



Henry, Forever Foster, reading his newspaper!

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IPPRA Newsletter

IPPRA is 501 © (3)!!

As of September 1st, 2005 IPPRA was granted its non-profit status! All of your donations are now tax deductible! Thanks to all who have supported us and all that put time and effort into this endeavor!

Adoptions!

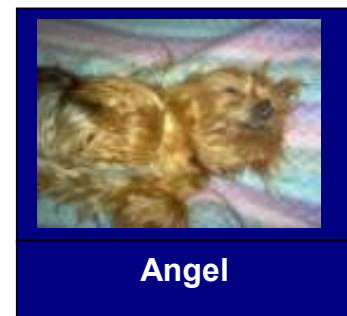
In the year 2004, IPPRA rescued around 25 dogs and placed them in forever homes. We were all very proud of our accomplishments and many of you are to thank for that!

During the year 2005, we have rescued over 50 needy toy dogs! Wow! If it were not for our dedicated members, and especially our handful of foster homes, this would not have been possible. Of course also, you the adoptive parents, are to thank and are a big reason for this by being willing to give a toy dog a second chance. We hope if you have any friends or family looking to adopt a toy dog, you will steer them towards looking at one of the many GREAT dogs we have available. See them at www.petitepaws.org!



Angel Girl, A Tribute

In the last newsletter we told the story of Angel, one of our forever fosters who had been diagnosed with terminal cancer. When found running the streets in Evansville with her pals Jack and Chloe, also IPPRA dogs, Angel's cancer had developed mammary tumors and had also already spread into her lungs. Angel went to live out her life in comfort with a member of IPPRA. In August, Angel developed a cough and was not doing well so she was put to sleep. Please keep the story of Angel in your hearts and mind. If only Angel had not been forced to breed and her owners had spayed her, this mammary cancer would not have occurred. Spaying/Neutering is not just to stop unplanned or unwanted litters, it is also a way to curb the chance of cancer in dogs.



Angel

Treat Recipes

Cheese and Garlic Dog Cookies

- 1 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
- 1 1/4 cups grated cheddar cheese
- 1/4 pound margarine
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- pinch of salt

Bring cheese and margarine to room temperature
 Mix garlic powder, salt and flour with the softened margarine and cheese.

Add enough water or milk to form into a ball.
 Roll onto floured hard surface

Cut into your favorite shapes and bake at 375F for 15 to 30 minutes or until slightly brown and firm.

Liver Treats

- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup oatmeal
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 cup wheat germ
- 1 pound raw beef or chicken liver

Puree liver in a food processor or blender
 Add dry ingredients and mix well

On a greased cookie sheet, drop 1 teaspoon of the mixture and flatten with the bottom of a glass dipped in flour.

Bake at 350F for 15-20 minutes

Keep refrigerated and use within a few days, or store in freezer until ready to use.

Puppy Mills

There are thousands of puppy mills in the US. Mills are owned by those whose only motivation is making a profit. The fact that these dogs are living, breathing creatures of God means absolutely nothing to them. To them they are crops, no different from corn or wheat. These dogs are kept in cages their entire short lives. They are never taken out to run, and most have never felt the ground under their paws. The cages are stacked one atop another, several cages high. The dogs on the lower levels get the feces and urine dropped down on them from the dogs stacked over them. They get matted, smell and their food and water, if there is any in the cage, is contaminated. They do not get medical care, so their teeth usually fall out because their diet is just barely enough to keep them alive, forget healthy. Many have open sores because they are not treated for bites or cuts. Females die giving birth because there is no one to help when it is needed. If any of the pups die they lay in the cage with the others until someone passing happens to notice it. The pups are removed from the mother before they are even weaned, and the female is then bred again the next time she comes in season. If she

can no longer produce, or she does not have big enough litters, she is discarded. She may be only two or three years old, but because she can't bring in the money that the millers want she is useless.

Please visit some sites that will tell you what you can do to help in the fight against puppy mills. No animal should have to live in these conditions, especially ones that are meant to be companions to humans, not crops for them. One very good site is www.prisonersofgreed.org.

