

The Prez Sez

Microchips vs. ID Tags

Many of you that are familiar with rescue know that microchips are used to help us identify our dogs and secure their safety should they land in a shelter. These days there are multiple companies selling microchips versus only two that were considerably well known ten years ago. As with many products, not all are created equal. Some of the cheaper ones do not have any type of "anti-migratory" protection, meaning that there is risk the microchip will travel to an area other than where it was implanted. It is universally known that the proper area to place a microchip for a dog is under the skin between the shoulder blades. If the person doing the scanning is properly trained they will move the scanner in a back and forth motion from one side to the other until a microchip is found. A website used for microchip information is www.microchiplookup.org, which will let you know the manufacturer of that chip and the phone number to call for registration information.

Registration is the key to a successful microchipping program. I would like to encourage each of you to have your pets scanned to not only ensure that they have a microchip, but also to ensure that the microchip has been properly registered.

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The official newsletter for friends, volunteers, and supporters.



Itsy's Story

BY: SARAH SKALA

Meet Itsy! She has quite a story... This little girl is 3 lbs and has a very delicate frame. She is a chocolate, smooth coat Chihuahua with a sad history and severe medical issues. We were told she is approximately 7 years old, but she appears several years older, which might just be due to her poor health condition and dental care. Itsy came to CRT from a good Samaritan who found her in a garage sale. Her owner was selling her for \$15 with all her other junk! The woman who brought her to CRT paid the owner just to get Itsy out of that situation, but she couldn't keep her because she already had several of her own Chis.

Not surprisingly, she wasn't spayed or vaccinated, but that was the least of her problems. She had severe dental disease and several, if not all, of her teeth needed to be pulled out completely. Her breath was awful! Her ears were filthy. She had patellar luxation so she walked like a little bull dog. The vet said they can't be repaired at this point, which is okay because she gets around just fine. None of this was as critical as her biggest issue, which was "bilateral perineal hernias with bladder entrapment".



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Some microchip companies have a one time registration fee and others will ask you to register annually. Also call the microchip company and make sure your information is current and up-to-date. If you have moved or your phone number has changed, it needs to be updated. For many of our CRT dogs, we are the first owner and the changes will need to be made through us. Please feel free to contact me directly if you need us to update your information.

Now, for those of you that are thinking that since your pet has a microchip you don't need to worry about an ID tag. **WRONG!!** You should still ALWAYS have a current ID tag on your pet at all times. If you have a CRT dog, it is required as it is in your adoption contract to maintain current ID on a collar 24/7. Also, if your neighbor finds your pet, they may not know about microchips or how to discover if there is a microchip. Have a current tag so that anyone who finds your pet can call you right away! Heaven forbid, if there is a medical emergency, you will want that person to be able to contact you immediately.

Sometimes I hear people say, "My dog will never get out or get away from me". However, I'm here to say, "what if" your home is burglarized and your pet is turned loose or stolen? "What if" that one time you don't have a collar and ID tag on your pet something completely out of your control happens and your pet runs in a panick so fast you can't even begin to recover them? Things out of our control happen every day. With chihuahuas being the #2 breed euthanized in shelters every day, do you want to run the risk of them landing there and losing them as a result of no ID or outdated ID?

Love your dog enough, to say, I want you home in my arms as soon as possible!!! Get that tag and microchip updated today!!

*Karen Hales
President*

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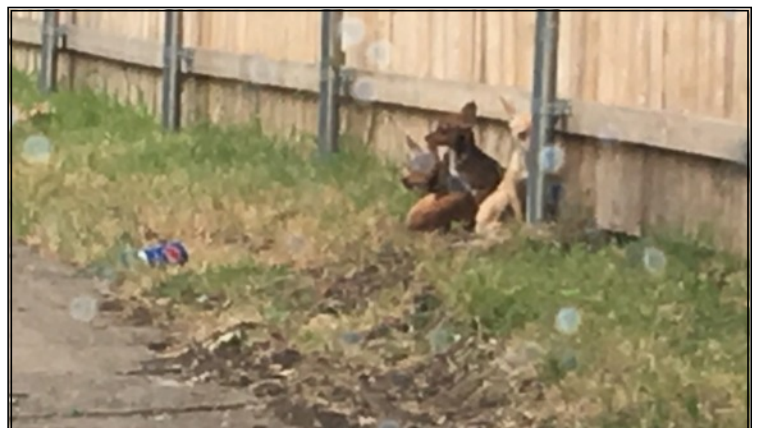
HAPPY TAILS ADOPTION

