interested in adopting me, please visit our web site and fill out an adoption application.



MIKEY-OKLAHOMA

<http://www.chihuahua-rescue.com/postit/bestfriends.htm>

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



MAX-MIDWEST

My name is Max. I am just two years old and I weigh about 5 lbs., and have a very muscular little body. My coat is a pretty reddish/tan color with a layer of black shading down my back. As you can see, I have a black mask on my face, and a cute little heart marking right on top of my head.

I have only been in my foster home for a few weeks, but I adapt quickly to new situa-

tions. I learned in only one day which door I should go to when I want foster mom to take me outside to take care of my potty business.

I am looking for a home with a securely fenced yard. I would like to have another small dog to play with, but no children please. There were children in my last home, and they teased me and made me behave badly. Just little Chihuahua buddies would be nice, and lots of room to run in that fenced yard.

Hello! My name is Petey and I was found wandering around Jacksonville, NC. I am middle-aged (10+) and have scars on my body from either being hit by a car or attacked by a dog.

I am very sweet and will stand up and paw the air when I want to go out or want your attention. I will also whine at you when I want to be with you. I am very playful and just want to be by your side. I love to sleep at the foot of the bed under the covers. I am housetrained, will whine or beg when I need to go outside and walk nicely on a leash. I love to go for car rides and will curl up and go to sleep if the ride is very long.

I had to have a lot of my teeth pulled due to gum disease and rotten teeth. I'm also neutered, up-to-date on my vaccinations and don't have heartworms. Can you give me a chance to show you how much I can love you?



PETEY-NORTH CAROLINA

THE WHEELS ON THE CAR GO ROUND AND ROUND

THE GREAT CRATE DEBATE: WHY SHOULD I CRATE MY DOG WHEN TRAVELING?

BY LAURA HASENSTAB

Why do I always crate my dogs in the car?

Well, there are a lot of reasons, and most are due to seeing first-hand the results of not crating.

1. I was in the main reception area at my vet's office one day when a couple came rushing in, carrying a big Labrador Retriever. Someone had slammed into their car from the rear at a stop light, and the dog had broken both front legs. The vet sent them straight to the orthopedic surgeon. If that dog's legs had to have plates inserted, they were looking at paying a vet bill costing well over \$5,000 immediately, and they definitely did not look like they had that kind of money on hand.

2. I have a friend whose Chihuahua was killed because he was loose in her car when they were hit from the side by another driver. Unfortunately, she continued to allow her dogs loose in the car after that; some people just don't learn their lesson easily, and what a horrible lesson to learn, for that matter.

3. I have heard countless stories of how 'little Spot' or 'Lady' darted out of the car after it was parked and someone opened a door, only to get hit by another car driving through the parking lot. Or worse, when the front door of the house was opened, 'Spot' or 'Lady' darted outside and headed for the car or into the street, getting hit by a passing car because they "loved going for rides".

4. I see several postings online every month from rescuers who were transporting dogs without crates, and the dog escaped at a rest stop or service station en route to their foster or forever homes, never having had the chance to begin their new lives.

5. Years ago, I had a medium-sized terrier mix who hated other dogs. She could project antagonism for a mile, and any loose dogs in the area were drawn to us immediately. One day I was walking her and a car drove by with the rear passenger window rolled down. A huge shepherd jumped right out of the car window and flew straight towards us. Luckily, the driver screeched to a stop and jumped out of the car and retrieved his dog. That simply proves that allowing your dog to travel unrestrained or uncrated can endanger the safety of other dogs, as well as your own.

6. Finally, **I crate because it's the right thing to do to keep my pets safe.** I would no more drive with a loose dog in my car than I would with a loose two year old child. We insist on car seats and booster seats for children; my pets are no less important to me.

7. If you are in an accident and a door is wrenched open, or you have to be physically removed from the car, your loose dog will be gone. He will be frightened and run for his life, and no one at the accident scene is going to be worried about him at that point. A crated dog can be dropped off at your vet, and most emergency professionals are very willing to do that.