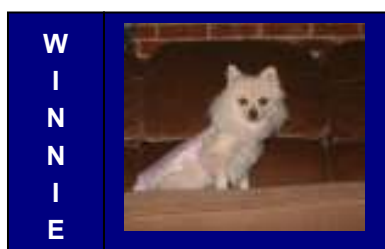
Please help us in the fight against puppy mills by educating as many people as you can about the connection between pet shops and puppy mills. It is hard to believe that so many people are unaware of where that cute little bundle of fur really comes from, and at what cost. If we can educate the people who buy the puppies, and the demand for the product is no longer present, these mills will become less and less until they are memories in the past. That would be a wonderful future for the animals that are suffering there now. Haven't enough paid the price already?



Heartworms

Heartworm disease is a disease that is transmitted to dogs by the mosquito. As the weather warms and the spring rains arrive, mosquitoes will return. Any dog that is 6 months or older on the first of March should be tested for heartworm and then started on heartworm preventative medication.

There are three basic types of heartworm preventatives available. They are oral, topical and injectable. Most of the oral heartworm preventative medications are given once monthly and often include an additional medication to help control some intestinal parasites. The topical medication also is used once monthly and besides preventing heartworms, it also aids in controlling fleas, ticks, ear mites and sarcoptic mange mites. The newest type of heartworm preventative is the injectable medication that only has to be given once every 6 months. Any of these heartworm preventative medications are safe and effective when used properly. The key is to discuss it with your veterinarian, find the best one that fits your needs, and then use it faithfully!

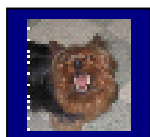


Dental Information

According to the American Veterinary Dental Society, Studies show that more than 80 percent of dogs by age three and 70 percent of cats by age three show some signs of gum disease. Bad breath could be an early warning sign of the dangerous gum disease gingivitis.

Pets Need Dental Care, Too!

Particularly at risk are small dog breeds, such as Yorkies and Shih



Tzus. Experts say these breeds are more likely to develop tooth problems because their teeth are crowded into small mouths. This can create a haven for plaque buildup.

Prevention

Prevention is the key to helping pets maintain good oral health. The American Veterinary Dental Society recommends that pet owners follow three important steps:

Visit Your Veterinarian

Just as dental visits are the cornerstone of a human dental program, visiting a veterinarian is the key to ensuring the health of your pet's teeth. A veterinarian will conduct a thorough physical examination of your pet as part of the dental evaluation.

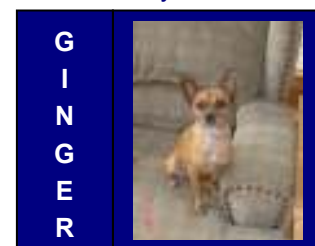
Start a dental care routine at home

Removing plaque regularly from your pet's teeth should be part of your pet's home dental care routine. Ask your veterinarian about the procedure for brushing your pet's teeth. Dog owners also may feed specially formulated dietary foods that help reduce the accumulation of plaque and tartar from teeth when the pet eats. Your veterinarian can offer more information on dietary options.

Get Regular Veterinary Dental Checkups

The family veterinarian needs to monitor the progress of your pet's preventive dental care routine much the same way a dentist monitors your teeth. Regular dental check-ups are essential.

Once a pet's teeth display the warning signs — bad breath, a yellow brown crust of tartar around the gum line, pain or bleeding when the pet eats or when you touch its gums — gum disease may already be present. For a professional dental check-up, call your veterinarian today!



Chocolate Warning

Chocolate contains theobromine - a substance toxic to dogs. While most lethal cases of chocolate poisoning occur when small dogs eat large quantities of baking chocolate, owners should nonetheless keep their dogs and chocolates separated. If you witness your dog eating chocolate or if it shows any signs of chocolate toxicity (anxiety, pacing, hyperexcitability, excessive thirst and urination, vomiting, or seizures): call your vet immediately and tell him or her what type of chocolate your dog ate, how much you think it ate, how long ago it indulged itself, and how much your dog weighs.

If you find your dog within a couple of hours of ingesting the chocolate, your vet will either instruct you on how to induce vomiting or ask you to bring your dog to the clinic to have its stomach pumped. If more than a couple of hours have passed, the toxin will already be circulating in your dog's system, so your vet will provide supportive therapy (such as intravenous fluids and drugs to control hyperexcitability) while your dog's body works to detoxify itself.

For more information call Animal Poison Control (they will charge an initial fee for a consult) **1-800-548-2423**.

Petite Paws Members Hard at Work: See our NEW Boutique!