This little dog lost approx. half of her body weight before being adopted. **Page 12**

Mother's Day Puppy Rescue

BY: WENDY GOLMAN

I had just finished Mother's Day brunch with my family when I received a text message with a picture attached from a phone number I did not recognize. "Someone dumped four Chihuahua puppies in an alley near my home," it read, "can Chihuahua Rescue come and get them?" The picture attached was of four scared Chihuahuas huddled against a fence. I immediately called the man, named Ron, to find out where the Chihuahuas were located.



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When he told me the area, I knew immediately where it was – a neighborhood close to my old high school. He was very concerned that we catch the Chihuahuas as soon as possible, as both bobcats and coyotes were frequently seen in the area and some of his neighbors had lost pets to them. I assured him I would be there shortly, and after contacting our then coordinator (now President) Karen Hales to alert her as to what was happening, I headed over there. Ron said he would meet me there.

When I arrived in the alley, it was starting to rain and the Chihuahuas were exactly in the same spot they were in the picture Ron had sent me, huddled up against a fence. They were shivering from the rain, and the largest one, a blonde male, seemed to be their protector. When I stood up to move towards them, the blonde one barked madly and they all scattered. I put some kibble out and went back and sat down. They returned quickly to eat, but if I moved towards them, the blonde one would bark and they all would scatter again. This went on for a while, and at one point, they let me get close enough to grab one of the smaller puppies, but the blonde one got between us. Because of this, we decided to set a trap.

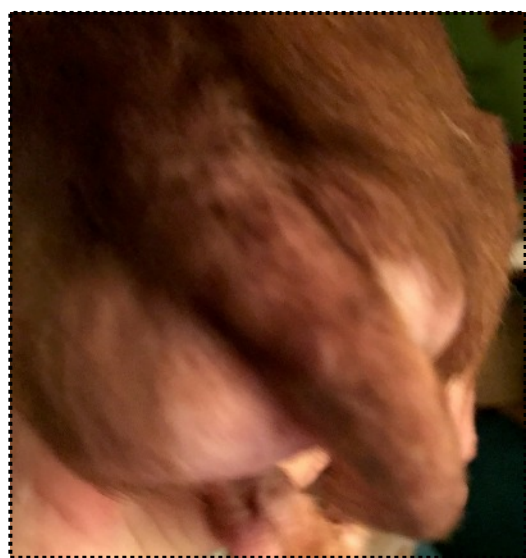
Before I knew it, a little before dark, I received a call from Ron that two of the puppies were in the trap! I rushed over there and the blonde one and another small male were in the trap.

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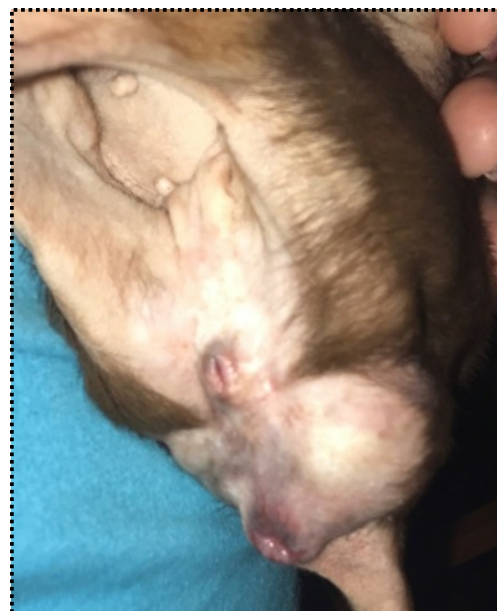
What this basically means is that she couldn't poop properly or regularly, and the fecal matter would gather in the hernias. Her rear end bulged out bigger and bigger until she was finally able to defecate, and it would go down a little but not completely. Imagine a golf ball size bulge on either side of her tail! When she first came to us, she couldn't poop for 5 days in a row! She had to have an emergency procedure to manually remove the fecal matter while under anesthesia.

