

## The Prez Sez

# Spring is Finally Here!

After a long, cold and snowy winter for many, spring is finally SPRINGING!

With spring comes thoughts of beautiful flowers, budding trees, warm breezes and sunshine. Personally, I can't wait!! Neither can my dogs! We have had it tough here in the Midwest...But despite the Polar Vortex, warmer weather is on the way!!

Of course spring brings the promise of bugs, critters and parasites... So, it's time to consider if your pets are up to date on important vaccines and to purchase new supplies of heartworm and flea prevention. In some areas, heartworm and flea prevention are a year round project so please check with your vet to find out if you need to purchase year round prevention. Even some areas of the Midwest are considered to be a year round treatment area so please make sure you know what your vet recommends.

This has been a tough winter for most of the country so that means a very wet spring could be in our future and in turn could mean an extremely problematic mosquito, flea and tick season.

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*The official newsletter for friends, volunteers, and supporters.*



## Please, Help This "One"

BY: KAREN HALES

As the DFW Coordinator, one of my tasks is to filter through the many requests for help in regards to Chihuahuas. Some are cases where a family member has passed and left behind the Chihuahua that no one in the family can keep. Some requests are from the many shelters in our area asking to please take one so that it is one less they have to euthanize. But, it seems most of them are from people like you and me, who find a stray, where the owner can't be located and they want the best for the dog so they ask us if we have room for this "one". Unfortunately, every week I get dozens of these requests. Deciding who can be helped is daunting. Our foster homes remain full at all times. It's usually just a matter of timing. In the case of this story, it was just a feeling that I had to help this "one".



I asked for a picture to make sure it was a Chihuahua, and this photo is what I received.

The email read:

Good evening,

We very much would appreciate any assistance or information you might give us. A sweet but skittish Chihuahua has been hanging out for the last few weeks where my husband works (Southwest Airlines-SWA) in Dallas. Many of the employees who are aware have been maintaining a water supply for her. My husband and a few others have been feeding her.

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Let's keep our little fur babies healthy and happy in all ways possible... and the easiest way to accomplish that is PREVENTION. Whether you use one product to cover fleas and heartworms or if you buy separate products, make sure that you purchase new products for the season and check the dates on any product you have left over from last year. Anything outdated could be ineffective.

Little Mack is excited to get outside again. His favorite sports are barking at the deer and sunbathing and the poor little guy has been teased a few times by warmer temperatures only for a moment. He longs for the day that we can go outside and stay for a while. Petey has even helped him drag a few toys outside hoping to play. They never seem to be able to bring them back in though....hmmmp!

*Chris Mesker*  
President / Midwest Coordinator

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Only recently has she become accustomed enough to my husband's presence that she would come near. He said she appears to be maybe 7 or 8. No one has indicated an interest in adopting her from SWA. If we didn't already have two furry babies at home, I know my husband very much would like to take her. However, everyone has been reluctant to call Animal Control out of concern that she would very well be put down. In the meantime, she has found herself some outdoor shelter to sleep and protect herself from the elements when necessary. We would very much like this sweet girl to have a chance at a safe and nurturing home. So, if your group can help, we would be over the moon. If your group can advise who can best help the dog that would be wonderful. My husband works in a secure/restricted area of Southwest's property. So, if you all can help, then we can make agreeable arrangements so that he can meet you in an accessible place with the dog. Thank you so much for the work that you do!

~ Kelly

This email came in August, a time of year in Texas that comes with temperatures in the 100's. Any shelter that poor girl is using is not going to sustain her for long. And I must admit I have a soft spot for the strays. I knew there was nowhere really to put her as a foster, except to add that "one" more to my house. So I told them, if they could catch her we would take her.

In a couple of days she was at my house. I will never forget how scared she was. This little girl was terrified of the unknown, having been a stray for who knows how long. I was worried about putting her down in the backyard without a leash on her because I worried she would have a strong flight response. So, we went to an enclosure.

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# Meet the CRT Board:

## Carla Johnson, Treasurer

I've been passionate about animals since I was a very small child. My mom always stopped me at the door and made me empty my pockets before coming inside because she never knew when I might be bringing a little "friend" into the house (snake, lizard, field mouse, toad, etc). I inherited my love for animals from my mom and all of the neighbors who found injured/orphaned animals knew they could bring them to our house and we would raise them, get them vet attention or do anything else they might need to get them back on their feet. Growing up we always had fish, hamsters, field mice, baby birds, snakes, lizards, toads, frogs, crawfish, hermit crabs and turtles. Our dog growing up was a miniature poodle named Nightmare after Casper the Friendly Ghost's horse.

