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## RECENT ADOPTIONS

7/20 - Baby Milo - Bambi Adams

7/30 - Cooper - Jeanette Strohm

## UPCOMING EVENTS

8/15 Petsmart, Maysville Road, Fort Wayne, IN 11:00 - 3:00

8/30 Petsmart Route 30 Hobart, IN 11:00 - 4:00

9/6 Petsmart Route 30 Hobart, IN 11:00 - 4:00

9/11, 12 and 13 Petsmart Adopt-a-thon All locations 10:00 - 4:00



## BARB'S CORNER

### Tips for Managing Arthritis

I am home to the senior living division of Petite Paws Rescue. I also have a couple of personal dogs that are over 10 years old. Like arthritis in humans, canine arthritis is also difficult to treat and incurable. However, you can do a lot to make your dog more comfortable.

**Weight Control:** Extra pounds aggravate arthritis. If your dog is overweight, consider a change to a lower calorie diet or reduce the amount you feed. Life's Abundance does offer a weight loss formula. Check our [website](#) for

more information.

**Regular Exercise:** Overworking a dog already struggling with arthritis is not a good idea, but gentle exercise on a regular basis can help prevent arthritis in younger dogs and reduce symptoms in older dogs. If your fur baby is lethargic, try your best to get him moving. Multiple short walks are better than one long walk.

**Resting Comfort:** Arthritis makes it hard for dogs to maneuver, so it's important to create a comfortable place for him to rest and sleep. Be sure to provide a good bed for sleeping if your dog does not sleep with you.

**Supplements:** One of the best supplements I have found available is Agility for Dogs and Cats from Life's Abundance. You can read more about it on our [website](#). It truly does help and I highly recommend it.

**Pain Relief:** No owner wants to see a dog suffer. There are many medical options at a vet's disposal to promote relief. Generally, joint swelling, irritation, and the resulting pain of arthritis can be treated with anti-inflammatory drugs. It is critical to visit your veterinarian if your dog appears lame or is struggling with movement.

## TICK REMOVAL

This is great, because it works in those places where it's some times difficult to get to with tweezers.

Apply a glob of liquid soap to a cotton ball. Cover the tick with the soap-soaked cotton ball and swab it for a few seconds (15-20) the tick will come out on its own and be stuck to the cotton ball when you lift it away. This technique has worked every time I've used it (and that was frequently.) Unless your pet is allergic to soap, I can't see that this would be damaging in any way. This will also work on humans!

## TRIVIA TIME

Using their swiveling ears like radar dishes, experiments have shown that dogs can locate the source of a sound in \_\_\_/100's of a second.

Please send your answer to: [petitepawsresuce@hotmail.com](mailto:petitepawsresuce@hotmail.com)

## SEE US ON:

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## PLEASE VISIT

[Petite Paws Doggie Boutique](#)

## 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
- Petsmart Gift Cards
- Gas Card

## FOSTER OF THE MONTH

### MEET TIANNA

I am a 2 year, 17 pound Schnoodle that the Angels rescued from Animal Control. I am doing very well on housebreaking and I am enjoying playing with the other dogs here at my foster home. My foster mom says I am a sweet, but not so petite girl that deserves to have a family I can call my own. I don't mind walking on a leash but I am not really good at it yet.

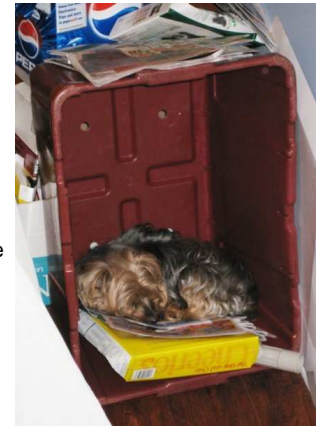
For more information about Tianna or other fosters, please visit [www.petitepaws.org](http://www.petitepaws.org)



## LETTERS FROM ADOPTERS

Bella has several beds and the use of all our cushy furniture, but one morning last week she thought the newspaper/cardboard recycling bin looked like a really good place to make a bed. The first week I had her (2005), I thought I'd lost her without ever opening a door, and then I found her perfectly content sleeping on the half-empty bottom shelf of a bookcase. A bookshelf is not typically somewhere I would look for a dog! Ever since then she's chosen some strange places to take a cat nap. She always keeps me guessing! :)

Jen



## ASK DOLCE'

The Tiny Trendsetter

**Dear Dolce:** Lately, I have noticed some unsightly stains on my teeth. How do you keep yours so pearly white?

Signed, Tartar Mouth, Lafayette, IN

**Dear Tartar Mouth:** First of all, thank you for noticing my beautiful choppers. I know us little dogs have the absolute worst dental problems! We have so many teeth crowded into our itty-bitty mouths that yucky stuff builds up really quick. My best advice to you is to have your mommy brush your teeth daily. Yes, I said daily. There are many kinds of toothbrushes and flavored paste now that I'm sure this will become the best part of your day. Good luck!