PLEASE, either crate your dog in your car or use a seatbelt for a seat that does not have an airbag. If an airbag can break your nose, think what it can do to a 6 pound dog.



Note from former editor: Unfortunately, I have had first-hand experience with the power of car airbags. It was a high-speed accident (no, it wasn't my fault), and fortunately the airbags prevented serious injury. My passenger had her glasses knocked off her face, her earrings knocked off, and she had a "chest of many colors" for weeks. As the driver, my arms took the entire force of the airbag. In addition to what looked and felt like rug burns (and hurt like heck), the underside of my lower arms looked like someone had taken a baseball bat to them—many times. I showed my swollen, multi-colored arms to everyone I knew with small children and said, "LOOK, here's what can happen to your child if you let them ride in the front seat!" **Please, please crate your pets, even for "short" trips!!**

ADOPTION EVENTS AND PUBLICITY

BY KAREN HALES, FOSTER MOM



If you have never held a public adoption event, you are missing an opportunity to find the perfect home for that perfect foster. In the Texas Southwest District – North Dallas area to be specific - we have been holding public Chihuahua Rescue & Transport adoption events for about two years now. (We do not actually adopt dogs out at these events. We still require applications, reference checks, and home visits.) I am going to tell you about some of our experiences, things that we have tried that have worked and things that have not worked, as well as the different types of publicity available and how they coincide with our adoption events.

I am the office manager of a veterinary clinic and as such, many different dogs come to me that need me to take them in. I began simply by attending and helping at adoption events with other rescue groups who use my clinic to help me find homes for the dogs that I had taken under my wing. That was a great beginning. It gave me the opportunity to see how they work, the steps necessary to have one, and the confidence to know that I could do it, too. So when my friend, Leslie Engelmann, who has been a volunteer with CRT for several years, began coming to my clinic in 2003, we found we had the common bond of loving Chihuahuas. I mention this because it is almost necessary to have a partner in these ventures. She and I then began to set up adoption events together.

At first, we struggled to find the “right” location. In our area we have two main chains of pet stores, PETCO and PetSmart. Our first goal was to find a location that was in our area that wasn’t already booked with another rescue group for the day where we wanted to set up. Also, not all PETCO or PetSmart managers will allow the rescue groups to set up “inside” the store. So for a group with small babies being “outside” was not an option. From time to time, we would join another rescue group with which I had contacts. Or we just called around to different PetSmart or PETCO stores whenever we knew that we would have a weekend available. Through hit and miss, we finally settled into a PetSmart that was centrally located to each of us. And from there we began to schedule the fourth Saturday of every month. Our locations for adoption events has now expanded to an additional PetSmart in Addison and most recently at Saks Fifth Avenue, and hopefully soon at a Sam’s Club.

I think our first adoption event together consisted of a wire pen and a couple of crates and about five dogs. There was very little traffic but we did manage to find a forever home for one of the dogs. We have since grown substantially in the number of dogs presented and just as importantly our volunteer base. Our adoption events now consist of anywhere from 10–20 dogs, two x-pens, about 12 small to medium crates, a table, a table cover with the CRT logo, brochures, business cards, donation jars, and a book with the pictures and bios of all the fosters in the Southwest district since not all can be present, etc. Our base group of volunteers is very active and committed. Without these people our adoption events would be smaller. They have become fun and productive. By the way, our volunteer base was built on CRT adopters!! Not everyone can foster, so some have chosen to help in other ways. I must admit our group has a lot of talent but they are committed to being there and that is the important part.