She was placed on a laxative medication 4 times a day and was eating prescription food. Her dry food was placed in a bowl of water like a soup so that she consumed extra water as she ate. Watching her struggle and strain trying to go was so sad to see... It had to be uncomfortable and probably painful as well.



When she did finally go, it was way too large and firm for her size.

She was sent to a specialist and had several tests to determine the correct plan of action. Her surgery estimate was over \$3,000!! The Board decided that this little girl deserved a chance for a happy, normal life. She was scheduled for surgery to repair the hernia and get spayed at a specialty hospital. During the surgery, her heart almost stopped, due to the anesthesia, but thankfully the vet was able to save her.



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Due to her small size and bone loss, there was a significant chance her jaw could have been broken during the surgery.

She is now healing from her surgeries and looks almost normal! She has had a little trouble, but she is now pooping normally and not struggling constantly with constipation. She is a sweet girl and

loves when she's babied and given attention. She is slowly getting used to being picked up and loves to come up and lay

down on or near her foster family. She was most likely abused because she cowers away when approached. She also flattens herself on the floor when someone attempts to pick her up and cries in fear. She has a hysterical move where she does an "army crawl" - her body totally flattened out on the bed or couch, and she crawls forward and backward repeatedly! She also throws her head back like a wolf and howls! Her foster



Itsy After Surgery

mom has never had a dog that did this, but now all of her dogs start howling when Itsy does. She has an entire pack of miniature wolves. Her total vet bill equaled close to \$6,000, and CRT is seeking Best Friends for Itsy to help pay for her medical care. Her cute, little personality is blossoming, and she is



recovering well from all of her surgeries. We hope that she will have many more years of health and happiness to compensate for her previous neglect and abuse.

To learn how to donate for Itsy or any of our other rescues, please visit: <http://www.chihuahua-rescue.com/how-to-donate/> **Thank you!**

Foster Dogs

BY: THOM LANGE

We meet
 You are scared
 I try to comfort
 To assure you
 Timid and tentative
 You explore
 Afraid and unsure.

A day passes
 Sometimes more
 You're less frightened
 Affection shows
 You relax
 Finally you feel safe
 You sleep
 Really sleep.

A week goes by
 You are finally at ease
 I begin to see you
 The real you
 Personality shines through
 Playful or demure
 Fierce or fearful
 I can see who you are

Weeks and months pass
 You find a place in my heart
 You wriggle in
 Finding moments
 Times of weakness
 They build in me
 I love you

An email arrives
 There is someone interested
 They want to meet you
 You show them you
 The true you
 The you I met over time
 They fall in love
 They want to give you a home
 Forever with them

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The blonde one was causing quite a ruckus, barking up a storm. The small puppy came out of the trap without any problem, but the blonde one put up quite a fight with Ron, earning him the name Tyson! I decided the other one would be called Tex.

With Tex and Tyson safely in my car, I helped Ron set the trap again, this time in a backyard. With the help of one of his neighbors we tried one more time to corral the two remaining puppies, but very quickly realized to catch them they too would have to go into the trap. It was dark and raining when I left the alley to take Tex and Tyson to Karen's house.

Once Tex and Tyson were safe at Karen's house, we could see that they were in good shape and had been cared for before they were dumped. Tyson was still very protective of Tex if you got too close, and the sound of his barking inside the house was almost ear splitting! Tex was unsure of what was



happening, but had a very sweet demeanor.

