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## Happy Fall to All

*By Barb Beck*

### Halloween Safety Tips From the ASPCA

No tricks, no treats: That bowlful of candy is for trick-or-treaters, not for Scruffy and Fluffy.

- Chocolate in all forms—especially dark or baking chocolate—can be very dangerous for dogs and cats. Symptoms of significant chocolate ingestion may include vomiting, diarrhea, hyperactivity, increased thirst, urination and heart rate—and even seizures.
- Candies containing the artificial sweetener xylitol can be poisonous to dogs. Even small amounts of xylitol sweetener can cause a sudden drop in blood sugar, which leads to depression, lack of coordination and seizures. In cases of significantly low blood sugar, liver failure has been known to occur.
- Ingesting tin foil and cellophane candy wrappers can pose a choking hazard or cause intestinal blockage.



Susan & Parthenia

### Support Us by Shopping

Visit our website and click on the many shopping links there. Each purchase you make brings us much needed donations from all of our shopping affiliates. It's so simple.

Go to [www.petitepaws.org/help.htm](http://www.petitepaws.org/help.htm) and thank you for your continued support.

Be sure to check out our EBAY and website boutique for many handmade doggie items made by our talented crafting volunteers.

### Please help!

We rely solely on supporters like you. Your donations make it possible for the dogs we take in to have a second chance at life. Through your donations, we can continue to rescue Yorkies and Toy Dogs and take care of all their special needs.

The only way we can keep our doors open to the helpless animals of our community is through your support. . With the rough economic times this country is facing, donations have been down. We are grateful for the Vets we have that allow us to make payments.

If you are financially able to, please consider making a donation today. Our work is enhanced and made possible by the continued donations of our supporters who have big hearts, faith in us and hope for our cause.

Warm Thanks,

Barb



**Disaster Preparedness for your Pets – Contributed by Amy Payne**

Hurricanes, Floods, Wildfires, Hazardous Material Spills, Tornadoes – disasters can strike at anytime, anywhere. If you think you will never have to evacuate unless you live in a floodplain, near an earthquake fault-line or in a coastal area, you may be tragically mistaken. It's imperative that you make preparations to evacuate your family and pets in any situation.

Plan for a disaster now, while you have a level head and easy access to necessary information and supplies.

The single most important thing you can do for your pets in an emergency is to take them with you. If it's not safe for you, it's not safe for them.

For public health reasons, many emergency shelters cannot accept pets. Find out which hotels outside of your area allow pets, be sure to ask for the details. Find out if any hotels will waive a pet policy for emergencies.

Make a list of emergency numbers and addresses to be kept in a sealed plastic bag in your evacuation kit: hotels that allow pets, family members outside of your area that can house you and your pets during an emergency, your veterinarian's regular and emergency phone number, pet boarding facilities, your local animal shelter.

Assemble your pet evacuation kit. Include enough pet food/ bottled water/medications for five days, veterinary records, adoption forms, a list of each pet's microchip number, cat litter/pan, can opener, back-up collar/harness/leash, food dishes, a familiar toy, first aid kit and other supplies with you in case they're not available later. Be sure that any items that cannot get wet are stored in waterproof bags. Ensure that all family members know the location of the bag.

Make sure identification tags are up to date and securely fastened to your pet's collar at all times. Make sure all of your pets are micro-chipped. Make sure you have a current photo of your pet for identification purposes. Inside the waterproof bag you can also keep a digital camera card with photos of you and your pet. If you become separated from your pet, pictures of you with the pet will help speed up identification purposes, along with the microchip information.

Make sure you have a secure pet carrier, leash or harness for each of your pets. If you are unable to return to your home right away, you may need to board your pet. Find out where pet boarding facilities are located. Be sure to research some outside your local area in case local facilities close. Leave early, do not wait for a mandatory evacuation order. If you wait until the order is given they may make you leave your pets behind.

If you have no alternative but to leave your pet at home, there are some precautions you must take, but remember that leaving your pet at home alone can place your animal in great danger! Confine your pet to a safe area inside -- NEVER leave your pet chained outside! Leave them loose inside your home with food and plenty of water. Place a 'Pets Inside' sticker on your window or door, noting the location of the pets and your emergency phone number. You can order free stickers from the ASPCA website.

If the disaster is sudden and you do not have time to evacuate, bring your pets inside immediately. Have newspapers on hand for sanitary purposes. Feed the animals moist or canned food so they will need less water to drink. Separate dogs and cats. Even if your dogs and cats normally get along, the anxiety of an emergency situation can cause pets to act irrationally. Keep small pets away from cats and dogs.

