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## *Petite Paws Rescue Angels*

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### Petite Paws Gazette

Spring has almost sprung. I am seeing the tulips and daffodils coming up everywhere. While we are all becoming excited about the upcoming warmer weather, please remember our sweet little foster kids that are patiently waiting for their forever home.

Spring is the perfect time to adopt a dog. Potty breaks are easier, warm walks are more fun and everyone seems to have that warm and fuzzy feeling about Winter finally being behind us.

Tell all your friends and family about adoption. If they are looking for a small breed, send them our way.

Happy Spring Everybody!

Barb

## Ask Dolce... *The Tiny Trendsetter*

Submitted by Dolce Adams-K-9 Reporter



Dear Dolce:

I got some scary news today! My mom and dad told me that they were going to adopt a new sister from Petite Paws Rescue. What does that mean? Are they going to replace me? I am not very good with change and I do not like to share. I know that you have two adopted brothers, can you give me any advise on how to deal with this?

Signed: Afraid of Being Squeezed Out

Dear Squeezed:

Relax. It is not as bad as you are making it out to be. Yes, I have two brothers that my mom and dad adopted from Petite Paws. At first, it was very hard for me to learn how to share my things. In fact, I 'm still not very good at sharing. You have to realize that it is going to take some time for you to get to know your new sister. Sure, we all fought at first and I was so afraid that my mom loved them way more than me. But as time went by, we all grew to love each other. Just know that you are not being replaced. Your mom and dad have just given you someone to play with, to cuddle with, to terrorize and take back what is yours when they are not home! TEEHEE.

## But I Don't Smell Anything Foul Here...

Contributed by Stephanie Jobe



We recently took two of our pupsters in to the vet for their check-ups. I did all the "mommy things" before they went in - gave them a bath, brushed their hair, put cute bandannas on, etc. All of our dogs are relatively healthy so I expected to get good report cards on both kiddos at pick-up.

I dropped the off early & was advised the Dr. would call in a few hours to let me know how things were & when I could pick them up. The vet did just that - kids are great - but we needed to discuss Piper's ears. According to the doc, she had a lot of bacteria that would require a very strong antibiotic over the course of the next week to clear the infection & ensure it did not get any worse.

I was alarmed at this news because if you're anything like me - I DO actually look at my dogs' ears to ensure they are clean & free of hair (which can cause excess wax build-up and increase the chance of infection.) I also ensure there are no foul smells coming from them - gross I know, but also a requirement to keep my kiddos in tip-top shape. I had just bathed her the night before & given her the once-over so I know her ears were clean upon arrival at the vet. According to my vet's office, just because they look clean does not mean that infection or disease is not lurking.

I was surprised to learn this (shouldn't her ears be stinky???) Then I thought perhaps other pet owners may be aware that ear infections have many different signs (not just waxy ears with foul odors) so I decided to share what I have learned. While an odor or discharge may be the most common symptom, many pets do not have this symptom at all. You may see the

following in many cases with infection or other forms of ear disease:

- Scratching & rubbing of the ears
- Shaking of the head or tilting it over to one side
- Redness and/or swelling of the ear
- Pain around the ears
- Changes in behavior, such as depression, irritability

The main key to warding off infection & keeping your dog's ears healthy is to keep them clean. You should clean your dog's ears on a weekly basis, if your dog swims then cleaning more frequently could be required. By all means, if your dog is showing any signs of discomfort, the ears have a foul odor or the ears look abnormal - contact your veterinarian immediately. If your dog were to have a severe problem, some medications can do more harm than good.

*This information is being shared based on personal experience with my pets & our vet and is not a recommended course of treatment. Please consult with your veterinarian regarding the health and safety of your personal pets.*

## February Adoptions

Wazowski 2/7/2010  
Paco 2/13/2010  
Lazarus 2/13/2010  
River 2/13/2010  
Latte 2/13/2010  
Kennedy 2/14/2010  
Pixie Petunia 2/14/2010  
Stewart II 2/20/2010  
Shannon 2/27/2010

## Easy Bake Treats

*Contributed by Ailisha Scartozzi*

1/2c Corn Meal

6 Tbsp Oil

2/3c Chicken or Beef Broth

2c Whole Wheat flour

Mix all ingredient's well.

Roll out to 1/4" thick, and cut into desired shapes

Bake at 350\* for 35-40 minutes

Cool and serve!

ENJOY!

*Some dogs can be allergic to corn, if yours is, pass on this one.*

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## Come Join Us



Volunteers are still desperately needed, especially foster homes and event attendees. We have already started to turn dogs away. We just do not have any foster homes that are not full to the brim.

If you or anyone you know might be interested in joining our team, please let us know. You can read more about what all is involved with becoming a volunteer at our website. Most of all, it is very rewarding.

Remember, the only thing better than a Yorkie is.....More Yorkies!

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10-2pm

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