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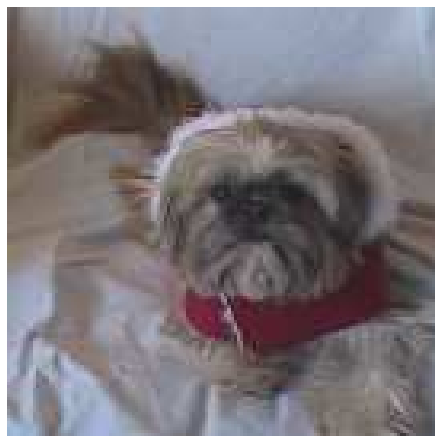
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All Ears

Ear odor may signal an ear infection, particularly in floppy-eared and long-eared dogs. In addition to a foul odor, other ear infection symptoms to look for include sore, red ear skin or discharge inside your dog's ears. If your dog displays any of these symptoms, please contact your vet.

Wrapping up 2007

By Barb Beck

We would like to wish everyone a happy holiday season and a healthy and prosperous new year.

The perfect gift this holiday season is a donation made to IPPRA on behalf of a loved one, in memory of a lost pet or just because. What a great way to let your friends know that you are thinking of them and to help IPPRA on our mission to save homeless toy dogs!

Thanks to our very generous supporters, we were able to save 213 dogs in 2007 bringing our grand total to 475 since our inception in 2004.

We have been blessed to have this wonderful opportunity and we could not have done it without all of you.



Join Us!

You are allowed. You are welcome to join our team! Several of our forever families have signed on as Volunteers, some are even fostering. If you have just a little or a lot of time to spare, we need you! Several are crafting for us, making phone calls and transporting also. Interested? Email us at info@petitepaws.org

IPPRA Teen - Tween Program

By Janis Burns

The IPPRA Teen/Tween program is growing. There are approximately 20 members from 10 years to 18 years old. The wonderful, compassionate group of youth, come to events to help walk the fosters, answer questions about them and the teen program, and of course help clean up after the furkids. Among the talented group, there is a poem writer, a good photographer, and many crafters, that share their talents. Spreading the word about how positive rescue work and adoption is, and educating people on how awful puppy mills are, comes naturally to the IPPRA Teen group. We are very proud of this fine group of future leaders.

What can teenagers and tweenagers do to help IPPRA? Well, as the N.W. Indiana Teen Coordinator, let me help with a few suggestions.

Those that are already members, meaning a signed permission slip has been received at IPPRA headquarters, can each ask just one dog loving, gentle, friend to join us. Volunteers that can, go to events at Petsmarts, Petco's, Pet Supply Plus' all over, and several more events that are listed on our calendar. At the events, we have any where from 5-20 foster dogs, we need plenty of help keeping track of. Some times there are a few messes, for the most part there is a million kisses just waiting from each and every foster.

Those teens that can't make it to events; they can consider talking to their school or church about educating everyone about how wonderful rescue work is, why we need funding, and how bad puppy mills are.

With IPPRA supervision, fundraisers can be arranged, which such events as "Penny's for Paws", cutest foster contest, etc. If there any talented teens that would like to share their talent by making Thank You cards that we can send to the many people who help us, hair bows for are little foo foo dogs are fun to make, tie blankets are easy to assemble, writing letters to papers about how wonderful IPPRA is, the list is endless and we are always willing to listen to teens for new ideas.

We have Teen chapters in Northwest and Southwest Indiana. With more volunteers we would consider expanding if the need arose.

Teens-saving one tail at a time.

Visit our Teen site to learn more at:

www.petitepaws.org/teens/



Cold Weather Tips from the ASPCA

Please follow these guidelines to protect your companion animal when the temperature drops.

- Keep your cat inside. Outdoors, cats can freeze, become lost or stolen, or be injured or killed. Cats who are allowed to stray are exposed to fatal infectious diseases, including rabies.
- During the winter, outdoor cats sometimes choose to sleep under the hoods of cars, where it is warmer. Then, when the motor is started, the cat can be injured or killed in the fan belt. To prevent this, bang loudly on the hood of your car and wait a few seconds before starting the engine, to give a cat a chance to escape.
- Never let your dog off the leash on snow or ice, especially during a snowstorm. Dogs frequently lose their scent in snow and ice and easily become lost. They may panic in a snowstorm and run away. More dogs are lost during the winter than during any other season
- Thoroughly wipe off your dog's legs and stomach when she comes in out of the rain, snow or ice. Check her sensitive paw pads, which may bleed from snow or ice encrusted in them. Also, salt, antifreeze or other chemicals could hurt your dog if she ingests them while licking her paws.
- If you own a short-haired breed, consider getting a warm coat or sweater for your dog. Look for one with a high collar or turtleneck that covers your dog from the base of her tail on top and to the belly underneath. While this may seem like a luxury, it is a necessity for many dogs.
- Never leave your dog or cat alone in a car during cold weather. A car can act as a refrigerator in the winter, holding in the cold. Your companion animal could freeze to death.
- If your dog is sensitive to the cold due to age, illness or breed type, take him outdoors only long enough to relieve himself.
- Puppies do not tolerate the cold as well as adult dogs and may be difficult to housebreak during the winter. If necessary, paper train your puppy inside if he appears to be sensitive to the weather.
- If your dog spends a lot of time engaged in outdoor activities, increase his supply of food, particularly protein, to keep his fur thick and healthy.
- Antifreeze, even in very tiny doses, is a lethal poison for dogs and cats. Because of its sweet taste, animals are attracted to it. Be sure to thoroughly clean up any spills from your vehicle. To prevent accidental poisonings, more and more people are using animal-friendly products that contain propylene glycol rather than the traditional products containing ethylene glycol. Call your veterinarian or The ASPCA National Animal Poison Control Center (ASPCA/NAPCC) if you suspect your animal has been poisoned.
- Never shave your dog down to the skin in winter. Leave the coat in a longer style, which provides more warmth. Remember that such a style will require more frequent brushing due to dry winter air and static electricity. When you bathe your dog, make sure she is completely dry before you take her out for a walk.
- Make sure your companion animal has a warm place to sleep far away from all drafts and off the floor, such as in a dog or cat bed or basket with a warm blanket or pillow in it.