PUBLICITY DISPLAY AT SAKS FIFTH AVENUE

The publicity surrounding the adoption events comes from many different sources. I would have to say the strongest source so far has been the fact that we have consistently had our adoption events on the same weekend at the same PetSmart for several months now. Second, would be by word of mouth from those of us most closely involved in the adoption events. And never underestimate the power of email and the internet. The CRT website is a great source. I’m sure many of you have at least heard of my rescue Sasha who is now a ward of CRT. Before I could contact CRT, I

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was worried that because of her extreme emaciation she would be declined. So I put out a mass email to my "Rescue List" which is simply people I know. I received over \$1400 in the first week.

Half of which was from people who didn't even know me!!! And then when CRT did, of course, accept her, the money continued to come in and there is no doubt in my mind that people all over the country learned not only about Sasha but about our efforts as a group, as well. Believe me when I say all over the country. Sasha got more Christmas cards than I did!! Of course, we also don't want dogs to suffer like she did, so the fewer the better, but unfortunately it's the extreme cases that really tug at people's hearts and bring to the communities' efforts. Occasionally we have had some type of news coverage; but quite honestly, that is rare and hasn't been the best resource, in my opinion. We are usually in the news late, late in the evening or way early in the morning. Our new relationship with Saks did result in unexpected advertising at their expense and it will be interesting to see how this progresses as we have been invited back to that store as well as to a second location in Dallas.

There is much more that I would love to share with you to help initiate more adoption events and many aspects of why the adoption events are so successful versus just a pretty picture on a website. So if I am asked to write on this subject again I shall be more than happy to do that. In the meantime, I will be hosting more adoption events and looking for ways to improve them.

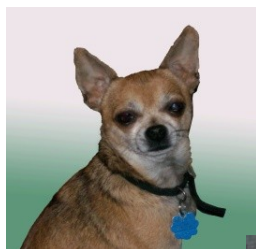


LEFT TO RIGHT: RICHARD JOHNSON, PAULA SMITH (HOLDING SASHA), SUE HEMPFLING (SOUTHWEST COORDINATOR), LYN HEROD, JAIME & ADAM PARKER, KAREN HALES, AND DIANA JOHNSON

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CHIQUITA—MIDWEST



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ABOVE: MARTINI IN THE MIDWEST

LEFT: RILEY IN HOUSTON



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SUBMISSIVE URINATION REVISITED: WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SUBMISSIVE URINATION AND “MARKING”?

BY BRENDA BOGGS

A dog that urinates all over the floor, or on his owner or guests as soon as he becomes excited, aroused or intimidated is demonstrating submissive urination. It can be a frustrating and embarrassing problem, but one that can be corrected or at the very least, controlled once you, the owner, understand what to do and what *not* to do to handle it properly. “Marking” is usually a term that applies to what occurs when a dog deposits a small amount of urine on something, primarily a vertical object or surface, as if to simply “mark” the area with his scent. And that is precisely what he is doing: urinating on something to “mark” it and “stake his claim” or ownership of an object, region or territory. In regards to submissive urination, shy, timid and oversensitive puppies are likely candidates, but it is not uncommon to see this problem persist into adulthood, especially if a dog owner is dominant and strict with his dog.

In order to understand this behavior, you must first understand the behavior of dominance and submissiveness in animals. Young puppies learn behaviors and gestures like averting their eyes, rolling on their backs and communicating by urinating from their mothers. All of these gestures express submissiveness. If a dog feels intimidated, the learned response is to show his owner that he recognizes their dominance. Urination in this case is not deliberate or spiteful or a result of improper potty training. I currently have a foster dog that is very well potty trained, but came to me with a very pronounced case of submissive urination.

The first thing to do with a dog demonstrating signs of submissive urination is to have your veterinarian examine your dog for possible physical abnormalities pertaining to this problem. If your dog is found to be physically healthy, then begin observing what situations cause your dog to urinate submissively. Once you identify these situations, you must begin changing your actions to create a more positive situation and environment for your dog so that he may become at ease and cease the behavior.

Often, overly affectionate greetings when you arrive home or enter the room after being out of the dog's sight for a period of time, scolding, loud noises, loud conversation or arguments between people or guests arriving can encourage submissive urination.