If you are not home when a disaster strikes, have plans in place with a trusted neighbor or friend who can bring your pets to meet you at specified location. Make sure they have a key to your home, your cell phone numbers, a list of your pets and the location of your evacuation bag.

Planning and preparation will help you and your pets survive a disaster. But your home may be a very different place when you return. Remember to keep dogs on leashes and cats in carriers at all times when you return to assess the disaster damage. Be patient with your pets. Try to get them set up on a normal routine as soon as you're able. Be prepared for behavior problems due to stress.

This is a scary topic, but all of us should consider putting the measures into place. Additional information may be read on the following websites. Information was pulled from these sources for the above article.

HSUS: [http://www.hsus.org/hsus\\_field/hsus\\_disaster\\_center/resources/](http://www.hsus.org/hsus_field/hsus_disaster_center/resources/)

ASPCA: [http://www.asPCA.org/site/PageServer?pagename=pets\\_emergency](http://www.asPCA.org/site/PageServer?pagename=pets_emergency)

FEMA: <http://www.fema.gov/plan/prepare/animals.shtm>

READY.GOV: <http://www.ready.gov/america/getakit/pets.html>

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## Liver Shunt (Baby Milo)

**Definition:** This much-discussed disorder is most commonly the result of improper fetal development of the circulatory system. Because the fetal liver is underdeveloped, the fetus possesses blood vessels which transport blood around the developing liver rather than to and through it. This is necessary, since the small developing fetal liver cannot filter or handle the full quantity of blood that needs to be filtered. Once the umbilical cord is cut at birth, there is no longer this connection between the mother and the just-born puppy. At this point, the puppy must rely on his own liver functions and not that of his mother.

**Update:** Milo received surgery in late June and will need special food and tests to check his liver



## MEGAESOPHAGUS (Carl & Arty)

**Definition:** The esophagus walls are composed of muscles which move in wave-like contractions to push food into the stomach. Surgery on the esophagus is always difficult because of its location within the chest and its slow rate of healing. Shortly after eating, the dog tends to regurgitate its food. Some food, particularly liquids, may pass into the stomach. Congenital megaesophagus has no known cure. Dogs affected with megaesophagus must be fed liquid diets. The food is placed in an elevated position so dogs eat while standing on their hind limbs.

**Update:** Carl & Arty are learning to eat in an upright position.



## DIABETES (Lizzy)



**Definition:** Located near the stomach and small intestine, the pancreas is a small gland that provides two important functions. It produces digestive enzymes, which are necessary for the proper digestion of food within the small intestine. And, it produces hormones, which help regulate the blood sugar (glucose) levels. When starches and carbohydrates are eaten, they are broken down into the sugar glucose. This is absorbed through the wall of the digestive tract and passes into the bloodstream. Insulin allows glucose to leave the bloodstream and enter the body's tissue. Glucose can then be utilized as energy for the cells. When glucose levels are high, glucagon causes it to be stored in the liver and muscles as glycogen. Body tissues such as the liver and muscles which need insulin to move the glucose into their cells and provide energy.

**Update:** Lizzy, who was once malnourished, is improving on the treatment and growing hair.

## HEARTWORM POSITIVE (Sophie)

**Definition:** Heartworms belong to the same class of worms as roundworms. In fact, they look a bit like roundworms, but that is where the similarity ends. Heartworms spend their adult life in the right side of the heart and the large blood vessels connecting the heart to the lungs. Heartworms are found in dogs, cats, and ferrets. They also occur in wild animals such as California sea lions and black bears. They have rarely been found in people. When the mosquito bites another animal, the larvae enter the animal's skin. The larvae grow and after about three months finish their migration to the heart, where they grow into adults, sometimes reaching a length of 14 inches. Severely infected dogs can have up to several hundred heartworms in their hearts and vessels. Adult worms in dogs usually live up to 5-7 years. Thirty to eighty percent of infected dogs have microfilariae, and the microfilariae can live up to 2 years.



**Update:** Sophie got through all her treatments and tested NEGATIVE at the dogter!

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## Happy Tails



## 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](mailto:info@petitepaws.org)



## From Our Happy Forever Families!

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

Hi just wanted to give you an update on Scamp he is doing great he is so much apart of our family. He sleeps in the bed with me and my husband follows us around. Plays well with his older brother Schnoodles he is also his brothers eyes and helps him a lot . He loves his walks and plays outside as much as he cans.

