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## Intakes Ever Increasing

*By Barb Beck*

This year has been our biggest challenge so far. Not only have intakes increased, so has the number of very sick dogs coming in. Our foster homes have been kept completely full since the beginning of the year. We have been very blessed by two very special Vets who are carrying us through our current crisis by allowing us to make payments.

The economy is taking its toll on all of us. We are starting to see owners having to give up pets due to foreclosures, gas prices and hard times. We have to believe we will make it past these difficult times and have hope.

A special thank you to all of our generous supporters, without you, we could not continue to save these poor abused and abandoned fur babies.

Petite Paw Hugs to everyone, see you in the Fall!

Barb

## A Miracle Happy Ending

Meet Bailey. She was surrendered to us in March by her owner's family due to her owners being placed in a nursing home. She is 9 years old. Bailey came in very sad about losing her home. She had severe cataracts and very limited vision.

It did not take her long to adjust to her new surroundings. Her foster parents Fran and David made her feel welcome and very loved.

Finally after 3 months in her foster home she was adopted. Sherry, her new mom took Bailey to an eye specialist in Illinois where she underwent cataract surgery a few weeks ago. All went well and Bailey now has a whole new world to explore. She is such a lucky little girl to have found a most wonderful forever home.



## Summertime Play and Your Dog

by *Bambi Adams*

Summer is a great time to be outside with our dogs. But did you know that a dog will continue to play even when he or she has become tired just to please you? Well they do. So, should Little Fluffy over do it a bit, rest is the best medicine, but if not here's a quick fix. Holistic veterinarian Donna Kelleher, DVM author of *The Last Chance Dog: And Other True Stories of Holistic Animal Healing*, uses this herbal tea for muscle spasms, inflammation and pain. I have used this tea on my own dogs and it works wonders. Please check with your vet to make sure that these herbs won't interfere with any medication your dog takes. Most of these herbs can be found at your local health-food store.

4 cups water or low-sodium chicken broth  
 1/4 cup dried crampbark (*Viburnum opulus*)  
 1/4 cup dried meadowsweet leaves (*Corydalis fomosa*)  
 1/8 cup dried boneset (*Eupatorium perfoliatum*)

Combine all ingredients in a small saucepan, cover and simmer over low heat for about 30 minutes. Turn off heat, and leave the pan covered for four to six hours. Strain tea, and discard solids. Freeze half of the tea in an ice-cube tray, and thaw as needed at room temperature. Refrigerate the remainder. It should last about two weeks.

Give one teaspoon per 20 pounds of body weight either in food or with a syringe three times a day until symptoms subside.

## Weed Killer

By *Barb Beck*

This really works. I do use it myself!

Shell Busey's Weed Killer Formula

4 cups (1 Litre) of white vinegar  
 1/4 cup (50 ml) of table salt  
 2 tsp (10 ml) of your favorite liquid dish soap

Put this mixture into a spray bottle and spray it on your weeds when it is hot out.

For 1 gallon of mixture multiply by 4

Remember, this formula really works and is only recommended for driveways, sidewalks and the like. If you spray it onto the weeds in your lawn, you're going to kill the grass too and create a big ugly brown spot.

The mix can be effectively applied to larger areas using a 1 or 2 gallon pressure sprayer.

Not a permanent solution but certain more environmentally friendly than things like Roundup.

## Toy Dog Leash Safety

by *Karen LaGuire*

Now that summer is in full swing I want to remind everyone that has a little furbaby to NEVER attach a leash to their collar. Always put a harness on and attach the leash to the harness when you walk them.

From experience, I had a furbaby (Mitzi Mouse, now in furbaby heaven) that had a permanently damaged throat due to a leash pulling on her collar. It is known as a collapsed trachea. Her previous owner did not listen to the Vet that told him never pull on their delicate little necks as it can cause permanent damage. The result of this damage was her coughing and choking and her airway closing down not allowing her to exhale. She had to be held with her head tilted down and then rubbing her throat and chest gently until she calmed down.

REMEMBER they are little ones and should be cared for gently and loved lots.

## Travel Safety

by *Bambi Adams*

The start of Summer means packing up the car for vacations, a picnic in the park or an occasional gaunt to the lake. We all love to take our furry friends along for the ride. Wearing your seat belt protects you and your family during an accident. But what about your beloved pet?

While most of us wear our seat belts because it is the law, we don't always think about restraining our dogs when they are passengers in the car. To protect your furry friend, choose from a variety of canine restraints. They range from car seats for small dogs to harnesses and seat belt attachments.