Very early the next morning I received a call from Ron that there was a puppy in the trap, but the other puppy, the smallest of the four, had been attacked by a bobcat but was still alive (he had also found a fifth puppy that was deceased due to a bobcat attack). I rushed over there and what I saw in that backyard was heartbreaking – a small male Chihuahua, soaking wet from the rain, laying injured on the grass. I could see the puncture wounds on his neck and chest. He was in shock. I gently wrapped him in a towel and placed him in a carrier. The Chihuahua in the trap was a female.

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From Puppy Mill to Paradise

BY: CARLA JOHNSON

On May 16, 2016, a property on Hilton Head Island in South Carolina was raided and 68 dogs and 5 cats were found, living in filth, as shown in the photo on page 7. There were 6 breeds being housed in these deplorable conditions – Chihuahuas, Pomeranians, Shelties, Schnauzers, Cocker Spaniels and Miniature Pinchers. On June 16th, CRT was asked to assist with 18 Chihuahuas, including a mother Chi and 3 puppies. As usual, CRT was scrambling for space for these refugees, and we just did not have space for all. We put out a request to other reputable rescues and asked for help. Animal Rescue & Foster Program in Greensboro, NC, Adopt4Love Pets, Inc. in Carthage, NC and The Humane Society of North Myrtle Beach, SC all stepped up and helped by taking some of the now 20 Chihuahuas.

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I give you freely
 With the blanket you cuddled
 The ball you chased
 The collar you wore
 I'm overjoyed
 You have your forever home

They send pictures
 Share stories
 You look so happy
 You know that you are finally home
 You will always be at home in my heart

I return home and cry
 I sob for my loss
 I cry for your gain
 Joy and sorrow mixed

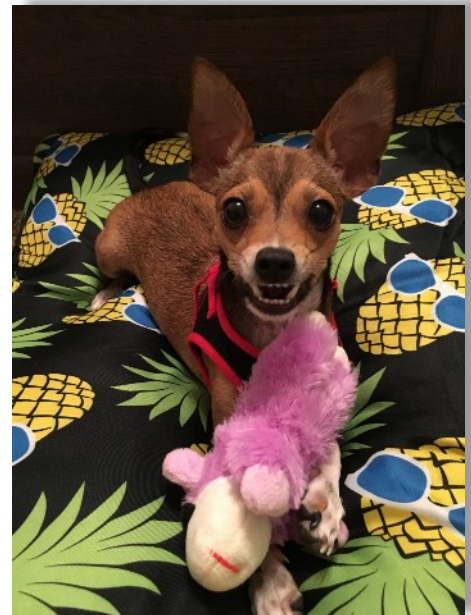


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She was frightened, but unharmed. I decided to call the female Raina. The injured male would be Ronnie, in honor of Ron, who cared so much about the welfare of four dumped Chi puppies he not only reached out to Chihuahua Rescue for help, but also worked very hard to help us trap them. I loaded Raina and Ronnie into the car and sped off to the vet.

Once we arrived, the vet started working on Ronnie immediately and was amazed he had survived the bobcat attack, as his wounds were "kill wounds." And while it was touch and go the first few days, Ronnie made an incredible recovery! Ron texted me every day to check on Ronnie's progress during his recovery, and many of Ron's neighbors contributed generously to help cover Ronnie's vet bills!

Urban wildlife roams most of our neighborhoods and though you may never see a coyote or bobcat (or hawk or owl), they are there and pose real dangers to your unattended pets when they are outside. So I'll



Ronnie

never understand why, if someone could no longer care for these puppies, they thought dumping them in an alley was an acceptable solution. If not for a kind-hearted man like Ron reaching out to Chihuahua Rescue, four little Chis would have met cruel fates in that alley. Tex, Raina and Ronnie have all found wonderful forever homes and are beloved pets! In every picture Ronnie's new mom sends us, he is smiling! Tyson is still looking for his forever home, but now that he doesn't have to be the brave protector, his fighting days are over! He has become quite the well-behaved little love bug!