My dream job was to be a veterinarian, and my first job at age 15 was at a vet's office where I cleaned cages and eventually learned to do lab work. After graduating high school, I attended NC State University. I loved all of the animal classes, especially the Animal Science class where Dr. Goode took us out into the barns to learn about cows.



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All she did was look everywhere to see what was around her. Her head jerking nervously in all directions at a pace that would make your neck hurt. I could feel the nervous tension that was consuming her soul. This little girl was going to need some patience and time, something of which I had a lot to give.

Because she was found at SWA, I decided to honor their efforts by naming her Birdie. The fine folks at Southwest Airlines are super animal friendly and were kind enough to donate a certificate for two to experience a real flight simulator to aid in raising funds to pay for her medical services. Besides the normal vetting each of our fosters receives, she also had a skin infection and needed knee surgery. Thankfully, she was heartworm negative.

Today, Birdie is doing wonderful. She has come out of her fearful shell and turned into a wonderful little companion. Birdie loves toys and will shake them from side to side. Her tail wags when I come home from work, and she loves to sleep in the bed with us. She follows me all over the house and has learned to be part of our family. It didn't take nearly as long as some I've fostered. So, now the hunt is on for her forever family. I can't wait for her story to come full circle.

# Ariel, One Year Later

BY: DIANA HIGHTOWER

Ariel is celebrating her one year anniversary with CRT (February 2014), and we would like to give you an update on this little angel. Ariel's story will touch your heart, as it did ours. Ariel's story begins when a good Samaritan found Ariel in a ditch in Arlington, Texas. She was too obese to get out of the ditch on her own. They could tell by the fur indentations around her neck that Ariel had worn a collar at one point - so she had been a pet. But she was fed to the point of being obese - and she had been abandoned in a ditch to fend for herself. CRT was called for help and we knew we couldn't say no!



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# Thank You for Your Support!!



Meet our newest rescue, little **Danny Boy**! He was rescued from San Antonio Animal Control on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> with an injury to his leg and was a sick little 8-week-old puppy. We rushed him to our vet, who then told us that his red blood cell count was so low that he needed at least one blood transfusion. Our little boy was sent to Texas Emergency Hospital where he received the treatment he needed to stabilize him. He is on the mend now, and once healthy, he will receive the shots he needs to stay healthy, along with a neuter surgery. We love that we have the financial backing of folks who donate to us to be able to help dogs in trouble like this. Thank you!



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In the middle of one of his classes on a very cold morning, one of the cows went into labor and the calf was breach. He turned around and asked who wanted some hands on experience and I couldn't believe that no one volunteered.... so I stepped forward. He told me that I was going to have to take off my coat and my sweater and roll up my sleeves as far as I could. Next thing I knew, I was up to my arm pits inside that poor cow feeling for the calf. I got to turn the calf and help ease her out. I was totally amazed by the entire process and needless to say I was very late for my next class. The only problem with wanting to be a vet was that you had to pass Chemistry 101 and I flunked. This was the first class that I had ever flunked and so I decided that maybe it wasn't meant to be so I dropped out of college and joined the Marines. I did a four year tour and then decided that I really didn't want to reenlist for another six years. Then, I did a stint as a missionary in Virginia Beach, VA and at the same time was a security guard, then I managed a Putt Putt Golf Course in Norfolk, VA, and finally I worked for McLean Contracting Company building bridges in the Hampton Roads area.

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CRT quickly committed to working with her to get her back into shape. We knew this was a long term project, as there was so much weight to lose. And she was dealing with a huge cyst on her side. Her starting weight in February 2013 was 25 pounds! The vet gave us a target goal of 9 pounds for her ideal weight. One of the things we have discovered as a result of her weight loss, is that her back legs are deformed and horribly bowed outward. When she first came to us she was so obese that she could not even walk!!!! With the weight loss we can see that part of her dilemma is the deformity of her back legs. Now the question remains, "Was she born like that or was it created?" We may never know. But, she now can walk, albeit, a bit slow.