Not only will this protect them in case of an accident, but after an accident a loose dog can cause major problems. They will be scared and/or injured and might bite an emergency worker who is just trying to help. By the same token, a loose dog may bolt into oncoming traffic when the vehicle doors are open causing another wreck or worse. YIKES!

If you are more comfortable using a portable kennel than a seat belt, use a kennel. But by all means, please use something.

## Dog Food

Many of us vividly remember the pet food recall of 2007. Two of our adopted babies died as a result of eating poison dog food.

All pet foods call themselves "premium" but are they made with human grade ingredients or diseased/decay meat and left-over grain fragments unfit for human consumption? How to distinguish good vs bad ingredients? What ingredients are used in premium pet food? What ingredients should be avoided and why?

Read the label. Look for the ingredients "corn", "wheat", and "by-products". The list of ingredients may look innocent enough but if you truly knew what it all meant, it may turn your stomachs. Are you killing your pets with what you are feeding them?

For instance, meat by-products are animal parts and used can be obtained from any source, so there is no control over quality or contamination. Any kind of animal can be included: "4-D animals" (dead, diseased, disabled, or dying prior to slaughter), goats, pigs, horses, rats, misc. roadkill, animals euthanized at shelters and so on. It can also include pus, cancerous tissue, and decomposed (spoiled) tissue.

Fillers, corn, gluten, wheat, grain, an inexpensive by-product of human food processing which offers very little nutritional value and serves mainly to bind food together. It is not a harmful ingredient but should be avoided simply for its poor nutritional value and quality. Not to mention corn is the number one ingredient that dogs are allergic to.

If you have been feeding a poor quality dog food, but your dog still appears healthy, that is not necessarily the case.. We cannot see what is on the inside. Over time, your dog will suffer when his nutritional needs are not met.

A dog lacking calories may seem lazy, but he is just not taking in enough nutritional energy. An overweight dog may be suffering from a poor balance of fat to protein ratio. A dog that scratches continually may be allergic to one of the ingredients in his food.

Although it is a bit more expensive in the short term to buy high quality dog food, it pays off with a healthier pet and fewer trips to the vet. High quality dog food ingredients provide a stable platform for your dog's vitality, health and well-being. You also will be feeding less and having less doggie doo to pick up. It is important what you feed your pets. Drop what you are doing right now and go read the label on your current pet food. Now don't you think your furbaby is worth it?

Best Foods we Recommend	Better Foods if Best are not Available	
Life's Abundance	Canidae	Natura Innova
Burns	Wellness	California Natural
SoJo's	Eagle Pack Holistic Select	Newman's Own
Honest Kitchen	Solid Gold	Blue Buffalo
	Merrick	Evo

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## 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)

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Baby Milo is  
 our little Liver Shunt boy.  
 Visit our site to read his story.

Milo spent 13 days in ICU prior to his surgery to repair his liver shunt and save his life.

Milo's medical bills are over \$5000.00. Won't you please consider making a donation to help pay his bills?

## Happy Tails



## From Our Happy Forever Families!

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

Dear Angels:

Thank you for the post card and the happy anniversary wishes. It has been a busy year and I have so much to thank you all for. My forever home is so much fun. I have a big brother, Charlie, who watches out for me and my older sister, Molly likes me too.

I have a really big yard and a nice fenced in area to play in. I bark a lot at birds, deer, squirrels and rabbits....then they leave my yard. Mom and Dad let me sleep with them and I get lots of treats.

I love my new home and they all love me very much! I will check in again next year! My forever family wanted to thank you too! They tell me they are so glad we found each other!

Love, Sadie Willie

### 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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Sushi is doing GREAT! We took him to Dr. L in Crestwood, I really like her. Dr. L confirmed that his eyes are ok. His eye pressure tests were under 20. Sushi will stay on the drops you gave me, plus one drop a day of antibiotic drops just to keep eyes clean. We don't have to go back for...SIX MONTHS, cuz all is well. He is on some vasodialators (approved by Dr. L) because he has a heart murmur. This is just heart medicine that he will be on for the rest of his life to keep the heart from overworking and enlarging due to the murmur. Not a big deal, preventative really.

Sushi has gotten completely accustomed to his new home. My husband repeatedly says he is glad we have him, and he spends all kinds of time with him, talking to him in "baby talk". Little Sushi wags his little tail like crazy to greet both of us. He twirls around and runs around outside with the other dogs. He knows how to go outside and which door to come to when he wants back in. He has also gotten to running up and down small flights of stairs, all on his own when he wants to. Sometimes he takes it slower than other times. He continues to take lots of power naps. If he does not feel like doing the stairs, my husband is happy to scoop him up and carry him around! We are really getting a kick of of him and love him more and more each day. His activity level makes me wonder if he is only 8 years old after all!

