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BARB'S CORNER

Summer is almost here! We are gearing up for all the upcoming events and fundraisers and striving to stay afloat. We are blessed to have our supporters who continually come to our aid. So many dogs out there that need us right now and we are doing our best to take them in however we are always full. So if you know of anyone with time and love to spare to join our cause, send them our way. We are desperately in need of foster homes.

A special thank you to all of our dedicated Volunteers and generous supporters, see you next month.

VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER

Contributed by Barb Beck

On February 2, 2008, we took 12 puppy mill dogs in from a mill in southern Indiana. One of those dogs, I named her Malibu, was pregnant. She delivered 4 beautiful boys on February 23. I took care of her from the time she got here. I helped her raise her litter and then readied her for adoption.



Malibu was adopted on May 28, 2008 by a wonderful woman who lives in Valparaiso named Penny Emerson. This was a bittersweet adoption for me but I am fortunate to be able to see Malibu quite often.

Penny decided to become a volunteer with Petite Paws Rescue in December 2008. Since that time, Penny has jumped in with both feet and has literally taken over our Fundraising efforts. On top of all that she also started fostering for us.

Penny is one of many Rescue Angels we have volunteering for our organization. She has definitely earned the title, "Volunteer of the Quarter" and we are so honored to have her on our team.

CAN ANIMALS BE THERAPEUTIC?

Contributed by Barb Beck

Health Story
 Aired on Superstation WGN
 Saturday, January 15 and May 14, 2005
 Show 202

All Natural Homemade Insect Repellent

Place the following ingredients into a large glass container.

Plastic can be used, but the odors of the lemon and Rosemary will be permanently infused into the plastic.

One fat juicy lemon with a heavy rind sliced paper thin. One Tablespoon of crushed Rosemary sprinkled over the lemon slices.

Pour 32 ounces of near-boiling water over the lemon and Rosemary. Cover with a clean cloth and let the liquid "steep" for at least 15 hours. After the "steeping" time, pour the liquid through cheesecloth into a clean quart size canning jar, cover and store in the refrigerator.

Transfer 4 - 6 ounces at a time into a spray bottle with a fine mist applicator.

Spray liberally over skin and coats.

Avoid contact with the eyes.

Repeat the application as frequently as required.

WEED KILLER THAT REALLY WORKS

By Barb Beck

This really works. I do use it myself!

Shell Busey's Weed Killer Formula

- 4 cups (1 Litre) of white vinegar
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) of table salt

What's obedient, usually has four legs, and can help you lead a healthier life? Your pet! Believe it or not, medical studies have linked many pets to better overall health in people of all ages. They may help lower blood pressure, lessen anxiety, even help boost our immune systems. Studies also show that children who grow up in households with pets, are less likely to show evidence of pet allergies, to have a common skin condition called eczema, and they may have higher levels of certain chemicals which boost their immune systems. Plus, a very special therapeutic program where horses are the key element in working with disabled young people, at Washington State University.

ATTENTION ADOPTERS!!!

Bambi Adams, Editor

Do you have a funny or heartwarming story to share? We would love to hear from all of our past adopters! Your letter could appear in our monthly newsletter. If you would like to send a story or an update on the pet that you adopted from us, please forward your submission to bambi@petitepaws.org.



A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU!

Thanks go out to Shelley Becker, the staff at Hungry Hound and Woof Studios who graciously donated the proceeds from the photo event on May 30, 2009. You guys rock!!!!



WE COULD NOT DO IT WITHOUT YOU!!!

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR SUPPORTERS:

Sandra Chase Taylor - Linda LeBlanc - Dog Toys.Com - Pet Shop Puppies - Mary & Terry Gumm - Judy Blakeslee - Donald & Eileen Gumm - Lois Scheerer - Danielle Virden - Heather Geary - Andrea Robison Angela Stryck - Camille Stryck - Penny Emerson - Jeri Russell - Karyn Aspan - Monetary Donation for Rizzi - Peachy Things - Amy and Mike Payne - Amy & Mike Payne - Hot Dogs Cool Cats Atzimba Guerrero - Judy Garrett - Karyn Aspan - Nylabone Peggy McCain.

2 tsp (10 ml) of your favorite liquid dish soap

Put this mixture into a spray bottle and spray it on your weeds when it is hot out.

For 1 gallon of mixture multiply by 4

Remember, this formula really works and is only recommended for driveways, sidewalks and the like. If you spray it onto the weeds in your lawn, you're going to kill the grass too and create a big ugly brown spot.

The mix can be effectively applied to larger areas using a 1 or 2 gallon pressure sprayer.

Not a permanent solution but certain more environmentally friendly than things like Roundup.

VICTORIA'S TOP 10 TRAINING TIPS

Contributed by Penny Emerson

1. Keep training. Owners often think that once a dog is trained, there is no need to carry on. But your dog never stops learning, and training should be reinforced throughout your pet's life.

2. Think dog. Take time to think about how your dog perceives the world, and use this knowledge to make training easier.

3. Exercise your dog. A tired dog is a happy dog. Ensure, however, that the exercise is appropriate for your dog's age and breed.

4. To feel secure, all dogs need a calm, confident leader. Effective leadership isn't about dominating your dog and making him submissive toward you. It's about being a teacher and building his confidence. You can achieve that by encouraging and rewarding good behavior.

5. Look at your dog's diet, and see how you can improve it. You are what you eat, and the same is true for your dog. Many behavior and medical problems can be attributed to poor diet, so make sure your dog is eating the very best.

6. Sign up for an activity that you both enjoy, such as an agility class, flyball, heel to music, etc. Dogs get bored easily, so get yours out and moving.

7. Get your dog microchipped, if you haven't already. Also, don't forget his yearly checkup with the veterinarian.

8. Keep playing. One of the best ways to bond with your dog is to play games that you both enjoy. Play is a

great stress reliever for both dog and human.

9. Keep your dog safe. Don't leave your dog alone in a car or tied up outside a shop. Dog theft is on the rise, so be careful.

10. Have fun and enjoy your dog. A dog should never be a burden. If you take the time to train your dog, you'll give him the tools he needs to live successfully in a human world.

For more information, visit Victoria's official site: www.victoriastillwell.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

6/13/09	Scales & Tails	IN State Museum	Indianapolis	11:00 - 4:00
6/14/08	Petsmart	Hwy 31	Indianapolis	12:00 - 4:00
6/20/09	Paws in the Park	Wicker Park	Highland	10:00 - 4:00
6/20/09	Petsmart	Marysville Rd.	Ft. Wayne	10:00 - 2:00
6/21/09	Petsmart	Route 30	Hobart, IN	11:00 - 4:00

TRIVIA TIME

Congratulations to last months winner Dorothy Bragiel! The closest guess to this months trivia contest will win a prize.

What percentage of pet owners have more photos of their pet then their spouse/significant other?

Submit your guess to petitepawsrescue@hotmail.com.

Terms: We realize that answers to most trivia can be found on the internet, however Trivia Time is intended to be a fun guessing game. Participants are allowed to win once per year. Members of Petite Paws Rescue are not eligible.

The Neuter Scooter will be in Gary (for cats only) on July 7, 2009. \$40 in advance, \$50 the day of the clinic. Includes rabies vaccine.

Call 866-662-5838 or visit www.neuterscooter.com to make an appointment.