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Petite Paws Gazette

April 2010



We are celebrating our six year anniversary this month. I discovered I was placed on this earth for several reasons. The one thing that kept tugging at my heart was the voiceless little fur balls who needed help. All the unwanted, the abandoned, the abused, the throw a ways and the ones whose families were left with no choice but to find them a new home, I had to do something, I needed to somehow make a difference.

On April 9, 2004, Petite Paws Rescue was born. It has been six years of blood, sweat and tears however; the joy in the faces of our rescued foster kids and the forever families on adoption day is priceless and makes it all worth it. No words can describe that feeling.

Unfortunately all of our efforts keep coming with a price. The economy has hit our incoming donations very hard. We ended 2009 with a tremendous debt and that black cloud is still hanging over us. In February, we were forced to restrict our intakes to Yorkies only. On April 1, we were forced to hold new intakes all together. You have no idea what it does to our hearts to have to turn away a Yorkie in need.

Please be sure to read about our up and coming Spring fund raising campaign. We are in desperate need of funds to keep operating. We are bursting at the seams with fosters in need. Every one of our foster homes is over filled. We are begging you to please dig deep into your hearts and help us to lift our intake restrictions. Please consider opening your homes by becoming a foster parent.

I am so very proud of how far we have come. To date, we have saved 789 dogs. Special thanks to all of our Volunteers, Adopters and Supporters! It is because of you that we are still here and 789 unwanted fur babies found love. See you next month!

YORKIE HUGS!

Barb Beck
Founder and Executive Director

Recipes

contributed by Ailisha Scartozzi



"Cheestastic Treats"

1 1/2 c whole wheat flour
1 1/4 c grated cheddar

1 stick softened butter or margarine
1 clove garlic crushed (optional)
1/4 c milk
pinch of salt

Preheat oven to 375

Mix all ingredients except for milk in large mixing bowl; once mixed add just enough milk to form a ball

Place cheese ball in refrigerator for 30 minutes

Roll onto lightly floured surface

Cut out desired shapes

Bake for 15 minutes or until firm

Note: Makes approximately 24-36 treats (depending on desired shapes)

Forever Homes Greetings

Kennedy - Adopted 2-10

by Debbie Lang

Kennedy is doing great! We still take a couple of short walks every day. We're building up to one longer one and a shorter one at night. I didn't want to wear her out but she is really peppy. She is so curious about everything: critters and people.

She loves to get her leash on now. What a huge change! She had been getting her "stuff" out of the little basket where I put it for a while. Then, about 10 days ago, she started getting her little stuffed duck (we call him "ZZ" b/c he has a red Z on his little cape) and running with him.



Of course, I have to chase her! If I don't notice that she has him out right away, she makes him squeak. It is so cute! Getting a decent shot is a challenge b/c she really runs when she has him in her mouth. When she gets tired, she puts him in one of the bedrooms, under a bed or behind a dresser. Obviously, he is very valuable and she has to hide him!

Spring has Sprung

Campaign Sneak Preview

by Gayle Orlando



We are pleased to announce that our spring campaign will be focusing on our senior fosters. These little furkids face special challenges in getting adopted. You may be hesitant to offer your home and love to an older dog, knowing that your time with them will most likely be shorter than if you adopt a younger dog. BELIEVE ME, the love you get in return more than repays what you give-it is SO WORTH IT!

Much of our resources goes to the care of our many senior fosters. These little ones have had hard times to end up in rescue so late in life. Please keep an eye open in the next few weeks for more information about our seniors and the love they have to offer.

Summertime

Dog Days of Summer

contributed by Stephanie Jobe

Spring is upon us and it's so nice to see the green grass and the flowers in bloom again! Of course, with the beginning of the season, it also brings along with it health concerns for our pets that may not have been much of an issue or concern during the colder weather. But, with the temperatures steadily rising, we all need to be reminded of some of the upcoming areas that can put our pets safety at risk so every precaution can be taken to ensure their continued well being...



