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HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR
MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS OF
CCDR

MAY YOU ALL HAVE A WONDERFUL
HOLIDAY SEASON AND A VERY
HAPPY, HEALTHY AND SAFE
NEW YEAR!

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Welcome

UPCOMING EVENTS

**The CCDR
Connecticut
Picnic will be
announced
in early spring.
Check out their
petfinder site for
details.**
[www.petfinder.org/
shelters/CT234.html](http://www.petfinder.org/shelters/CT234.html)



SPECIAL DOGS OF CCDR



So, you're looking for a new member of your family are you? You go to the various rescue sites, look at their available dog lists, find a few that tickle your fancy and start to contemplate how that dog would fit into your home. You've probably narrowed it down to one or two dogs that interest you, you write the representative that has the dog for more information and if that dog sounds wonderful, you proceed with the steps towards adoption. Does this sound about right?



Tillie "T"

The majority of people look for the younger, cuter, housebroken dog with the great personality. But, did you know they are overlooking some of the very best dogs that rescue has to offer? They are overlooking the seniors and the buddy dogs who also need homes.



While on the Coast to Coast Dachshund site, why not visit our buddy page and our senior page. See what wonderful dogs are in long-term foster care and see how CCDR commits themselves to making sure these dogs are cared for. Some of the seniors are very much adoptable and would love to go to a home who wishes for a companion who just loves the comfort of a sofa and a warm body to watch TV with.



Remember, seniors have been through the puppy stages, the teething, the house training and chair chewing. They'd love to just cuddle and have a warm body to sit with but be ready to go for a ride at the drop of a hat. If you'd like to visit our seniors visit the "senior page" on the website and meet some of our older dogs.



If you feel you could take on the challenge of a dog with a disability, perhaps you'd like to entertain the thought of one of our buddy dogs. There are dogs with minor health issues and some that may need a bit more care. The majority of our buddy dogs have on-going medical needs. Some require minor care and some require more but, they all have one thing in common, they're loving and are wonderful dogs. If you'd like to meet our buddies, while visiting the CCDR site, drop in on the buddy page and meet these great little dogs! <http://www.c2cdr.org>

COAST TO COAST DACHSHUND RESCUE

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Once again it's been a busy year and a successful one. Our members have outdone themselves in helping get CCDR to where it is today by fundraising, holding successful dachshund picnics and doing a bang-up job of placing dogs into wonderful homes. However, the cost of doing rescue increases each year with the growing amount of dogs we take in. Last year alone we spent \$103,389.00 on veterinary costs. Our adoption fees only brought in \$64,200.00. As you can see that is not enough to cover our out-going expenditures. This is why we ask all of our members to help support CCDR by holding fundraising events, have garage sales, sell items on ebay, join local fundraiser events and educate the public on what it takes to run a successful rescue organization. We are extremely fortunate that we have generous donations through private individuals and donations via the website from people who donate towards our buddy dogs but our money needs never stop.



In this issue we have articles that include some health information, one on canine flu and one on choking. The choking article goes hand in hand with the story of the tragic loss of a beloved dog to a greenie. CCDR is not stating that one shouldn't give their dogs treats, but take caution in what type of treats your dog gets and please supervise them so another precious life is not lost. Also, with the holidays being here there are many items that could be dangerous to your dog. We've listed a few things that everyone should be aware of.

Our fundraiser letter is included in this issue because we hope the public realizes the amount of money that is spent to treat foster dogs with the appropriate vetting needs. When you see the money spent in print it is an eye opener on what pressure CCDR has to keep the fundraising and donations coming in.

We've included a couple of fun treat recipes for the dogs and they may even be good enough to give as gifts for those who have dogs. Our members will go above and beyond for CCDR! Read the hilarious story from one of our VA members as she tells the tale of traveling with a dog that, shall we say, had an anal gland *issue* and filled the car with noxious fumes!!! I'm sure many can relate! There is also a great article and a very touching one on adopting a senior dog. For those who have seniors, you can relate. For those who don't, open your home to one. You won't be sorry.