Over the past month Petite Paws has had a surge of new members

willing to help with the rescue along with those members who have already been involved. These members have provided loving foster homes, a means to check references on applications, and some much needed help in the area of crafting to raise money for our rescue.

We have been hard at work thinking of ways to raise money. The newly opened Bella Angel Boutique (named after our two foster girls with Cancer) is just one way we are putting our members hard work to good use. We no longer have the ebay boutique so please visit it at www.petitepaws.org/boutique.

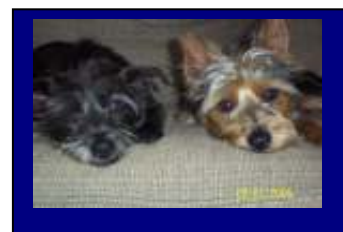
Recently we have entered craft fairs, including one in September in LaPorte. We have also found groomers who are willing to put our dog beds, clothes, and blankets in their shops for sale. These are located in the Evansville area and also in NW Ohio. Members in the Evansville area have also opened a booth in a craft mall to sell our goods. A picture of this booth can be seen in the photo to the left.

We are also trying to form a foster closet for our members who foster. This will provide a blanket, harness and leash, toy, and maybe even a bed for each foster dog to have his/her OWN stuff!

We have 2 members in particular that have been an absolute blessing in the knitting department! Look for our matching owner/dog sweater sets and for our sweater/hat sets for the pups. These items are so very beautiful and hand crafted with care by professionals! We also have a new and exciting array of beds, belly bands, and some really fancy panties that will make your dog look like she just stepped out of a doggie Victoria's Secret!

We would also like to thank some of our forever parents who are donating their time and money in crafting for our boutique and foster closet. Susan Webb, who adopted from us in May, has made many fabulous cuddle blankets that you can find in our boutique!

This is a very exciting time for us. We have had many members join who are excellent sewers, knitters, and just crafters in general. These people are making absolutely WONDERFUL items for us to sell. If your dog or cat needs something special to wear or lounge around in, please check us out. We promise you will not be disappointed at what you will find!



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Updates!

We are so very happy when we get positive updates from our new adoptive homes. We wish we could receive more of them sometimes because we love reading them so much! So please, if you have a moment, send one on and tell us your happy ending!

If you would like a picture of you or your family and your new pet on these pages, or would like to send a letter to feature them in our updates section of the next newsletter, please email Kara at bomank78@yahoo.com.



Hi Connie,

Pluto is doing well. I would definitely say that he likes his new home and new family! He has adapted very well and is a good boy for us. He absolutely loves to chew, we discovered! He's chewed through some of our window blinds, but we have worked on that. He is spoiled rotten though and has tons of toys,

treats, bones, etc! He has also become best buddies with Lenny, and they just play ALL the time!

Thanks for inquiring about him, and glad to hear that another little guy has found a new home!

Dear Aunt Barb,

We got your newsletter, thought it was really cool, and also all that you have been able to accomplish in this last year!!! I'm hoping you will write about me in your next letter, I love my mom and dad and I get almost anything I want!!! I will be leaving Oct. 24th for Florida, this will be my 4th trip there. I went to the Train Station Dog School for 6 weeks, just graduated last week. I tell everyone about you guys in hopes others will want to adopt doggies too. I'd really like to get a chance to see you, maybe we could meet sometime soon.

Love,

Brutus, Mom & Dad

Letter From the Vice President

Hi! My name is Andrea Taborn, I am the Vice President of this wonderful group! I live in Southern IN, with my very patient husband and 2 children who enjoy very much helping me with my forever fosters, and our own

pets we have here. I got my first Yorkie 11 yrs ago.

All of my dogs were rescues after purchasing Silkie back then, from there I was addicted to rescue, joined other Yorkie rescue groups, which is where I met my pal Barb Beck. She and I lost contact when we left those groups, and in August of 2004 I found her and this group she started, Indiana Petite Paws!! I was thrilled to death to find the group and was so happy to find my pal Barb.

So from there we have grown in leaps and bounds. We have some great crafters, some terrific foster parents, and a great group of people who have pulled together to finally operate efficiently with everyone doing their part, which is more than we could have ever hoped for. And the news of our 501 c 3 status is the icing on the cake. It will open so many doors for us.

I want to thank each and every one of our members for their hard work in whatever area they are helping us with! Without them we could not do what we are doing in such great numbers, so a BIG THANKS to you all again. I look forward to working with all of you for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Andrea