- **Fleas & Ticks** - these pesky pests are starting to crop up as the ground warms up. Some pets are allergic to fleas and ticks can carry diseases that can pose fatal to your little fur ball. Ensure your pet is protected from fleas & ticks with a monthly preventative (such as Revolution, which protects them from heart worms, too!) Be sure to discuss with your veterinarian as to what preventative will work best for you family pet!
- **Protection from the sun & heat** - Extra care needs to be taken during the spring & summer months to protect your furry friend from sun-related concerns
 - Ensure you NEVER leave your dog in a car. Your car can heat up to over 100 degrees within just a few minutes, causing heatstroke and death.
 - Pets can get sunburned too! Always apply sunblock to your pets ears, nose & above their lips to protect these sensitive areas when outside.
 - Keep plenty of fresh water available, both inside & out, so your pet always has access to it and does not become dehydrated.
 - Warm spring & summer days can cause pavement, sidewalks & other surfaces to heat up. Your pets paws are sensitive and they can dry, crack & burn - just like your feet! Take precaution to protect them, such as using dog booties, paw balm & walking them on safer surfaces - such as grass.
- **Lawn hazards** -Yard work increases this time of year as you prepare your lawn & landscaping for the warmer season. Be sure to choose pet-friendly products in your landscaping. Many types of plants, flowers & mulch can be hazardous to your pet's health. If you have your yard treated, know what is being applied to your lawn and what, if any risks, it may pose to your pet. Many companies now offer all-natural services that are safe for your pets and your family.
- **Water** - water can pose many potential hazards for your pet.
 - If you have a pool, ensure your pet is supervised any time they are in, near or around the pool. Your pool chemicals can also pose a potential threat for your dog.
 - Standing bodies of water or drain spouts that don't drain properly can be a breeding ground for bacteria that can cause your pet to become sick.
 - If you take your pet boating, be sure to properly fit your dog with a secure fitting life jacket and supervise them closely. It's a myth that all dogs can swim! Some cannot, and those who do still run the risk of drowning.

As Spring perks up and Summer rears its head, we want to get out & enjoy these beautiful days with our family members, furry ones included. Remember that with the change of seasons come different scenarios that can pose hazardous to your pet. They not only look to you for love, affection and food - they rely on you to keep them safe and sound!

This information is provided and gathered from personal experience, The Dog Daily & Banfield the Pet Hospital. It is by no means meant to be considered professional advice. Please consult your veterinarian for advice, recommendations or with questions regarding the safety and health of your family pets.

Ask Dolce'

The Tiny Trendsetter

Submitted by: Dolce' Adams - K9 Reporter

Dear Dolce',

Lately, my mom has been trying, without success, to put my hair in a topknot. I can't stand it! Sometimes, she pulls my hair so tight on top of my head, that I look I got stuck in a wind tunnel. Even worse, she rips out all my hair when she tries to take it out. Can you give her any tips on how to tie a topknot? I love the look but I can't take the pain!

Signed: To Knot or Not

Dear Knot,

Wow! I know exactly what you mean. My mom used to torture me before she learned how to tie a topknot correctly. As you know, I look absolutely adorable in a topknot. Remember, I live life in the "Fab Lane" so I wouldn't dare leave the house without my hair done. Mom's got it down to a science now and once your mom gets the basics, you'll never want to be without a "TK" ohhhhh how cute am I? LOL! Just a little warning, if you have a brother anything like my brother Milo, you might want to reconsider a "TK". You see, Milo thinks it is very funny to take that big grubby paw of his and swat at the top of my head! BOYS! Anyway, here are the basics. I hope it helps.

You will need a comb, of course, and a coated rubber band or barrette. Start by parting the section to be knotted. An easy way to know if you have enough hair is to make sure you part the hair from the outer corner of each eye. Once you have it all sectioned off, comb the hair upward and backward between the ears. Gently place a latex band near the base and top with a cute bow or barrette. Rule of thumb is if you can't blink it's too tight. If you are using a latex rubber band, cutting it out is preferred.



Petite Paws Rescue Spring Bow Wow

Come one come all to our Annual Spring Bow Wow! Mark your calendars and please come see us on Saturday, April 17th, 2010 from 10:00 - 3:00. Our festivities will consist of:

Adoptions Event: Many of our available foster kids will be available to meet in person. They are all looking for love and their forever home.

Volunteer Fair: Want to make a meaningful difference? Come talk to us about joining our group of volunteers. We need oodles of help ranging from fostering to making phone calls.

Garage Sale: New and gently used items available for sale to help us raise needed funds to care for our foster kids.

Details are also on our website at: [Our Event Page](#)

Event Location:

100 W Main St.
Elida, OH 45807
866-325-7297

March Adoptions

Wriggley 03-05-10
Ritchie Short 03-10-10
Montana 03-13-10
Missy Moo 03-15-10
Baby Girl 03-15-10
Ginger Daphne 03-16-10
Heloise 03-21-10
Buddie 03-24-10
Allison 03-26-10

Thank You

Jennifer Schlundt
Lois Cunningham
Barbara Sanders
Connor Pond
Susan and Raymond Hein
Joy and Jerry Hodson
Peg McCain
RCI
Jennifer Hancock

April Events

4/10/10 - Petsmart Indy - 12-4pm

4/10/10 - Petsmart Fort Wayne -11-3pm

4/11/10 - 4 Paws Club Adoption Event - Greenwood -1-3:30pm

4/17/10 - Spring Bow Wow - Elida, OH 10-3:00pm

4/23/10 - Tour For Life Adoption Event- Indy - 3-8:00pm

4/24/10 - Be Kind to Animals Celebration - Valparaiso 10-4:00pm

4/25/10 - Petsmart Hobart - 10-4:00pm

[Visit our site for more details!](#)

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