And, don't forget to meet one of our members. This month a member's dog decided to write in about her mom, Bonnie Marcus. Cookie shares all!

Happy Holidays to all!

Joni McCormick

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Coast to Coast Dachshund Rescue

Winter 2005

Dear Friends of CCCR,

As you know, pet rescue has become an integral part of many of our lives. With the Internet and education we are happy to announce that many people seeking a new pet now turn to rescue organizations for their next pet instead of buying from a breeder or a pet shop.

However, rescue continues to be an on-going and growing entity due to many factors and therefore, groups such as CCCR, must do what they can to help these dogs in need.

Coast to Coast Dachshund Rescue is comprised of volunteers in all states who selflessly devote their time by taking in fosters, vetting them and adopting them out to their new permanent home. This does not come without cost and sadly, adoption fees do not cover the vetting costs that CCCR sustains annually. To help offset these costs our members do fundraisers, hold auctions, organize picnics and donate their services to raise money for CCCR. The other saviors are our devoted public. CCCR is very fortunate there are caring people who visit our site, see our plight, read about our "buddy dogs," buy our merchandise and donate freely. It is because of good people that we are able to do "good things."

This past year we spent \$103,389.00 on veterinary costs. Our adoption fees brought in \$64,200.00. This goes to show that we do not fully function on adoption fees and therefore must subsidize our income by fundraising and accepting donations. To help bring in more income we offer on our website, <http://www.c2cdr.org>, the ability to buy unique items for the dachshund lover as well as highlight our "Buddy Dogs" who are either permanent residents/fosters or are dogs that we have brought into CCCR but need extensive medical care. We are always in need of funding and are always appreciative of any amount that is donated.

If you find you can spare 5\$, 10\$, 20\$ or whatever is comfortable, Coast to Coast Dachshund Rescue will be able to continue with the work it's been successfully doing since the organization was started 5 years ago. We are a registered non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and all donations are tax deductible. Your gift will allow us to continue our efforts to raise rescue awareness as well as help a dachshund in need by providing veterinary care and a chance to find a loving home and family.

You can donate a few ways.

- If you'd like to sponsor a buddy, please select one from our list and you will receive a color photo and information about the dog you're helping, a certificate of appreciation, and our newsletter.
- If you'd like to donate to our general fund, fill out the donation form and send in your gift.
- If you have Internet access you can visit our website, www.c2cdr.org and go to "fundraising and gifts" where there is a donation button or go to "Buddies" where you can donate towards your favorite buddy or buddies via Pay Pal.
- If you wish to donate later, our address is Coast to Coast Dachshund Rescue, 1713 Valley Forge Dr. Hixson, TN 37343. No donation is too small especially when it comes from the heart.

Thank you for your continued support and thank you for caring,

Joni McCormick

President

Coast to Coast Dachshund Rescue



20 THINGS THAT DACHSHUNDS MUST REMEMBER



by Georgie Hulland

1. I will not play tug-of-war with Dad's underwear when he's sitting on the toilet.
2. The garbage collector is NOT stealing our stuff.
3. I do not need to suddenly stand straight up when I'm lying under the coffee table.
4. I will always scootch my bottom along the grass to rid myself of hangers-on.
5. I will not roll my toys under or behind the fridge.
6. I must shake the rainwater out of my fur BEFORE entering the house.
7. I will not drop soggy tennis balls in the underwear of someone who is sitting on the toilet.
8. I will not eat the cats' food before nor after they eat it.
9. I will stop trying to find the few remaining pieces of clean carpet in the house when I am about to throw up.
10. I will not throw up in the car.
11. I will not roll on dead birds, seagulls, fish, crabs, etc.
12. I will not lick my human's face after eating animal poop.
13. "Kitty box crunchies" are not cookies.
14. I will not wake Mommy up by sticking my cold, wet nose up her bottom end.
15. I will not chew crayons or pens, especially not the red ones, or my humans will think I am hemorrhaging.
16. When in the car, I will not insist on having the window rolled down when it's raining or snowing outside.
17. We do not have a doorbell. I will not bark each time I hear one on TV.
18. I will not steal my Mom's underwear and dance all over the backyard with it.
19. I will not spend more than 5 minutes trying to find the "perfect" place to poop.
20. I will not take off while on leash to chase squirrels while Mommy is standing on a slippery grass slope.