Tex & Raina

Puppy Mill (cont. Page 5)



Our southeastern coordinator and volunteer coordinator headed down to Hilton Head on June 25th, stopping to pick up another Chi (found locked in the bathroom of a trailer with no electricity or running water in the summer heat) from a shelter along the way. When they finally arrived at the Hilton Head Humane Association Spay & Neuter Clinic, there were two more Chi's in kennels waiting at the front door that they just couldn't leave behind (one being a rather large, 13-year-old Chi named Kaylo who ended up being adopted by his foster family).

They headed back to North Carolina with 21 Chihuahuas! One female, designated #50, was approximately 8 years old, non-spayed with dental disease, heartworms and scars on both flanks. She was such a sweet and loving girl that we decided to call her Precious. Precious had a second heartworm test to confirm her positive status and began her three month long treatment. Once free of heartworms, she was spayed, had a dental and was ready for adoption. Precious was placed in one of our foster homes to learn how to be a member of the family, working on home skills and walking on a leash. A few weeks later, the SE coordinator was contacted by CRT alumni who had recently lost both of their Chi's to old age. They wanted to adopt again, but now lived in Massachusetts.



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The Saga of Bonnie & Clyde

BY: CARLA JOHNSON

Bonnie and Clyde were found on the run in NC. They were finally apprehended by animal control. A plea went out from the shelter for a rescue to deal with these two. CRT stepped up to the challenge! CRT had a couple of their bounty hunters pick up the criminals and transport them to a vet for incarceration, as well as spaying, neutering, dentals, vaccinations and more. After that, one of CRT's volunteers was asked to pick up the scoundrels and hold them until transport to the main facility (i.e. Southeast Coordinator's house) could be accomplished. Said volunteer picked up these fugitives at the clinic, and transported them to her home where she allowed them to roam, briefly, in her fenced back yard. She had planned to transfer them to a 4-foot round pen enclosure for containment overnight until another volunteer could continue their transport. She transferred Clyde first and had gone back to collect Bonnie. Apparently Clyde felt no allegiance to Bonnie as he made a break for it, climbing the 4-foot fence and escaping while the volunteer had Bonnie in transit. Clyde took off as if he had a destination in mind!

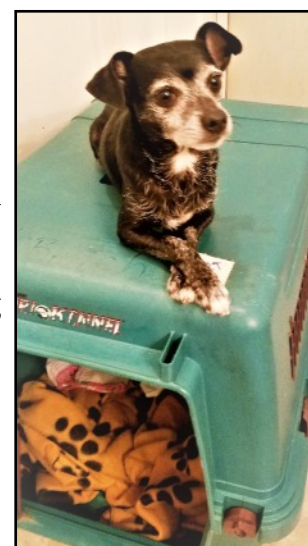
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Bonnie was moved on to permanent lock up. Clyde had to be recaptured! Attempts to get Clyde into custody went on for over a week — posters and flyers were posted and distributed in the neighborhood and the adjoining golf course. Sightings were reported! From gathered reports, it was determined that Clyde was an experienced Chihuahua felon. People reported rubbing his belly but, as soon as they attempted to leash him or pick him up, he showed his teeth with obvious intent to use them. On the following weekend, more than a week after his escape, the southeastern

coordinator rounded up a posse, including an experienced lost cat detective, hotdogs and a van driver. The apprehension of Clyde began. He led the posse across the golf course... the lost cat lady lay on the ground offering hot dogs, a temptation Clyde could not ignore... but when he was nibbling the hotdogs from her fingers, she realized she only knew techniques for cat grabbing!! Golfers offered up their golf carts to the lumbering, out of shape posse hoping to aid in capturing the fleeing suspect. Tee-offs were put on hold as members of the posse galloped, quite out of breath, across the golf course, causing a ruckus that became legend, often retold at the club house. After an interminable hour (for all involved) the fugitive finally raced back into the neighborhood. The posse was ready, thinking several times that they had surrounded and cornered this conniving Chihuahua!