In order to correct the problem, first and foremost, you must recognize that scolding and punishment DO NOT work. Scolding and negative reinforcement just make the dog feel less secure and compound the problem. If your dog urinates when you arrive home after an absence, do not greet the dog directly; rather, try very matter-of-factly walking past him to the door and saying, “outside”. Lead the dog outside and allow him to walk out the door with you, never picking him up. Even if the dog is jumping on your leg, do not acknowledge him. Simply walk outside with him and he will quickly get the idea that once you are home, he is to go outside and empty his bladder. Once he does this, squat down and PRAISE him. Do not lean over him because this is a position of dominance for you; squatting brings you down to his level and he will be less frightened and less likely to display submissive behavior, (i.e. submissive urination).

Encourage guests to also initially ignore your dog when they first arrive and to not speak directly to him or try to pet him. If they allow him the chance to calm down first, there is less chance of him urinating on them or in front of them.

My current foster dog gives me signals when he is feeling threatened. He will lower his back and almost begin crawling; this is what I refer to as ‘hunkering down’. As soon as I begin to see this reaction, I either back away, or stop talking to him and just retreat a bit to allow him time to adjust and feel less threatened. He loves to be cuddled, but I found that if I reach for him, he will urinate. However, if I allow him to approach me and indicate he wishes to be picked up, I can do so easily without having to go change my clothes afterwards. His signal is usually placing his front paws on my leg if I am standing up, or on my chair or knees if I am sitting. I also found that the way in which I pick him up has much to do with his security. Reaching for him with two hands is too threatening for him. Instead, I reach my hand around his side, and scoop him up under his belly and bring him to my lap or into my arms that way.

It may take a lot of work if your dog is timid and shy, particularly if the condition has existed for a while as it had with

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my foster dog. You must work in gradual steps and don't expect too much at once. They will make progress with patience and love and consistency in method. Accidents will sometimes happen. We keep rolls of paper towels handy and clean-up wipes in several strategic areas of our home. We clean up the dribbles and do not draw attention to it. As our foster's confidence in himself and us has improved, the dribbles have become less and less. Even if there is a dribble, that is all it is: a dribble of urine, not the huge puddles that we dealt with in the first three days after his arrival.

If you aren't willing or able to take the extra time to work with a timid puppy or dog with potential behavioral problems, be sure to select an outgoing, confident puppy or dog, not the one that crouches in the back of the pack. Make sure that you are conscious and in tune with his behavior so that you are encouraging confidence and trust between you and your dog and you will both be happier for it in the long term.

AND SINCE WE'RE ON THE SUBJECT...

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The bands are **\$5.00 each** or **three for \$13.00**. A small postage and handling charge is applied to all purchases. All proceeds from the sales of bands are donated to Chihuahua Rescue and Transport to support rescue efforts.

TO ORDER: Measure your dog around his waist for exact inches (it's bigger than you think!). Send the measurements plus your dog's weight to Brenda at **bburns5@woh.rr.com**

Brenda will send you the total cost and mailing information. Bands will be sent via regular mail within 24 hours of payment receipt.

All checks should be made payable to Chihuahua Rescue and Transport. You may also use PayPal on our website (or use email address treasurer@chihuahua-rescue.com for PayPal payments), but first email Brenda (bburns5@woh.rr.com) regarding size and total price.

DELAY OR PREVENT THE NEED FOR RESCUE

BY LYNNIE BUNTEN, CRT PRESIDENT

Do you have an elderly or disabled friend or relative with a pet? If ever they should become unable to care for their pet or limited in the kind of care they can provide, you and a cadre of others *could* cooperate to help provide such care for their pets when they may become unable to do so themselves. For example, visit them often to be sure that the pet is okay, as well as the individual person. You can also offer or insist on doing the following things: take their pets to the Vet for them, trim their toenails, pick up their favorite pet food at the store and put it in a container that the individual can easily manage, clean out litter boxes, or take the animal for an occasional walk or romp. In the case of Chihuahuas, this can help prevent the dog from developing into an armpit piranha (think about it, you'll understand what that is!).

