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VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER



Congratulations to Terri Clegg for earning Volunteer Of The Quarter. Terri joined the rescue in April of 2008 and hit the ground running as a foster mom and taking on jobs such as Member Mentor and Adoption Coordinator. Recently, Terri initiated a fund raising effort called the "Have A Heart" campaign. Early projections look good thanks to our wonderful friends, adopters, and an anonymous donor who will match a percentage of the funds. Thanks Terri for your continued dedication to the rescue!

Our Wish List

We continually find ourselves in need of certain simple items.

Here are some things you can help with:

- Towels
- Blankets
- Toys
- Crates
- X-Pens
- Grooming Supplies
- Craft Supplies
- Gas Card

Can you donate supplies...
EMAIL US

BARB'S CORNER

2008 was indeed one of our most challenging years ever. We took in several sick dogs needing life saving surgeries costing us far more than we had anticipated. In total, we took in 155 dogs for the year, but in the last quarter of 2008 we turned many away due to lack of funds and foster homes. That in itself tore my heart out. For the first time since our inception we ended the year over \$6K in the red.

Thanks to our partnership with Petsmart, who sent us a very generous year end donation, the ingenious idea of one of my volunteers with the Have a Heart Campaign, an anonymous donor and our usual generous monthly supporters coming through for us, we are almost out of debt and can start hoarding funds again to prepare us for the new year's intake of fur babies.

We still however need more foster homes. Seems we fill up fast when we open our doors to the dogs that need us. So if you know of anyone interested, please send them our way. We also have more than 20 old and special needs dogs that have been with us for an extended period of time that no one seems to want. But don't worry, we will take care of them until their sad little faces win somebody's heart.

Last but not least I must say it again and again, my heartfelt thanks to my dedicated volunteers who work countless unpaid hours giving so much to Petite Paws and to our generous supporters, all of whom have big hearts, faith in us and believe in our cause. Without them, we would cease to exist.

Big Hugs to All,
Barb Beck
Founder and Executive Director

THANK YOU TO OUR "HAVE A HEART" SUPPORTERS

Terri Clegg, Karon Workman, Melinda Robinson, Penny Emerson, Angela Stryck, Kimberly Butler, Loren Lesner, DDS, Barbara Sanders, Marilyn Goldstein, Kathryn Tarnowski, Deborah Verhoeks, David Klingenhagen, Evelyn Fitzgerald, Elizabeth Rella Fiato, Kenneth Tyler, Robert Crone, Corneila Satoski, Susan Austin, Robert Clark, William Carroll, Carol Legg, Joy Hodson, Joyce Holifield, Mary Ellen Geary, Lucille Haines, Dolores Marler, Judith Rossi, Michael Webber, Melissa Bertig, Tamara Gilkey-Dickerson, Dr. Daria Depa, and Sherri Britton.

Quick Links...

<http://www.petitepaws.org/spayday.htm>
<http://www.healthypetnet.com/petitepawsrescue>
<http://stores.shop.ebay.com/Petite-Paws-Doggie-Boutique>
<http://www.igive.com/ippra>

Wanted: Life Savers



Help change the lives of abandoned and unwanted pets! Become a volunteer! Visit us at www.petitepaws.org to find out how you can help.

The Importance of Regular Grooming

by Kathie Wilkes - Professional Groomer

There are more reasons for getting your dog groomed besides the most pressing ones, which invariably include an unruly or slightly offensive smelling coat. A professional grooming also addresses matters that pertain to your pet's good health.

The bath is the most basic step of grooming and the first line of defense in spotting any irregularities. Sores, fleas, ticks, growths, or other signs of skin irritation are often unearthed at this time. The follow up high velocity dry will further illuminate any issues that an owner may not be aware of, while removing dead skin and dander from the coat. Also during the bath, anal glands should be expressed. If your dog exhibits behavior such as scooting it's butt on the ground or excessive sniffing or chewing of that region, this will surely provide some relief.

Keeping nails trimmed will keep your dog walking comfortably.

Clipping the hair on the bottom of paw pads will ensure snow, dirt and other debris do not collect there, to be licked at and/or tracked into the house. Interestingly, dogs sweat from the bottoms of their feet, regulating their body temperature. Ear cleaning, and for some breeds plucking the hair out of the ear canal, will stave off painful and expensive to treat infections.

Have a Heart



Have A Heart Campaign

Dear Friends of Petite Paws Rescue: Many non-profit organizations have found themselves struggling in the current state of the economy, and we are no exception. In 2008, we pressed hard to not alter our services to the community and several dogs that would not have

otherwise lived, received life saving surgeries. The result was that our costs of saving dogs dramatically exceeded our donations. As we rely solely on donations, this lack of funds put us into financial hardship and made us cut back in the number of dogs we could save.

For 2009, we are launching the "Have A Heart" campaign to raise much needed funds. Your contribution will allow us to continue saving more dogs and educating the public about the puppy mill industry. As we are an all-volunteer organization, **every dollar** makes a difference. All of our dogs are in private foster homes and we have ongoing expenses such as veterinarian bills, medicine, food and supplies. This is your opportunity to show your support and make a difference in the lives of those who cannot care for themselves. They need us and they need YOU, so they may have a quality life in a new home. To make your donation via PayPal, visit our website at www.petitepaws.org. Your donation is tax deductible so not only will the dogs benefit, but you will see a tax benefit for yourself. Every dollar will help us continue to provide food and medical care for our fosters. We are counting on you!

Clipping of hair around potty areas is necessary for sanitary and hygienic reasons.