Ariel has been SO grateful to be with us. She is very loving. She loves humans, and loves her Chihuahua brothers and sisters. She tries so hard to get into the pack and play with them. She enjoys playing with toys. She loves to be petted (so we bribe her to walk over to us to get some loving!). She wags her tail and looks up at us with loving eyes. Ariel's foster Mom, Lori, has done a fabulous job improving Ariel's eating habits, exercise habits, and providing a structured environment for Ariel.

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There have been a lot of vet visits, tests, and bloodwork along the way. But we are so pleased to announce that Ariel has made tremendous progress. This month the vet said that she had lost enough weight that we could now spay her. One year later, February 2014, Ariel weighs in at 14 pounds! She celebrated this week with a one year photo shoot, capturing her tremendous progress on film.

Ariel is still "pushing through" to get to her ideal weight of 9 pounds. To help cheer her on, and help cover her remaining medical bills, we could sure use some monthly "Ariel's Angels" (in our Best Friends program). Just go to our CRT website ([www.chihuahua-rescue.com](http://www.chihuahua-rescue.com)) to donate. Make a note that your donation is for Ariel, and we'll list your name on our website by her picture!

Long term, we know there is a special family out there that is going to fall deeply in love with this special girl. She will soon be able to live a normal, happy life with her forever family. We cannot wait to celebrate that day with our CRT extended family around the country!

# CRT Success Story

BY: KELLY MILLICAN

Sixteen years ago, we had said goodbye to a sweet boy named Goober. In the mindset of "just get back on after you've been thrown" I had gotten on CRT's website to search for a new fur baby. My husband was not ready-he thought. I read him Jimmy's bio: "Hi. My name is Jimmy. I'm a little standoffish but I am very loving." The husband wanted to see his picture-he was hooked! And, so began our relationship with Jimmy. CRT came out to do the home visit and after we "passed", we drove to Rockwall to pick him up. We loaded him up in the truck, and he promptly laid down, belly up. He was at his forever home.



Jimmy Ray

Jimmy was a convict. He had been in "jail", on death row, hours before CRT rescued him. And as all convicts, he was grateful for his freedom-although still a tough-boy-he fit right in to our pack. He was always first to alert us that we were being invaded by some unseen enemy. Always first to greet you at the back door and always first in the chow line. Independent, aloof, little Jimmy Ray. (All of our dogs have the Southern middle name).

This January, we said goodbye to Jimmy Ray, and just like 16 years before, I turned to CRT for a peek at the potential adoptees. Also like before, my husband



Murphy Brown

emphatically said "No". This time he was on to me though. He wouldn't look at the pictures or listen to the bio's. So I emailed them to him.....Hooked -AGAIN!

I found Bethany (he said yes). So off we go to meet with Catherine Gorton in San Antonio. Bethany came bounding up to me, but she barked furiously at the husband. She wasn't sure about him.....

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Then out of the blue, a little black and white girl jumped up into Randy's lap, paws on either side of his neck, and pressed her face into his face. Just like Goober used to years ago. Yep, you guessed it-hooked! I turned to Catherine, who was processing Bethany's paperwork, and said "you might as well get Murphy's too!" She would not leave him. She was hooked too it seemed. Our relationship with Bethany Rose and Murphy Brown is just what we needed. Our other two rescues, Sally Mae and Pepe Joe, have accepted them and we have a complete Pack again. The energy two, two year olds brings to an otherwise sedate house, is just crazy! Running, jumping, barking and lots of belly rubs...I think Jimmy and Goober would approve.



Bethany Rose

What can one say about CRT? The love, commitment, care and time the foster parents put in to each ball of fur is remarkable. I greatly admire them. I could never do their job. They are brave, loving souls. Thank you! guys and gals for giving a piece of yourself to each one of these rescues.

## Meet the Board (cont. Page 4)

Now just because I had all these different jobs didn't mean that my love of animals stopped. During this time I had a Schnauzer named Sam, a Blue-Crowned Conure, a Minah bird and several pet rats.

