



# Indiana Petite Paws Rescue

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## Happy Holidays!

*By Barb Beck*

From all of us at IPPRA, we would like to wish all of you a very happy holiday season and a happy new year. We thank you for the support you have given us over the past year.

It is through our volunteers and generous supporters that we continue to exist and can continue to help the unwanted and abandoned petite paws out there.

## Thank You All of Our Wonderful Vets!

Porter County Pet Clinic – Valparaiso  
ARK Vet Services – Evansville  
Hawthorn Animal Clinic – Mt. Vernon  
East Pines Animal Clinic – Boonville  
Care Pets Animal Hospital – Sellersburg  
Horizon Vet Services – Delphi  
Meridian Vet Clinic - Greenwood  
Westwood Animal Hospital - Brownsburg  
Grandview Vet Clinic – Angola  
Ottawa Vet Clinic – Ottawa, Ohio  
Anthony Animal Clinic - Ft. Wayne



Our fabulous and compassionate Vets make all the difference in our Foster Kids lives. We bring them in broken and battered and our caring Doctors and their staffs assist us in bringing them to an adoptable state. Whatever the ailment, we do what it takes to save them and spare no expense. Many of our Vets offer us discounted prices in an effort to keep our medical expenses at a minimum. We rely solely on donations to help us with these expenses. All donations are appreciated and are tax deductible. Help us continue to save them.

## Holiday Hazards

*From SPCA*



*"Keep you Pets safe during the Holidays!"*

## Protecting Your Pet's Feet in the Winter

*By Kara Boman*

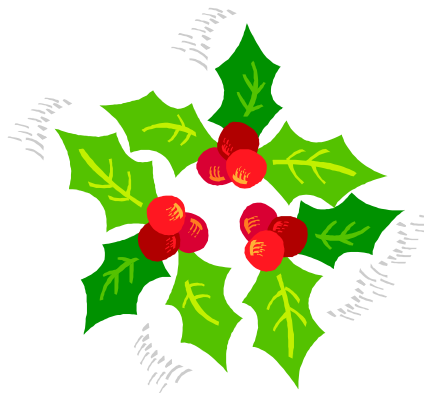
Use a damp towel to wipe your pet's feet and underside.

Ice-melting chemicals *can* irritate and burn the pads of your pet's feet and can cause serious injury if ingested. Another way to protect your dog's feet is to spray the pads of their feet with cooking spray or you can purchase boots for your pet.



Be sure to make this holiday season safe and enjoyable for everyone in your family by observing the following pet safety tips:

- **If you have a live Christmas tree, keep the water stand covered.** Pine sap mixed with water makes a poisonous drink for your pet. The smell of a live or artificial tree may cause your pet to urine-mark it. It may help to bring the tree into an isolated indoor room for a day or so, so that it smells more like "home."
- **Pick up any ornament hooks, tinsel or ribbon that fall on the floor.** Your pet could experience serious internal injuries if it ingests any of these items.
- **If you have a cat that is tempted to play with the ornaments on your tree, decorate the bottom third of the tree with non-breakable,** plastic or wooden ornaments, or decorate only the top two-thirds of your tree.
- **Keep holiday treats and candies out of your pet's reach.** Additionally, remember wrapped gifts under your tree that may be food items. People food, especially in excess, can make your pet sick. Chocolate, in fact, can be fatal to dogs!
- **Secure Christmas trees to a wall or ceiling hook with sturdy fishing line.** This will help prevent the tree from toppling over should your pet jump on it or accidentally knock it over.
- **If you have indoor holiday lights, be sure they don't hang so low that your pet could become entangled in them.** Remember to unplug the lights when you're not home to supervise your pet.
- **If you have a bird, make sure it is safely in its cage if you're lighting any candles.** Additionally, lit candles should be kept out of any pet's reach, perhaps high on a counter or table.
- **Poinsettias, mistletoe berries and some other plants and flowers that are popular during the holidays are poisonous to pets.** Check with your veterinarian or local poison control center to find out what holiday plants and flowers you need to keep out of your pet's reach.