Your dog's style of cut will depend on personal preference, and how the continued maintenance required by you between trips to the groomer will fit with your lifestyle. Your groomer can also show you the brush and comb that will work best for you to use on your particular breed. Visits to the groomer are recommended every four to six weeks.

THIS MONTH'S TRIVIA QUESTION

The winner of this month's trivia question will receive a gift card. If no one gets it right, the closest correct "guess" will receive a random prize. Email your answer to <http://www.petitepawsrescue@hotmail.com>

Good Luck!

Question: What percentage of pet owners admit they have more photos of their pet than they do of their spouse or significant other?

NOTE: No one got the correct answer to our last Trivia Question. Therefore, there were no winners.

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Dog Of The Month - Humphrey



Humphrey is our featured "Dog Of The Month" for February. As you can see from his photo, Humphrey thinks life is great! He is a happy 2-3 year old little guy. He does not know he walks a little "tipsy" You see, he had some spinal damage somewhere along the way and does not have full control of his backside like most furbabies do. But he'll tell you that he gets around just fine, thank you! Because of his problem, he has some potty control issues, so he needs to have a special home where this problem will be "no big deal". We know there is someone out there with lots of love to give (and get!) who is looking for a special pup just like Humphrey. Humphrey is being fostered in Northwest Ohio. Please visit our website for more details.

UPCOMING EVENTS

3/1/09 Petsmart Route 30 Hobart, IN 11:00 - 4:00
3/1/09 Petsmart Trader's Point Indianapolis NW 12:00 - 4:00
3/8/09 Petsmart Hwy 31 Indianapolis 12:00 - 4:00
3/15/09 Petco Rt 30 Merrillville, IN 11:00 - 4:00
3/29/09 Petsmart Route 30 Hobart, IN 11:00 - 4:00

LOOK WHO'S FOUND THEIR FOREVER HOME!

Ariel (Shawnacy & Gerald Yager) 1/15
Gabriella (Pamela Sevier & Jeremy Allen) 1/18
Molly Jean (Kim Pierle) 2/1
Titus (Mary Hampton) 2/1
Romeo (Maxine & Bill Brown) - 2/9

Sienna (Emily Johnson & Aaron Nash) - 2/8
Titus (Mary & Dave Hampton) - 2/1
Willow (Tom & Erma Wisniewski) - 2/11
Lizzy (Peggy McCain) 2/14
Morgan (Kim & Donald McClain) - 2/17
Lucy (Grace & Curt Biehl) 2/17
Princess Anna (Jean Taylor) 2/18
Maxie (Anita Brown) 2/19

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!!

Sally Balsewich - Monetary donation, Robert Elsen - Monetary donation, Barbara Sanders - Monetary donation for Davey, Jackie Welsh - Donated supplies, Gayle Orlando - Monetary donation for Johnny Be Good, Judy Blakeslee - Monetary donation, Angela Stryck - Monetary donation, Howard Jancy - Monetary donation, Peggy McCain - Monetary donation for Lizzy, Rhonda Loggia - Donation to Dog Food Fund, Clara Baxter - Monetary donation, Sherry Kindelberger - Monetary donation, Kathleen Staninger - Monetary donation, Connie Keuler - Monetary donation, Nancy Larkin - Monetary donation, Ronald Huseman - Monetary donation, Susan Carlson - Monetary donation, 4 Paws K-9 Bakery - Monetary donation, Christine Wiggins - Monetary donation, Diane St. Jean - Monetary donation, Stephen Smith - Monetary donation, Gayle Orlando - Monetary donation, Cliff and Cindy Gerlach - Monetary donation, Dawgelene S. - Monetary donation, John and Anne Kender - Monetary donation, Melissa Townsend - Monetary donation, Sandra Chase Taylor - Monetary donation, Joan & Lynette Antique Dolls - Monetary donation, Penny Emerson - Monetary donation, Melinda Robinson - Monetary donation, Bambi Adams - Monetary donation, Theresa Allen - Monetary donation, Dr. Manuel Kazanas - Monetary donation, Kris Kates - Monetary donation, Lois Waas - Monetary donation, Margaret Clark - Monetary donation, David Christopherson - Monetary donation, Judy Blakeslee - Monetary donation, Nicole Mongaraz - Monetary donation, Janis Valluzzi - Monetary donation, Amy and Mike Payne - Monetary donation and Sandra Wendt - Monetary donation. Thank you all for your continued support. You're the best!

RESCUE FRIENDS SAVE CHRISTMAS

By Susan Rettig, President



When an ice storm knocked out power to 60% of Fort Wayne, our Fort Wayne members thought we would have to cancel our participation in Santa Pictures. Santa Pictures is an event offered by Petsmart in which rescues do the work and receive a portion of the sales. All of our local members were affected by the storm. Some didn't have power for several days and others had too treacherous a drive. Thanks to four personal friends who came out to work the event with me, we were able to pull off both days. A very BIG thank you

to Marilyn Mason, Tim McAbee, Linda Shady and Denise Thomas for your selfless acts of kindness.

Dog Lessons For People

Here's a little food for thought:
Enjoy the simple pleasures of a walk.
Follow your instincts.
Never underestimate the value of a belly rub.
Be loyal and faithful.
Always drink plenty of water.
Sometimes it is best to just sit close and listen.
Be quick to forgive.
Avoid biting when a growl will do.
Keep digging until you find what you want.
Run and play daily.
Accept all of life's treats with gratitude.
Life is short, pet often.
Love unconditionally.

VISIT OUR NEW PHOTO GALLERY!!!!

<http://www.petitepaws.us/info/photogalleries>

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SAMPLE**

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