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## Protecting Your Pet's Feet in the Winter

Use a damp towel to wipe your pet's feet and underside when they come in from outdoors.

Ice-melting chemicals **can** irritate and burn the pads of your pet's feet and can cause serious injury if ingested. Another way to protect your dog's feet is to spray the pads of their feet with cooking spray or you can purchase boots for your pet.

## Labor Day Parade

*By Janis Burns*



The town of Lowell Indiana has the largest Labor Day parade in the state. There were approximately 100 entries for 2007. IPPRA assembled a float that had an Angel holding a Yorkie stuffed animal next to a big dog house and a fire hydrant, several posters and rescue information adorned the float. In the middle of the float, an x-pen was secured and several foster dogs joined 1 volunteers on the float for the few miles through town. Much attention was given, goodie bags were handed out with IPPRA info and an invite to the yard/craft sale that was the following week-end. The exposure was great and all volunteers had a very fun time. We already look forward to next years parade.

## Join Us!

You are allowed. You are welcome to join our team! Several of our forever families have signed on as Volunteers, some are even fostering. If you have just a little or a lot of time to spare, we need you! Several are crafting for us, making phone calls and transporting also. Interested? Email us at [petitepaws@gmail.com](mailto:petitepaws@gmail.com)

## New Upcoming Fundraiser

*By Heather Shingler*

Hello everyone out there in rescue land. We at IPPRA are going to try to put together a cookbook to raise needed funds. We need your help though. If you have any yummy ideas either for your human family or your furbabies we sure could use them.

All proceeds from the sales of this cookbook will help benefit our rescue dogs. Please email recipes to [heather@petitepaws.org](mailto:heather@petitepaws.org).

Thank you all again for your continued support and have a wonderful holiday season.



## Our STOP Puppy Mills Campaign

Puppy mills are breeding facilities that produce purebred puppies in large numbers. The puppies are sold either directly to the public via the Internet, newspaper ads, at the mill itself, or are sold to brokers and pet shops across the country.

The documented problems of puppy mills include overbreeding, inbreeding, minimal veterinary care, poor quality of food and shelter, lack of socialization with humans, overcrowded cages, and the killing of unwanted animals. To the unwitting consumer, this situation frequently means buying a puppy facing an array of immediate veterinary problems or harboring genetically borne diseases that do not appear until years later.

Sadly, some dogs are forced to live in puppy mills for their entire lives. They are kept there for one reason only: to produce more puppies. Repeatedly bred, many of these "brood bitches" are killed once their reproductive capacity wanes.

Thousands of these breeding operations currently exist in the United States, many of them despite repeated violations of the federal Animal Welfare Act (AWA). The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is charged with enforcing the AWA; however, with 96 inspectors nationwide who oversee not only the thousands of puppy mills, but also zoos, circuses, laboratories, and animals transported via commercial airlines, they are an agency stretched thin.

The HSUS, along with other animal-protection groups, has successfully lobbied for increased funding for AWA enforcement. Although all 50 states have anti-cruelty laws that should prevent neglect and mistreatment of dogs in puppy mills, such laws are seldom enforced. Learn more at <http://www.stoppupmills.org/>

### The Pet Store Link

The HSUS strongly opposes the sale, through pet shops and similar outlets, of puppies and dogs from mass-breeding establishments. Puppy-mill dogs are the "inventory" of these retail operations. Statistics from the Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council (PIJAC) indicate that approximately 3,500 to 3,700 of the 11,500 to 12,000 U.S. pet stores sell cats and dogs. PIJAC also estimates that pet stores sell 300,000 to 400,000 puppies every year. The HSUS estimates the number to be 500,000.

Purebreed registration papers only state the recorded lineage of a dog. Accuracy of the reported lineage cannot be guaranteed. The American Kennel Club (AKC), the most widely recognized purebred dog registry, readily notes that it "is not itself involved in the sale of dogs and cannot therefore guarantee the health and quality of dogs in its registry." Clearly, it is "buyer beware."

### Help us get them out!

Quite often we have the opportunity to free Yorkies from puppy mills however it comes with a price. The breeders will ask as much as \$100.00 per dog for us to take them off their hands. Not to mention that the dogs we do get out need complete vetting averaging us between \$200 and \$300 per dog.

Won't you please help us by making a donation to our cause? Visit our website to learn more at [www.petitepaws.org](http://www.petitepaws.org)

Thank you.