**Dear Dolce:** While laying on the back of the couch yesterday, I took a good look at my paws. They are a mess! Do you recommend a pawdicure?

Signed, Snaggle Toes McGee, Schererville, IN

**Dear Snaggle Toes:** HELLO?! Of course I recommend a pawdicure. It is very important to keep your nails trimmed neatly. If you don't it really hurts after a while. It is also necessary to make sure you remove the hair that grows between the pads of your paws. Proper paw care is crucial unless you are going to be sporting boots for the rest of the summer.

If you have a question for Dolce', please submit it to [bambi@petitepaws.org](mailto:bambi@petitepaws.org)

## "PAWS" AND PLAN FOR THEIR FUTURE

By: John P. Rucich, Attorney at Law

Estate planning is something often put on the back burner for most people as we tend not to contemplate our own mortality with any immediacy. Ordinary estate planning tends to incorporate family and friends while leaving pets at the wayside. Planning for your pet's future is an important concern and one that is often overlooked. Who will provide for your pet financially? Who will take them to the vet and house them? Who would you trust leaving your pet with? The answers to these questions usually involve a select few people when you think about it; and, on top of that, do these people you have in mind want to accept such a responsibility? Such questions and answers are best addressed sooner than later. As our love for animals continues to grow and evolve, so does the law that concerns and protects them. Estate planning, i.e. wills, trusts and guardianships, for pets is a growing field and an important one at that.



Can you donate supplies...  
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### THANK YOU!!!

Albert and Bettie Peters -  
donated travel harness.

Peter Fadden and Family -  
donated toys for our fosters.

If you have any questions or are interested in planning for your pets future, fell free to call Attorney John P. Rucich of Merrillville, Indiana, at 219-756-4100

## ATTENTION FORMER ADOPTERS

Five years ago this month, Petite Paws Rescue took in our very first two fosters, Meesha and Peaches. We thank you all for your support since our inception and for adopting a rescued dog. In honor of this event, we are extending this special offer for the month of August only to all our adoptive parents:

If you are interested in adopting another Petite Paws Rescue, the adoption donation for the foster will be lowered \$50.00 from the listed adoption donation.

If the foster is listed as "special needs", we will lower the listed adoption donation by \$100.00

Petite Paws Rescue Angels, Inc. places the highest regard in choosing the most suitable homes for our rescued dogs. In doing so, we must evaluate and make decisions based on the information obtained by applications, referencing and direct communication. We reserve every right to adopt only to homes which we feel can provide the appropriate and necessary environment for our rescued pet to thrive.

We cannot thank you enough for choosing Petite Paws as your adoption option of choice and for all your support these past five years. You have helped make it possible for us to save almost 700 dogs!

Visit our available fosters at or website here: [www.petitepaws.us/animals/browse](http://www.petitepaws.us/animals/browse) . Please fill out an application for the one that touches your heart.

Again, thank you for all your continued support.

The Board of Directors of Petite Paws Rescue  
Barb, Susan, Connie, Theresa, Gayle and Bambi  
[www.petitepaws.org](http://www.petitepaws.org)

## HELP NEEDED!!!!

Donations are down and foster intake is up. We need help!

**Want to become a IPPRA Volunteer?**

Want to make a meaningful difference in your life? There are furkids out there that need you.

Petite Paws Rescue Angels, Inc. is in need of volunteers who have time and dedication to help fund raise, rescue, transport, pull from shelters and foster. You must live in Indiana or within 60 miles of the Indiana Border in Southern Michigan, Western Ohio, Northern Kentucky or Eastern Illinois to join. Serious and dedicated only, you must be actively involved and able to attend adoption events. An application is required before membership is approved.

If interested, please apply here: [www.petitepaws.us/forms/comment?New=&FormID=838](http://www.petitepaws.us/forms/comment?New=&FormID=838) and we will be in touch with you ASAP.

Visit us to learn more about us at: [www.petitepaws.org](http://www.petitepaws.org)

Got any spare change? A donation of any size will be greatly appreciated and is tax deductible.  
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Thank you for wanting to help give a toy dog a second chance.