If the individual is going to have to move into an apartment, help them with their search and see if you can find the most appropriate housing that will also allow pets. The longer a person is able to keep his or her pet, the better the quality of life for that person; research has proven this.

If you and the pet have bonded a bit, and the time comes that the individual can no longer live alone and is placed into an assisted living environment or hospital, consider taking the pet in or adopting him so that from time to time, you can take him to visit his owner. This will also prove to be beneficial for everyone, including the pet that will not feel abandoned or grieve over the absolute loss of his owner.

The best part about all of this is that most of it wouldn't cost anything to accomplish; perhaps just a bit of gas and spare time. The joy you will give and receive is priceless!

Now, how *do* you accomplish all of this?

First of all, determine what the pet's needs are, and what the person *is* able to do. Think about it first, and then project into the future a bit. What tasks might someone need assistance on as they age? Maybe now the owner can manage the daily feedings, cleaning, walking the pet, etc. Perhaps getting themselves to the store for the food is a problem, or maybe it's just the need for someone to lift the food out of the car and carry it into the house. That's a once weekly or bi-monthly kind of task, and not much trouble usually. As time and aging progress, cleaning up after the pet or bathing him may become a problem, so designate someone who can go by once a week to help clean (or more often as needed).

Driving the dog and owner to the vet for routine exams is typically an annual event. For this responsibility, you should decide amongst friends and relatives who may be the person most knowledgeable about animals, or the one person that the pet likes the most. The less anxiety a pet has about going to the Vet's office, the easier it will be on everyone, specifically the dog and the Vet. Break down all of the tasks and assign someone to do them as they are needed. The bonus on this sort of arrangement is that the pet owner is also likely to enjoy the assistance as well as the company and the visits.

Eventually, we will all reach the point of being unable to care for ourselves and we may need assistance with certain things. It is vital that we work to make sure that if we know someone in that situation due to advancing age or disability, that their pet is okay with other people so that if in-home care is needed, the pet isn't going to compound the problem or hinder their care. A friendly pet is one that is likely to get better care. Don't expect your loved one's care givers to be responsible for the pet's care as well. Rather, just make sure that the pet isn't going to interfere with their care and you can step in to assist in the care of the pet as needed. If you are given the opportunity, try to interview or seek care givers who enjoy the company of animals or who love animals, as well.

In most cases where the owner has passed, the dog is likely to be a senior pet, and may not be up for the hustle and bustle of an active young family. Therefore, providing a place where the dog can retreat for quiet time is essential. It can be something as simple as an open crate with a favorite blanket and toy inside. Since some senior dogs lose a bit of bladder control as they age, providing a quick, easy and convenient way for them to take potty breaks is important. You can accomplish that by either providing easy access to an appropriate place or piddle pad, or by making sure to take the pet outside frequently. Senior dogs make great pets and are very appreciative of what you do for them.

You may also find that certain medical needs come with the territory of bringing someone's senior pet into your home. I find liquid medication easier to administer than pills, unless the pills can be disguised nicely in the dog's favorite treat. Many medicines are available in pill and liquid form, so just ask for them to be given to you the way you are most comfortable giving them to the dog. Keeping up with administering the dog's medications isn't all that difficult and usually not terribly expensive.

Finally, *who exactly* is responsible for all this planning? It can be you as an individual or a committee of your friends and family members. Someone should take charge of organizing it all and delegating responsibilities. Above all, consult the owner ahead of time and include him or her in the planning process. And you should only do as much as you deem necessary; try not to overwhelm yourselves and take over all the decision making if it's not really necessary.