The Glades

Just received your anniversary card for Mickey. We have had him 2 years today. What a joy he has been! A wonderful and loyal companion and tons of fun. Never a dull moment! We go for long walks daily, and he loves car rides. Great with the Grandchildren. We will have a small party tonight to celebrate with his favorite, a bit of vanilla ice cream. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to share our life with this great little dog with such a big heart.

Becky Thorne

Hi Angels,

Just wanted to let you know Malibu is doing great! She's getting used to my work schedule. She was climbing over the baby gate to get out of the quarter of the house that I keep her and Bandit confined to while I'm gone. Last week, she's started staying in with him, which is good. That's were the food and water is. And she even used the potty paper I put down, just in case :-). I gave both of them a bath last week. She actually did better than I expected! Both of them acted silly when they were done. They get along quite well, although she wants ALL the attention. She is definitely a Princess or at least acts like one. She does great in the car and is walking well on the leash and LOVES to lay out in the grass and sun herself!

Penny

## Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT	ADDRESS	CITY	TIME
8/2/2008	Kokomo Event	Johanning Civic Ctr, 1500 N Reed Rd	Kokomo	
8/3/2008	PetsMart	3500 St. Rd. 38 E	Lafayette	12 - 4 (EST)
8/9/2008	Petco	Route 30, Merrillville, IN	Merrillville	11 - 4
8/9/2008	HannaFest 2008	Park	Hanna	8 - 3
8/10/2008	Pet Supplies Plus	2410 LaPorte Avenue	Valparaiso	11 - 4
8/10/08	Hobart's Dam Car Show Festival Park	111 E. Old Ridge Road	Hobart	9 - 5
8/10/2008	Petsmart	7801 S. US Hwy. 31	Indianapolis	12 - 4
8/16/2008	Winfield Farmer's Market	10645 Randolph Street	Crown Point	8:30 - 12:30
8/16/2008	Petsmart	17180 Mercantile Blvd	Noblesville	11-3
8/17/2008	Petco	10235 Indianapolis Blvd	Highland	11 - 4
8/23/2008	Mill Pond Festival	Mill Pond Road	Union Mills	7:30 am - 8:00 pm
8/24/2008	PetsMart	Route 30, Hobart, IN	Hobart	11 - 4
8/30/2008	Spring Mill Craft/Street Fair	Spring Mill Health Campus	Merrillville	11 - 8
9/6/2008	IPPRA Yard Sale	17304 Mount Street	Lowell	8 - 4
9/7/2008	PetsMart	3500 St. Rd. 38 E	Lafayette	12 - 4 (EST)
9/13/2008	Winfield Farmer's Market	10645 Randolph Street	Crown Point	8:30 - 12:30
9/12/2008 - 9/14/2008	PetsMart Adopt-A-Thon Weekend	All Over	All Over	10 - 4
9/14/2008	Petsmart	7801 S. US Hwy. 31	Indianapolis	12 - 4
9/20/2008	Petsmart	17180 Mercantile Blvd	Noblesville	11-3
9/20/2008	Sunflower Fair 2008	Downtown LaPorte	LaPorte	8 - 4
9/20/2008	Petco	Route 30, Merrillville, IN	Merrillville	11 - 4
9/21/2008	Petco	10235 Indianapolis Blvd	Highland	11 - 4
9/26/2008	Scarecrow Festival 2008	US 30 & 421	Wanatah	4 - 9
9/27/2008	Scarecrow Festival 2008	US 30 & 421	Wanatah	9 - 9
9/27/2008	Pet Supplies Plus	2410 LaPorte Avenue	Valparaiso	11 - 4
9/28/2008	Scarecrow Festival 2008	US 30 & 421	Wanatah	9 - 5
9/28/2008	PetsMart	Route 30, Hobart, IN	Hobart	11 - 4

### Yorkie Yard Sale

New and Gently Used Items Available and  
Adoption Event

Some of our Foster Dogs will be available to meet.

**September 6, 2008**

**8:00 - 4:00**

**17304 Mount St. - Lowell, IN**

100% of the proceeds from this sale will be used for  
existing vet bills and care of our many dogs in foster care.

ALL donations welcome, call 219-929-6549 for details on how.