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They were told to submit an application (already thinking Precious would be a perfect fit) and CRT would figure something out. What a wonderful coincidence that the SE coordinator also heard from a volunteer who qualified for free flights because her husband worked for the airlines! She was thrilled to fly with Precious to meet her new family. The application was submitted and checked and pictures were sent of what would be Precious' new living arrangements. A plan was put in motion to fly Precious to Boston where her new owner would pick her up.



On December 8, our volunteer, Gigi, picked up Precious from her foster mom, Sharon. Gigi wanted to spend a few days with Precious to earn her trust before getting on a plane to Boston. It didn't take Precious long to feel right at home! On Saturday, December 10th, Gigi took off from Greensboro, NC and headed to Boston, MA. We were concerned about Precious having to go to the bathroom while in transport so a plan was made to take puppy pads and find a quiet area in a corner somewhere in the airport where Precious could relieve herself. Well the airport had already thought of this and provided Precious with her own little bathroom area within the airport. Gigi reported that Precious did very well on the flight to Boston and slept the whole way. Paula met Gigi and Precious at the airport. Precious was bundled into a secure carrier and she and her new mom boarded a commuter plane for Martha's Vineyard.

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Bonnie & Clyde *(cont. Page 8)*

Back in the neighborhood, this freaked out fugitive ran through yard after yard after yard, eventually coming within yards of a major road. To prevent the wily escapee from certain tragedy under a car's wheels, the southeast coordinator devised a plan. She got down on all fours and called out to the elusive fugitive, begging him to come to her. This little villain was also exhausted by the pursuit and he turned on his belly and crawled over to the coordinator! He seemed calmed, comforted and safe, but our intrepid coordinator knew better —she grabbed hold of him! Her mind was made up – she would not let go till he was safe in a carrier!

The fugitive lashed out; he did not know or trust these pursuers, these captors! Feeling he should fight for his life, he did the only thing that he knew – he opened his mouth and bit down, on the coordinator's hands and any other flesh he could sink his teeth into, making a last desperate chance for freedom! Thank goodness the director was an ex-Marine and hung on, bleeding all over her CRT t-shirt until they were finally able to lock the fugitive into a crate.

After several months, it was determined that Bonnie and Clyde were not a bonded pair. Bonnie tamed up and did better without Clyde and his lawless influence. Bonnie has now been adopted, and Clyde is still working on his trust issues. CRT is intent on showing him that the fugitive life is NOT the best life for a little Chihuahua!



Puppy Mill *(cont. Page 8)*

It surely seems like magic! Sweet Precious went from living in a puppy mill to living on Martha's Vineyard in paradise. CRT wants to thank Paula and Robert for giving Precious, now known as Olive, a forever home!! Paula reports that Olive has become queen of the house and she makes sure that everyone who visits is aware of her position!



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Southeast Report

BY: CARLA JOHNSON

WOW! Has another year gone by again? The CRT southeastern region has been super busy when it comes to helping out needy Chihuahuas this year. We have gained many new volunteers and now have a volunteer coordinator, application and information processor, data spreadsheet processor, microchip data processor and two volunteers who send hand-made thank you cards to people who donate money to CRT. We also have lead coordinators in the Raleigh/Cary area of NC as well as in Wilmington, NC. Our transport volunteers are ready, at the drop of a hat, to get a dog or dogs from point A to point B. We also have a Facebook team that helps promote our dogs or anything that is happening in the southeast. In summary, our volunteers in the southeastern region ROCK!

Our numbers for adoptions this year reached 86 adoptions, more than double what we did last year, and we received 209 applications. There is no way that CRT southeast could operate without the devotion of its many volunteers. I had no idea that the SE was going to take off this year and that social media was going to play such a vital role in getting our adoptable dogs adopted. Our FB team has seen our followers grow to over 6,600 and these followers help us every day by sharing our posts.

Our volunteers have spent countless hours at adoption events at PetSmart, Belk's, NCSU Vet School Dog Olympics, Pawz in the Park-Wilmington, and in 2-day Pet Expo events in Richmond, VA and Virginia Beach, VA. They have logged countless hours and miles transporting dogs to vet appointments or from kill shelters to safety from MD all the way down to GA.