My mom got sick so I moved back to Winston-Salem, NC to help out with her care. During this time I worked for a mattress manufacturing company then got a job at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center (WFBMC) in Pediatrics Medical Genetics. After moving back to Winston-Salem, I became involved with a wildlife rehabilitation group called Wildlife Rehab, Inc. (WRI). Here I learned how to care for injured and orphaned wildlife and eventually taught others how to do this through classes at the local community college. I fell in love with raptors, got my federal rehab permit and then my education permit and now have a state and federal license for a 42-year-old turkey vulture, a black vulture, 2 red-tailed hawks, a barred owl, two screech owls, a great horned owl and a peregrine falcon. At the same time I also had a non-releasable skunk and opossum, as well as numerous snakes (black rat, eastern king, copperhead, corn and ball python), a pair of emperor scorpions, a rose haired tarantula, an aquarium of Madagascar Hissing Cockroaches and 15 tropical rescue parrots. Everything except the rescue parrots were used in environmental education programs in schools, state parks, scout meetings, church groups, etc.

I also started rescuing dogs and this is when I first found out about CRT. It took 6 months of me bugging Linnie before the board agreed to allow me to be a volunteer and soon after they made me coordinator. My family home was now home to several foster dogs and at one time, after a puppy mill bust that CRT was asked to assist with, I had 65 dogs in runs and cages in my garage. Thank goodness most of them only stayed overnight and were picked up by different rescue groups the next day.

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# Dog's Point Of View

BY: COOPER SCHWARTZ

This has certainly been a very long and tough winter. I had a few days where I felt the ice and snow under my paws, and I did not like it. Being a Texas Chihuahua, I much prefer sunbathing and chasing flies. Before I get into my update, I want to thank all of you nice people for reading my article and sending in your donations. The nice people who help out pups like me say it is really expensive to take us to the vet, get our teeth cleaned and fix our injuries. They could not continue to help other chihuahuas without your support.



So much has happened since my last update. As you recall my chihuahua brother, Rocky, and I have been ruling the roost for the last 2.5 years and having a great time. We lived a pretty quiet life and just hung out for the most part. Well, my Mom decided to mix things up a bit. Get ready for a crazy story.

January is a tough month for rescue groups. I am told lots of people dump puppies and dogs for no good reason after the holiday season. I believe in Karma, so I hope they get prepared. Anyway, the nice lady who fostered me as a puppy, took in a Momma and her three babies. The Momma was roaming the streets and she was pregnant. She went into labor in front of a 7-Eleven and did not know what to do. Her babies started coming and some nice lady saw her in distress and picked her up out of the parking lot. CRT took in this family. My Mom offered to "foster" one of the dogs to help out. Really, who is she kidding? She falls in chi love so easily.

Well, this really small puppy comes home with her. She was about 8 weeks old and had a funny walk. Mom tells me she was born without a right paw, she has a pirate stump, and her left paw looks like a lobster claw. I find her to be unique and she gets around just fine and has no issue chasing me in the backyard. I was actually ok with this new addition because she liked to play and I could beat her up a little.

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By networking with other rescues, we were able to assist with several large puppy mill busts or hoarding situations, placing 100's of dogs into better environments and living situations.

Can you see now why I'm not married? :o) After 14 years at WFUMC, the doctor that I worked for decided that she wanted to do research; so, she moved to Duke University Medical Center (DUMC). I was told that I could continue in my present position for six months and then they would "reevaluate me," which I knew meant that I wouldn't have a job so I also transferred to Duke. The wildlife stayed behind in Winston-Salem when I moved to Timberlake, NC so that WRI could continue to do their education programs. The Chi's came with me. I now have just rescue Chihuahuas and a couple of rescue Chinese Crested dogs. My personal dogs consist of a couple of Chihuahuas named Emma and Stinky, a three-legged Chinese Crested named Barbie and a six month old, white, deaf Boxer named Ellie Mae.

I love taking care of the animals that come across my path whether permanently or the ones that just pass thorough. I continue to rescue wildlife in Person County and recently rescued my first eagle this year.

Chihuahuas are a special breed of dog that are now the second most euthanized dog in shelters across the United States. CRT needs more foster volunteers so that we can rescue even more dogs out of shelters. You don't have to be as "crazy" as I am about rescuing animals to foster for us, (my father told me the other day that I need a psychiatrist)..... :o) You just need to have a desire to help find cast out dogs their forever home.