## Top Ten Reasons to Adopt an Older Dog

By Andrea Taborn

In the rescue world, November has always been designated as "Adopt a Senior Month". IPPRA is going to take this one step further and is now offering a new program for our senior dogs. It is our "*Seniors for Seniors Adoption Program*". IPPRA does not discriminate when it comes to our rescue dogs no matter what age they are, or the amount of vet care they need, our group does whatever it takes to help all dogs in need. Research shows that Pet ownership may be a factor in improved health of the elderly. So we thought why not have a program for our dogs as well as elderly people, and help the 2 unite! There are many benefits to adopting a senior dog!

### Housetrained

1. Older dogs are **housetrained**. You won't have to go through the difficult stage(s) of teaching a puppy house manners and mopping/cleaning up after accidents.

### Won't chew inappropriate items

2. Older dogs are not teething puppies, and **won't chew** your shoes and furniture while growing up.

### Focus to learn

3. Older dogs **can focus well** because they've mellowed. Therefore, they learn quickly.

### Know what "no" means

4. Older dogs have learned **what "no" means**. If they hadn't learned it, they wouldn't have gotten to be "older" dogs.

### Settle in with the "pack"

5. Older dogs **settle in easily**, because they've learned what it takes to get along with others and become part of a pack.

### Good at giving love

6. Older dogs are **good at giving love**, once they get into their new, loving home. They are grateful for the second chance they've been given.

### WYSIWYG

7. **What You See Is What You Get**: Unlike puppies, older dogs have grown into their shape and personality. Puppies can grow up to be quite different from what they seemed at first.

### Instant companions

8. Older dogs are **instant companions** -- ready for hiking, car trips, and other things you like to do.

### Time for yourself

9. Older dogs **leave you time for yourself**, because they don't make the kinds of demands on your time and attention that puppies and young dogs do.

### A good night's sleep

10. Older dogs **let you get a good night's sleep** because they're accustomed to human schedules and don't generally need nighttime feedings, comforting, or bathroom breaks.

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Tiny is a 16 yr old fella who's owner no longer wanted him, not because something was wrong but because they tired of him. They wanted to bring him to the local AC shelter but they gave her our number instead in hopes that we could spare this senior man, and let him live out whatever time of good years he had left. He is a tad bit fat, but gets around fine, and does have the start of cataracts, but still sees to go in and out to potty and to even play, and boy does he LOVE to eat!

So he is staying in S. Indiana, with his new family of yorkies, and he fits right in. Dogs like these deserve a chance, and it does cost money to care for these babies, because of the fact that most likely he will never be adopted because people just don't feel an old dog is worth it.

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*"Seniors for Seniors  
Adoption Program"*

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## From Our Happy Forever Families!



Penny and Lily,  
our 2 little miracle girls

Hi Barb, Just a short note to let you know the girls are great and prettier than ever. We're leaving in a few hours to spend a few days in Tennessee but the girls will be well taken care of. My daughters are moving in until we get back. I love the girls clothes. I'll send pictures with the outfits on as soon as I can. I'm send a few pictures out today so watch the mail. Talk to you soon. Melinda



We are all doing really well! Here are some pictures of our little Sophie. When her hair was short, we thought she looked like the dog from the Grinch, so we bought her some antlers. :) her hair is really long now and we attempted our first haircut on Saturday. She hated it! So, we're going to have to come up with some new tactics. by the end, she was mad and we were covered in fur. :) She is housetrained and isn't usually too destructive. Mostly she likes to tear up paper or tissues, which is fine with me. :) We are really happy to have her. She is such a good dog. Thanks,  
Anne and Philip

"This was the perfect adoption. I couldn't imagine a more perfect mom for Rusty."  
Connie Diller  
IPPRA Foster Mom



Rusty and his new mom Sandy



Miss Hannah who had to be turned over to AC because her owner was homeless and was going to go to a shelter that didn't allow animals, was adopted by a wonderful couple in Indianapolis. Hannah is now spending her time as an Indianapolis Colts fan in her new Colts jersey!! We thank Amanda and Adam Hardebeck for finding a place in their heart for Hannah and giving her the princess treatment along with a forever home that she deserves.

Lisa Rice, IPPRA Foster Mom

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