Male Dogs Marking in the House?

Here are some simple tips to try if you are having problems with a male dog marking his territory in your home.

First, make sure the dog does not have any physical urinary problems. Urine can be collected by using a clean, stainless steel ladle. Place the collected urine in a clean baggie, jar or bottle and take it to the vet.

You can also try using a belly band while the dog is in the house. These are available to purchase in our online boutique:

<http://www.petitepaws.us/shop/>

Remove it each time the dog goes out.

If the dog urinates in the house, wipe it with a paper towel. Take the paper towel outside to a designated potty spot and weigh it down with a rock. Each time the dog is taken outside, walk to the potty spot. Do not pressure the dog to go, but do encourage. If the dog doesn't pee at the potty spot, continue the walk. Before going into the house, return to the potty spot.

Be sure to not to yell at the dog for marking. The dog may interpret the yelling as "it is wrong to go potty" instead of "it is wrong to potty in the house". This can lead to an even more difficult problem to solve. However, a loud noise can be used to interrupt and redirect. If the dog is caught hiking his leg in the house, toss a pill bottle with a couple pennies in it away from your dog of course. This is merely to make a noise near the dog. It's also best if the dog doesn't know where the pill bottle came from, so try to be discreet. The noise will startle the dog & keep him from marking. Then take him outside to potty.

Be sure to clean any spots in the house that were soiled by urine with a good cleaner made to remove odor such as Nature's Miracle.

Visit our Boutique for all your doggie needs. <http://www.petitepaws.org/boutique/>

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From Our Happy Forever Families!

We LOVE hearing from you, it makes us pawsitively happy. Please keep the updates coming.

I adopted Sweetie a Yorkie-Poo 2 years old about 8.6 lbs. in October from Barb. She was from a puppy mill used as a breeder. She was shy at first but warmed up and is very bonded to me now. She loves to go outside for walks in her pink coat. (I trained her to walk on the leash and it was very easy.) She gets along very well with my 2 cats (she licks their ears) and loves everyone that she encounters. She loves to go for car rides and sits very patiently in her own car seat. She likes to go to the dog park too and runs around and sniffs everything.

She finally is playing with toys (I bought so many but she didn't know what they were). She loves her natural treats and baby carrots too. I love her so much and don't know how I ever lived without her. She is a joy every day of my life.

Thank you Petite Paws you are a great organization. I cry when I think what these precious babies went through at the mills. I wish those mills could be truly outlawed forever.

Nikki

I thought maybe you'd like to see a picture of Zoe under the tree. Last year at this time, she was afraid of the tree and decorations...it took her a while to go near any of them. What a difference this year. She was right there, sticking her nose in all the boxes and when I laid down to put the tree skirt around it, she immediately came over and laid right down beside me. I think she thought it was a blanket just for her :)

She is still the sweetest little dog that we've ever seen. Everyone loves her. She is still a little shy with strangers and still startles at loud noises or unexpected fast movement. She is very routine oriented and gets a little fearful when things are different, such as riding in a different car or furniture that was moved when we were painting.

She is an absolute delight. She is definitely showing a bit of humor here and there. She "steals" a fabric softener sheet from a pile of clothes waiting to be folded, looks at me with a definite gleam in her eye and then runs down the hallway with it waiting for me to say "hey you, bring that back here".

Other than our children and granddaughter, she is the best thing that's come along for us. Only she's better behaved and listens better than they ever did :)

Hope you have a very good Christmas and a Happy New Year. I know I've said this before, but thx again for bringing this wonderful little dog into our lives.

Cathy and Tom



Attention Petite Paws Rescue Forever Families

[Come join our Google Chat List](#)

This group is for the Forever Families that have adopted a dog from Indiana Petite Paws Rescue.

We gather here to share our love, pictures, stories and updates about our new forever friends.

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