If *you* are the person worried about what is to become of *your* pet as you age or if you become ill or disabled, then you can be the one to recruit and plan for all the needs of your pet. Be sure to write down your wishes and contact information so that care can be given if you aren't able to direct it yourself. Place the written directions in the care of a trusted individual and also post it on your refrigerator and behind your driver's license in case you are involved in an accident. Over-planning is not a sin in this scenario. After all, it's your pet or a loved one's pet that is depending on you.

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY LIMERICKS

I hope this newsletter finds all of you well and ready for springtime! With Saint Patrick's Day approaching, my Chihuahua José and I felt it would be festive to share some traditional Irish poetry with you. The wee-bitty Chihuahua is like the leprechaun of the dog world, so please enjoy, and I hope this gets you into the holiday spirit! CRT is also now accepting gold coins and four leaf clovers if you happen to find any this March!

Sláinte!

**I wish upon four leaf clover,
For man, woman and "Rover",
That flowers will bloom,
And doggies will zoom,
In green grasses the land over.**

**St. Patty's Day is nearing,
And Irish folk are cheering,
We Chihuahuas have but one care,
That the corned beef you'll kindly share,
But the noisy cabbage is what we're fearing!**

**It's time for celebrating the Emerald Isle,
And we love to see our owners smile,
We don't drink the whiskey,
But we still can get frisky,
We save ourselves for Cinco de Mayo!**

**The snow will soon melt, the ground will thaw,
No more sweaters or salt in our paws,
But the melting of snow will uncover,
The presents left beneath where we hovered,
So watch where you step: it's the law!**



**My Irish eyes are smiling indeed,
But our rescue bills are piling at speed,
A leprechaun I am told,
Can lend a pot of gold,
But I know our donors will help us succeed!**

This Limerick was written by Laura Hasenstab:

**We need homes in the worst possible way,
And nightly we kneel down and pray,
For a new mom so kind,
We'll leave our foster homes behind,
And love you until our little muzzles turn gray.**

Thank you from the CRT family and have a wonderful St. Patrick's Day and springtime!



SPRING INTO DOG-FRIENDLY GARDENING

BY GLORIA COMSTOCK



So, here it is: late February – early March. The weather outside is cold, rainy, snowy, and just generally winter “yuck”. However, those wonderful gardening catalogs are starting to clog your mailbox (and e-mail box) showing wonderful full-color images of bountiful harvests, abundant flowers and delightful green leafy days. You look out your window and see that corner of the back yard that you have been wanting to re-visit, and start looking closer at your catalogs. Suddenly, one of your beloved pets comes over and wants some attention. The thought strikes you, what if you plant something in the yard that will harm your pet?! Horrors!

Well, take a deep breath and rest assured that there are many wonderful plants that you can use that should not harm your pet in any way. Taking into consideration that every animal has its own reactions to substances and the fact that I am neither a vet nor a botanist, let's investigate good and bad options when planting a pet-friendly landscape. The plant world is full of mysterious and dangerous flora. All our lives we have been warned about “this plant” or “that plant”. As soon as we could independently put things in our mouths, we were told not to eat plants! Here are a few common sense rules in planning your pet friendly yard:

- ◆ If the plant is known to be an irritant or poisonous to humans, it is not a good choice for your pets either. These plants would include poison ivy, hemlock, nettles, foxglove, mistletoe, holly, yews and many, many other plants or parts of plants.
- ◆ If the plant is used for illicit drugs – it is bad for your pets. (Marijuana, poppies, etc.)
- ◆ If the plant is grown from a bulb – it is a very bad choice for your pet's garden. Most bulbs are poisonous to dogs. This would include lilies, tulips, daffodils and most spring blooming flowers to name a few.
- ◆ If the plant has a common name that sounds dangerous to your pet, it probably is: dogbane, henbane, dumbweed (dieffenbachia) and nightshade among others.
- ◆ If the plant is a succulent – it is probably not a good choice. This would include aloe, yucca, philodendron, rhododendron to list a few.
- ◆ If the plant is a fern or goes through a fern stage, this is a bad choice as well. This would include asparagus, lady fern, fiddle fern and others.
- ◆ Vines and ivy are not a good choice –their root structure can destroy wood, stone and brick – so they are probably not a good choice near the house anyway. This especially includes grapevines. Grapes and raisins are toxic to dogs!
- ◆ Nut bearing or seed bearing trees – careful consideration should be taken on which you choose. Avocados, peach seeds, cherry pits, walnut shells and many others can make your pet very ill.
- ◆ Herbs – hmmm – many beneficial drugs have their origins in herbs. Care must be taken because different drugs have different effects on our pets – many effects are dependent on how much is consumed and at what stage of the plant's life. If you are not a student of herbology, yet still want fresh herbs for cooking, maybe growing chives, sage and parsley in pots in the kitchen window would be your best option.
- ◆ Thinking about mushrooms – one word: NO!

DOG-FRIENDLY GARDENING

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When it comes to plants, there are several excellent sources for complete lists of poisonous and non-poisonous plants. I recommend www.aspc.org as the best place to start. Most good garden centers have a master gardener on staff and virtually all states have a state agricultural association that will have information on non-poisonous plants specific to your area.

In addition to the plants, you are probably considering mulch or some other kind of weed control method. It is a bad pun perhaps, but mulch made of “bark” is not good for dogs. Dogs can chew on the large pieces and ingest them, clogging up their digestive tract or worse. Mulches of shredded woods fall into the same category. These are usually made of pine and/or cypress which are poisonous to dogs in any form. Peat moss and/or larger stones on gardener’s cloth are the recommended methods of weed control. Try not to use herbicides and pesticides, as they can also harm your pets. Avoid cyanide treated lumber for landscaping. I recommend trying the “boards” made from recycled plastic. They do not rot or lose their color over many seasons! Natural stone, concrete or plastic walls and pavers are also great options.

Now some fun stuff, thinking about pavers or walkway stones. These give you excellent access to all the various plants in your garden, minimize weed growth areas and can also help file down your dog’s nails if they run along a concrete or stone paved path. Pavers also cut down a dog’s access to mud (which they always seem to find and track into the house).

Dogs like grasses – to roll in, chase around and eat. If you avoid the fruit bearing grasses (barley for example) you will have many safe options. Marigolds, pansies, peonies, hollyhocks, daises and mums are good choices for annuals/perennials. Many vegetables are good choices – unless you want exotic vegetables. Carrots, broccoli, snap peas and green beans are generally safe. Onions are a no-no because they are poisonous to dogs. Melons are not good, but cucumbers and pumpkin seem to be ok. Many root vegetables have different times in their development when they are more harmful than at others – e.g., potato sprouts and shoots can be poisonous. Did you know that at one time, tomatoes were called “death apples” – and for a good reason. Today’s hybrids are safe to eat when ripe, but all parts of the plant are still poisonous to us and our pets.

If you still want to grow some plants that could possibly be of harm to your pet, think about putting them outside the fence, far enough away that your pet can’t reach them to have a nibble. You could also consider elevated or hanging gardens – high enough that your pet can’t jump up into them, and that the foliage and fruit won’t fall into where your pet can reach it.



...and a final thought, I have seen some “gardeners” resort to placing stems of plastic and/or “silk” plants and flowers in their borders – absolutely zero care (no watering or insect issues), they stay in bloom and you don’t have to worry about them harming your pets. Personally, I prefer growing things, but with the draught we were fighting last summer, my neighbor’s fake plants looked a whole lot better than my real plants!

So go ahead, dig into those catalogs and dream of the warm days and growing things to come. You and your pet can have many happy days of safe playing in your well thought-out yards and gardens.