Jimmy with Sarah Carver, his mom

Hi! My name is Jimmy, and I am a 7 lb, tan Chihuahua just oozing with personality. I'd like to tell you about my life so far. I was turned over to the Charlotte, NC Animal Control at age 9. CRT rescued me and provided me with two surgeries (a dental and a hernia repair). I lived with a couple of different foster families for over a year until a really nice lady named Sarah saw me on the computer, adopted me, and gave me my forever home. I was so excited to see Sarah that I peed everywhere. She was just as excited with me (not so much with the "pee" part). We bonded immediately - she's just the best! Mom and I do everything together. We eat together, play, walk everyday unless it's too cold or rainy, and she takes me for rides in the car. I get biscuits at the pharmacy and the bank where they know me. We even share the same birthday and are almost the exact age! At bedtime I snuggle under the covers with mom and I know I am so safe and loved. Mom talks to me all the time and I can even do a few tricks. I love everyone I meet and turn circles with joy. Life is good and I am so lucky! Mom and I wish all of God's creatures could be so blessed.

*Love and wet kisses - Jimmy*

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Ok, just joking, but being the older brother has its privileges. Rocky on the other hand was pissed. He wanted no part of this little girl and ignored her for the first two weeks. We started having fun and I think she just got used to his grumpiness. Mom named her Coco because that is her color and reminds her of Coco Chanel- whoever that is. All was going well in my life until my brother got sick. He was even starting to like Coco and had started to play with her. One day, Mom felt a lump on Rocky and took him to the vet. The vet did surgery and removed it. Unfortunately, it was lymphoma. I did not really understand what that meant, but I could tell Rocky did not feel well. He continued to get worse after the surgery and I would find him standing in the corner by himself. I knew something bad was happening. Mom took us to the vet one morning and Rocky was really sick. Our vet is the nicest lady and has taken care of us for a very long time. She told Mom it was time to say Goodbye to Rocky. He was suffering and needed our compassion. Rocky was almost 15 years old and had been with Mom since he was 8 weeks old. I got to see Rocky cross over the Rainbow Bridge and I really miss him. He taught me so much and was there for me everyday. Mom and I are still grieving, but everyday gets a little easier.

The saying, "things work out for a reason" is really true. Mom's foster is now going to move to permanent status. I am really glad!!! She loves on me and I am not alone. It would have been terrible to have been an only dog. Having a sister is fun! We are building a great relationship and I hope she stays around for a long time. Cooper and Coco has a nice ring; don't you think?

## Thank You!!

Fireplug Inn supports CRT by collecting donations and providing free boarding for our foster dogs. If you live in the Dallas/Fort Worth area and are looking for doggy daycare or bed and breakfast for your small dog, check them out!

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## Learning More About Pet Allergies

BY: DR. JACKIE BUSCH, DVM

With the arrival of warmer weather, allergies may come to the forefront. Allergies are frustrating for both clients and for their pets. Allergies are defined as a hypersensitivity to a generally harmless allergen in which an individual's body overreacts or has an abnormal response. They may be the result of an environmental source, food sensitivity or external parasites. In most pets, allergies tend to manifest as skin issues, specifically chronic or recurrent skin/ear infections, redness in areas and itching.



Environmental allergens may be things inhaled during the warmer weather such as pollen of grasses, trees, and weeds. It may also come from things found in the household such as dust mites and mold spores. Just as in humans, these allergens can be tested for using an intradermal test (where small areas of skin are pricked and the substance is introduced to see if it incites a reaction) or a blood test. The results of these tests result in formulation of a special injection for your pet to aid in reduction of abnormal allergic responses.

Food allergies are the result of a hypersensitivity to either the protein source or the carbohydrate source found in your pets food. It may also be a reaction to the dyes or the preservatives found in many foods. Diagnosis of a sensitivity and confirmation of the source involves feeding a strict diet, generally a prescription diet prescribed by your veterinarian, and fed for a period of 12-16 weeks. If the pet improves on the diet, some veterinarians recommend feeding the source in question and monitoring for itching.

Flea allergies are a common source of irritation. A misconception is that a pet must be infested to have an abnormal reaction. It only takes a few flea bites to incite an itchy reaction. Often, fleas may not be found but the recommendation is to apply a flea product consistently.

Addressing the allergens responsible for your pets' condition is important, but it is also necessary to treat any secondary infections.

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# Maggie Moo

BY: THERESA SOLOMAN

MACH2 Solomons' "Maggie's Daddy's Girl" MXB2 MJG2  
AXP AJP

6/7/1996 - 4/4/2014



We said good bye to our Moo - she was tired and needed to rest. While the pain of losing her is beyond description, I don't want to dwell on that. She accomplished so much; she taught me so much; she enriched our lives beyond measure. She deserves a celebration of her life.