We ALL LOVE HIM VERY MUCH and thank you for giving us this wonderful Pet!!!

Gerri Zygowicz & Family

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I'm Kay Ogle, and I adopted Oreo 3 years ago. We soon changed his name to "Buddy Barker" and he has endeared himself to everyone. He loves to sing with people (and they with him) and loves attention.

My mother (almost 95 years old) recently suffered a mild stroke, but her healing and restoration are awesome. Our God is good! I take Buddy with me to visit her and I'm sure that has had a beneficial affect on Mom, as he is so sensitive and calm in her presence--pretty unlike when at home!

I'm attaching an article I inserted in a newsletter I wrote a couple of years ago for the Southern Indiana Area of Aglow International, a worldwide Christian organization. I think much of the cause of Buddy's earlier health problems was the trauma he endured in his first two years--before adoption. He does **much** better now with few setbacks. He receives both canned and nugget-style food which is purchased at our vet's.

I am so appreciative of your organization and have referred several folks to your website and to petfinders.com. Thank you so much for Buddy!

Kay



Here are some photos that I took of Champy. He is doing well and went to his first doggy social on Sunday. He did VERY well and people were commenting on how cute and well adjusted he is (considering his background). I was very proud of him! He is also getting along better with his sister, Laci, and brother, Beauregard - although, Beauregard is pretty much ignoring him now and tries to avoid him like the plague!!

### 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.](#)

[Visit our site to Join!](#)

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Wow it's been a year ... already! We would like to thank you again for allowing Misty (aka Dejour) into our lives. Although we don't like to play favorites, we must say..... she really is our favorite. She's the one who gets to come for a ride almost everywhere we go.

.Chris & Ter

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We are so happy to be able to celebrate Tokyo's third anniversary! We brought him into our home 3 years ago after we spotted him on Petfinder.com. We contacted Petite Paws Rescue to start the adoption process and a few days later we were able to pick him up from his foster mom. Tokyo made himself right at home and it felt like he was part of our family from day one. He made friends with our other 3 dogs and decided right away he liked his new home. He is a great dog with a lot of character. He is very playful and absolutely loves going for walks. We are so happy we found him and he found us. Thank you Petite Paws for making it happen!

The Thompson Family

## Upcoming Events

10/26/08	PetsMart	Route 30,	Hobart	11 - 4
11/1/08	Petco	Route 30,	Merrillville	11 - 4
11/2/08	PetsMart - Trader's Point	5750 West 86th St	NW Indianapolis	12 - 4
11/8/08	Holiday Pet Expo	National Guard Armory	Valparaiso	10 - 4
11/9/08	Holiday Pet Expo	National Guard Armory	Valparaiso	10 - 4
11/9/08	Petsmart	7801 S. US Hwy. 31	Indianapolis	12 - 4
11/15/08	Petsmart	10260 Maysville Road	Fort Wayne	12-4
11/15/08	Petsmart	17180 Mercantile Blvd	Noblesville	1-5
11/15/08	Petco	Route 30,	Merrillville	11 - 4
11/22/08	Pet Supplies Plus	2410 LaPorte Avenue	Valparaiso	11 - 4
11/30/08	PetsMart	Route 30,	Hobart	11 - 4
12/7/08	PetsMart - Trader's Point	5750 West 86th Street, 46278	NW Indianapolis	12 - 4
12/14/08	PetsMart SANTA PICS	Route 30,	Hobart	10 - 4
12/14/08	Petsmart	7801 S. US Hwy. 31	Indianapolis	12 - 4
12/20/08	Petsmart	10260 Maysville Road	Fort Wayne	12-4
12/20/08	Petsmart	17180 Mercantile Blvd	Noblesville	1-5
12/21/08	Petco	Route 30,	Merrillville	11 - 4
12/22/08	Petco	Route 30,	Merrillville	11 - 4
12/24/08	PetsMart	Route 30,	Hobart	10 - 3

**Be sure to come out and see us at the Holiday Pet Expo on November 8 & 9. Big sale on all of our handmade craft items for the fur kids! Start your Holiday Shopping early!**

## Trivia Time!

The first person to email [petitepawsrescue@hotmail.com](mailto:petitepawsrescue@hotmail.com) with the closest answer to the below trivia question will receive a special gift from Indiana Petite Paws Rescue!

**QUESTION:**

An American Animal Hospital Association poll showed that \_\_\_\_% of dog owners admit that they talk to their dogs on the phone or leave messages on an answering machine while away.

**No winner from last newsletter ☹**