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Space does not permit us to list all of our wonderful contributors! Listed here are those who made a donation in memory of or in honor of a friend or loved one (2-legged or 4-legged). For more information on how you can make a tax-deductible donation to Chihuahua Rescue & Transport, see our web site at www.chihuahua-rescue.com/donation.htm

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I was in a shelter and CRT rescued me just in time. When I was taken to the shelter I had a broken front leg that had healed crooked a while back. CRT took me to a surgeon to have my leg fixed right, and before I even recovered from that, I got REALLY sick after the surgery and I felt pretty yucky. (No diagnosis other than a really nasty virus.) I ended up on an IV for over a week, and lost a whole pound. Everyone was very nice to me, and I could see that they were concerned and worried, so I tried my hardest to hang on and make it, and here I am! Healthy as a horse, but nowhere near as big.

DONATING TO CRT: AS EASY AS ONE, TWO CHI!

BY JANICE ROBINSON

Have you ever daydreamed about what you would do with “all that money” if you ever won the lottery? I know I do! And CRT is always right at the top of the list of charities or people that I would wish to benefit from my new-found riches.

But, let's face it: I'm not going to win the lottery and you probably aren't going to either.

So, the question remains: how can we easily afford to almost effortlessly support an organization that we believe in, financially? I think I've found the easiest way for me to do so, and I would like to tell you about it so that perhaps, you will want to try it, too.

My credit union offers a free on-line bill payment system. I simply set up my mortgage payment, utility payments, etc. so that they are automatically paid, on-time each month. No stamps, no checks to write, no remembering that the electric bill is due the 14th of each month! In fact, the system has worked so well that I decided to use this method for my charitable donations, too.

So, CRT is now set up to receive a check for \$10 on each payday. I am paid bi-weekly, which means that I have 26 paychecks per year. I can now painlessly and automatically donate \$260 per year to Chihuahua Rescue and Transport! What's more, I don't even miss the money at all...it's not even the price of a pizza (as Pokey used to point out!). Here's what it looks like when I log in to my bill payment service:

Change Payment

Complete the following form to change a payment:

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Note: due to the change in Treasurers effective March 15th, the address for payments will be:

CRT
c/o Paula Hensel
7500 N. Elmhurst Rd. #488
Des Plaines, IL 60018

This might be something worth looking into for yourself. I originally set the withdrawal amount for \$5 per paycheck, but later increased it to \$10. I figured that if I didn't miss \$5, then I wouldn't miss \$10 and guess what? I haven't! And trust me, that extra \$5 a month can mean the world to a rescue organization and its dogs.

And remember, your donations are also tax-deductible because CRT is a 501(c)3 non-profit, tax exempt public charity!

Just think of the impact we could make if 10 of us did this...That would equal \$2600 per year to help save the lives of the breed we love! And imagine if 100 people donated this way....That's right! CRT would benefit tremendously by receiving \$26,000 per year toward the rescue, medical needs and tender, loving care of Chihuahuas across the country!

Think about it. Sleep on it. Do what you feel led to do. It is a very simple, painless way to donate easily and automatically. And although we know that \$5 may not change the world, it can and will surely change the world of a rescued Chihuahua in need.



CRT FINANCIAL SUMMARY – JANUARY - DECEMBER 2007

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Adoption Fees	\$ 44,673	Veterinary/medical	\$119,420
Donations	\$ 64,353	Newsletter	\$ 3,851
Sales/Fundraising	\$ 7,322	Misc./Other	\$ 3,249
Interest on CD	\$ 350	Copying/Postage	\$ 2,240
		Microchips/Registration	\$ 2,238
		Fundraising Expenses	\$ 1,018
		Bank/PayPal Fees	\$ 713
		Advertising/Website	\$ 701
		Licenses/Permits	\$ 301
Total Income	\$116,698	Total Expenses	\$133,741
Net Loss: -\$17,043			

Please feel free to email our Treasurer at Treasurer@Chihuahua-Rescue.com with any questions regarding CRT's finances.

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Almost 300 CRT Chihuahuas found new homes in 2007!

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