We still need more foster volunteers so, if you've been thinking about fostering, take that leap and become a foster for one of the too many Chi's that are out there and need help. CRT will pay for all vet costs and you just pay for food and any treats that you may want to give them. Your role as a foster is to make the dog part of your family, paper train or house break the dog and teach them to walk on a leash. Unfortunately I'm still having to turn away between 8-12 Chi's PER DAY that we are being asked to take, due to lack of places to put them.

A big thank you to all of our donors as we couldn't do what we do with the Chi's without your monetary support!!! Happy New Year



DFW Report

BY: KAREN HALES

Happy New Year! We have had another successful year in our region, having adopted out 61 dogs in 2016. We've also added several new volunteers and foster homes. Sadly we lost sweet Bella to a congenital liver condition that could not be fixed. We currently have 17 fosters going into 2017. Most are ready for adoption!

We have opened a Facebook Store thru the DFW Region's Facebook page intended to benefit all region's of CRT. These are donated items that we hope to help benefit our many fosters as well as provide our followers and supporters with an alternative way to help us raise funds for our chihuahuas.

We also hope to have another CRT Facebook Auction with lots of good items later this year. We have been blessed to have Kimberley and Bruce Lee with all the photography, posting, shipping, etc. for this. There is ALOT of hard work behind the scenes on these things so I want to thank them for all they have done.

Midwest Report

BY: HEATHER LONG

This year was very successful for the Midwest region as we had nearly 30 permanent adoptions in addition to planning three major fundraising events. We did accept several dogs with severe health conditions including two puppies from a breeder who had parvo and Itsy (featured on the front page). Thankfully, all of our rescues survived and found loving homes after receiving the medical care they deserved.

With the Midwest having the largest territory to cover, encompassing 7 states, we rely heavily on volunteers spread out across this area to provide transportation and be willing to complete home visits. We form chains so that volunteers only need to drive 1-2 hours in one direction before meeting the next volunteer. In this way, a dog located in Louisville, KY can easily be adopted by someone who lives in Detroit, MI. However, we have many gaps that still need coverage. In summary, even if you are unable to foster, please still volunteer because we need you!



In Memory Of...

Sharon Gruenhagen.....*Delilah*
 Amy Ekerberg, DVM.....*"Hercules" Golden*
 Pam & Gary Huckle.....*Trixie*
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 Gregory and Gay Bink.....*Laura Hasenstab*
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 Terry Drissell.....*my little he-man, Jack. I miss him terribly.*

In Honor Of...

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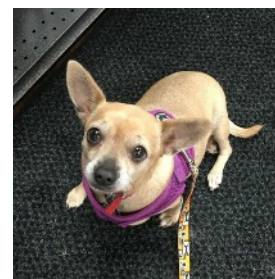
Happy Tails Adoption




BY: DIANA HIGHTOWER

Santa granted one of our CRT DFW Area Christmas Cuties' wishes for a forever home in time for Christmas! ARIEL has been ADOPTED! After nearly four years in our program, it is a Christmas Miracle that we will all remember! CRT received an adoption application for Ariel on December 20th, the same day she was featured on our CRT DFW Facebook page!

The timing could not have been better -- her new family lives in Illinois, right on the travel route her foster mom and dad were driving from Dallas to visit family in Illinois for Christmas. Ariel is our little miracle girl who was found abandoned in a ditch. She was severely overweight at 25 pounds, and CRT fosters helped her lose half of her body weight (she now weighs a trim 12.5 pounds!). This girl captured our hearts as one of the most lovable and friendliest dogs we have had in our program. Ariel will be forever loved and spoiled by her moms Cathy Bishop and Sherry Flad. Ariel also has three four-legged Chihuahua siblings -- brother Grayson and sisters Kelli and Jessie! Ariel's former foster parents are St. Louis Cardinal fans, and so is her new family, so Ariel will still get to root for the Cards! We will truly miss our sweet girl Ariel, but are beyond overjoyed that she has finally found her family.





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