## Dog Food and Nutrition

Nutrition is one of THE first things you, as a pet owner, should learn about if you want your dog to live a long, healthy life. Think about your diet: Do you eat balanced meals? What do you avoid? Just as nutrition is one of the most important factors to promote whole body health, dogs need good nutrition, which means good quality dog food. So how do you choose a healthy dog food? The first thing to do is to read the ingredients of your dog's food. The first 5 ingredients are generally the most important to look at, as they constitute the main products in the food. There are some things to avoid no matter what. The first thing is any kind of meat by-product. If the label says by-product, put that food back on the shelf! By-products are the rendered, clean parts of the carcass and can include necks, beaks, intestines and other unpalatable parts of an animal. Not only is this unappealing; it also has little to no nutritional value. Any corn or soybean product is also something to avoid. Both are top causes of allergies in pets. Corn is a cheap filler that is used in dog foods and causes your dog to produce more waste but not get good nutrition. Artificial coloring and flavors are just that: artificial and without nutritional value. If your dog's food has chemical preservatives added, it isn't made with fresh ingredients.

So now that you know what NOT to buy, what do the best dog foods have in common? The average ratio for dog foods should be forty percent meat, thirty percent vegetable, and thirty percent starch. Meats such as turkey, lamb and chicken are common sources of protein in dog food. Vegetables such as carrots or peas are good sources of vitamins for your dog. Many dog foods also have fruit in them. The best starches are brown or white rice because they are good sources of carbohydrates and are more easily digestible than corn or wheat.

So where do you find these dog foods? The majority of foods that commercial retailers like Petsmart sell are not high in nutritional value. There are many pet stores that do carry high quality foods. IPPRA's official dog food is Life's Abundance, which can be ordered online at:

<http://www.petitepaws.org/healthyfood.htm>

Shipping is very little, even for large quantities.

**Be sure to keep up to date with the continued Pet Food Recalls. We have a link on our website to get you there.**

## More on Nutrition

Corn, wheat and gluten have gluten which can be a cause of intestinal problems. Many brands have these ingredients. Corn and wheat can have aflatoxins which KILL. In fact, food companies have had to recall products because of it. There are only a few types of dangerous molds that can occur in potatoes, while many in the others. When a manufacturer uses corn and wheat and gluten, it is usually as a substitute for meat, chicken, fish, dairy. You see gluten = protein, but it does not have a high biological protein.

### Stinky Cheese Turkey Balls

1 1/2 lb. Ground Turkey  
 1/2 Cup Parmesan Cheese  
 1 Cup Steamed and Mashed Sweet Potato  
 1 Cup Quick Oats

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix all the above ingredients in a large bowl. Make 1" balls, place them on a non greased baking sheet and bake for 15 min. or until done (your oven may differ from mine). Keep refrigerated in an air tight container. Freeze any that won't be used within a couple of days. These are great treats to use when training and can be easily broken into smaller pieces. REMEMBER to either refrigerate or freeze all natural treats to avoid spoilage and insect infestation.

Visit our Boutique for all your doggie needs. <http://www.petitepaws.org/boutique/>

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## From Our Happy Forever Families!

We LOVE hearing from you, it makes us pawsitively happy. Please keep the updates coming.

Dear Rescue Angels,

It's been a long time since I've written to say hello and to thank you for saving Murphy and bringing him into my (and Molly's) life! He is such a wonderful member of the family, and everyone who meets him falls instantly in love. His unique look and stealthy disposition has earned him a nickname of "little fox" among family and friends. Thank you again so much for the wonderful things you do for little dogs in need!

Love,  
Andrea

Just a note to let you know how chip is doing, I named him Corky. He is doing good. He has attached himself to me and of course I feel the same for him. He had a grooming last weekend and is adorable. But I want to take him to have his teeth cleaned. Potty training was a little rough the first week but we are developing a schedule. So it is much better now.

Thank you for introducing us.

Sincerely,

Sherry

Hello,

I am just writing you in response to the postcard we were sent since Mick joined our family on 10/16/06. So, I thought I would give you an update.