I know her first mission after leaving us was to run to that all-you-can-eat buffet just on the other side of the Bridge. Actually, I suspect she may still be there...catching up for all the years she was sure we never, ever fed her. Her nickname started out as "Moocher", but was eventually simply shortened to "Moo". She honestly would sell her soul for a hot dog.

She was almost four years old, very shy and timid, running on "rebuilt knees", and had the greenest, slowest, handler of all time when we started competing.

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Many pets have secondary skin and ear infections from itching and licking the itchy areas. Appropriate medications and topical products, such as shampoos and sprays, can be prescribed by your veterinarian.

Frustrating for most owners is the knowledge that allergies cannot be cured, but must be managed. Management comes from avoidance strategies, prescription medications/sprays/shampoos/diets as well as application of flea products. Life long management improves your pets quality of life and may involve antihistamines or even steroids to suppress the abnormal immune response. If you suspect your pet has allergies, I strongly encourage a trip to your veterinarian to address your pets individual needs.



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



# Regional Reports

## Midwest

It's been snow storm after snow storm here in the Midwest which has slowed down a lot of things, mostly traffic, but not Chihuahua adoptions! Our adoption numbers are way up this quarter. Maybe people just needed a way to keep warm at night, and know that there is nothing warmer than a Chihuahua blanket!!! Regardless, we are ecstatic over the numbers and hope it continues. The more we adopt out the more we can save! Keep it up Midwest!!

## Southwestern

CRT in San Antonio is participating in our first ever Fiesta Event! This is a big deal in San Antonio and a lot of folks in rescue have been involved for a few years with their own medals. We commissioned our very first Fiesta Medal Pin and entered it into the drawing for best Medal with our local paper; San Antonio Express News. Wish us luck to



win as we think we have a great contender! The proceeds from the medal donations will go to help our rescue efforts throughout the country as the need to help the Chihuahua

breed everywhere is astounding! Thank you for your support and if you would like a medal, please email [Catherine.Gorton@Gmail.com](mailto:Catherine.Gorton@Gmail.com).



## Southeastern

The new year finds us adopting out more dogs than anticipated and this trend continues into April. We will have two brand new puppies to add to our adoption list as soon as they are weaned. They are Titan and Stormie. They were born

to a Chiweenie by c-section along with two others who didn't live. After the c-section, their mother didn't want anything to do with them so they have been bottle fed ever since birth and they are currently about to eat me out of house and home. They travel to work with me each day in my lunch pal and my office mates are using them as stress relievers so the pups are going to be very social. We continue to need more fosters as the amount of requests to take in Chihuahuas continues to increase.



## Donations Made in Honor of...

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| Leanne & Gary Trammell     | In honor of Ginger, a CRT rescue, who became an important member of our family 5 years ago. |
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| Jason & Natale Koepenick   | In Honor of Slick, Cheech & Harley.   |
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| Linda & Tim Hnath          | In Honor of Faith, a puppy mill survivor.   |
| Ryan & Sarah Cavanaugh     | In Honor of Mike & Paula Stephens.  |



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In spite of all that she managed to accomplish quite a lot in her agility career.

She was ranked in the top 5 of her breed through 2010. She was a five time qualifier for the AKC Agility Invitational. She was High Scoring Chihuahua at the AKC Agility Invitational in 2007 & 2008. She was the 2nd Chihuahua to earn a MACH. She was even a Clean Run "Cover Dog" in September, 2013

She was so much more than just her accomplishments. She made us laugh day in and day out. She was our benevolent dictator. She was our alarm clock. She changed our path and enriched our lives beyond measure. She was always and forever "Daddy's Girl". When he traveled, she would get depressed and mope around until he returned home. In the beginning of her agility career, if he was within "smelling distance" of the ring she had no qualms about leaving me to go find Steve. However, eventually, she did graciously agree to be "Mama's partner" and stay in the ring with me as long as I didn't do stupid stuff. She had the most incredible impact on my life. She opened doors to new experiences and so many incredible friendships. She taught me patience. She taught me how to enjoy each run we had together. She was definitely the better half of the team...always keeping things in perspective...constantly making me laugh...always giving everything she could with each and every run...always without question, my First Girl, my Best Girl, my Maggie Moo. We will forever be grateful for the time we had with her. We will hold her in our hearts until we can hold her again in our arms. I will run with her in my heart until I can run with her in heaven. **Maggie Moo, we love you!**



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