Mick is doing absolutely great! He is a very intelligent dog. Mick has graduated from his 1st obedience class this past spring and we will return to work on a few more things. His trainer/sitter is absolutely in love with him. She thinks he should be in commercials or ads and I couldn't agree more. Mick loves playing with other dogs even the big ones. He has a bunch of quirky habits and some that just drive me crazy, but we love him nonetheless. Mick loves to play in the sprinkler and that has carried over to playing in his water bowl. He visits his vet on a routine basis and receives excellent care. Mick also absolutely loves his 'spa' treatments...aka...brushing. He loves it so much he falls asleep. As a matter of fact his trainer grooms (without the noose thing) and says he does great except he always wants to lay down and fall asleep. Finally, getting back to his intelligence, Mick is able to ring a bell if he needs to go potty outside. Basically, he's a great dog and I can't thank Petite Paws enough for allowing me to be his mom! He has definitely made our home happy one!

Sincerely,  
Kim

Hi---I adopted "INDY" from you almost a year ago and you wantd me to tell you how he is doing--I wish he could talk--he would tell you so many stories--LOL

We have been constant companions since he graced my home, I just love him to pieces--he is laying on my lap at the computer as I write this to you. Things he loves--is bath, sleeping in bed with "mom" every night, and taking some runs round the yard. We went to Florida last winter and my Aunts & Uncles fell in love with me.

This winter we are staying home in our own cozy place! He hardly ever lets me very far away from him!

I am so glad we found each other.

Diana

### Attention Petite Paws Rescue Forever Families

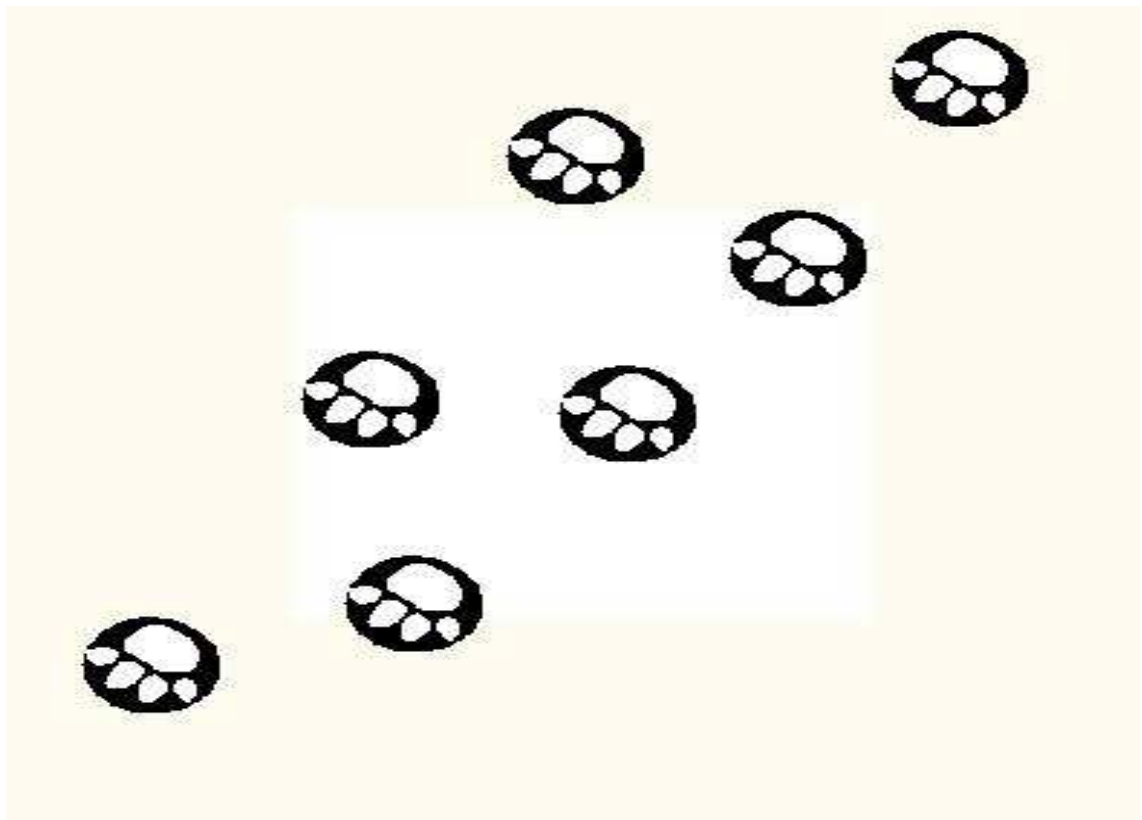
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We gather here to share our love, pictures, stories and updates about our new forever friends.

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