Happy Endings



Dear Angie,
 Thank you so much for bringing Bayley into our family! She is such a joy and we couldn't be happier! We can't imagine our family without her!

Also, thank you for the wonderful work that you and Coast to Coast Dachshund Rescue League does to help these wonderful dogs find loving forever homes!

Love,
 The Gioco Family
 David, Robyne, Jari, Smokey and Bayley



In Memory of Kissey
 5/29/95-11/5/05



In Memory of Schatzi
 December 1, 2005

Special Friends to CCDR

Many Many Thanks!

Susan & Steven Clark

Karen Engeseth

John & Sue Steib

James Markano

Linda Dakroub

Jim and Pat Derryberry

Canine Influenza, also called Canine Flu, is a newly identified disease of dogs. It can infect any breed of dog and appears in dogs to be similar to Canine Cough (also called Kennel Cough or Infectious Canine Tracheobronchitis). However, early studies of Canine Influenza indicate that the disease has adapted in the dog from a common infection in horses. It is a highly contagious and sometimes deadly canine flu that is spreading in kennels and at dog tracks around the country. It has been reported in Greyhounds at tracks in Florida, Iowa, Massachusetts, Arizona, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Texas.

NOTE From Dr. Dunn at ThePetCenter.com...Currently there seems to be as much hysteria and misinformation about this emerging infection in dogs as hard scientific evidence. Rumors of hundreds of dogs being affected in kennels across the country are unsubstantiated. The best source of information about your local area regarding the facts about Canine Influenza will be your local veterinarian and your state's veterinary medical association. The information presented on this page is meant to be strictly that... an update on recent information. Your veterinarian must be consulted for proper diagnosis, patient evaluation, and individualized therapy for any disease or disorder your dog may have acquired. There are a multitude of disorders and diseases that will cause a dog to cough and gag and hack. That's why individual assessment for your dog is imperative to discern the true cause of the dog's difficulties.

How Is It Spread: According to immunologist Dr. Cynda Crawford who is studying the virus at the University of Florida, College of Veterinary Medicine, it spreads most easily where numbers of dogs are kept in close proximity but could also be passed "on the street" or in kennels. It has been reported that kennel workers have carried the virus home with them and infected other dogs. The fatality rate seems to be between 1 and 10 percent. Since it is such a new disease of dogs it is difficult to forecast about the spread of the disease, severity in individual dogs, and what future numbers of cases may be seen. Dr. Crawford indicates about 80 percent of dogs that are exposed to the canine influenza virus will develop some signs of illness. Because the dog population has such little natural immunity to this virus, potentially every dog exposed could be infected.

Dr. Crawford first began investigating greyhound deaths in January 2004 at a racetrack in Jacksonville, Fla., where 8 of the 24 greyhounds who contracted the virus died. "This is a newly emerging pathogen," she said, "and we have very little information to make predictions about it. But I think the fatality rate is between 1 and 10 percent. Because dogs had no natural immunity to the virus, virtually every animal exposed would be infected. About 80 percent of dogs that are infected with the virus will develop symptoms", Dr. Crawford said. She added that the symptoms were often mistaken for "kennel cough," a common canine illness that is caused by the bordetella bronchiseptica bacteria. Both diseases can cause coughing and gagging for up to three weeks, but dogs with canine flu may spike fevers as high as 106 degrees and have runny noses. A few will develop pneumonia, and some of those cases will be fatal. Antibiotics and fluid cut the pneumonia fatality rate.

The virus is an H3N8 flu which is related to an equine flu strain, however, it is not related to typical human flus or to the H5N1 avian flu that killed about 100 people in Asia. So far there are no known cases of the canine flu infecting humans. "The risk of that is low, but we are keeping an eye on it," said Dr. Ruben Donis, chief of molecular genetics for the influenza branch of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which is tracking the illness. But with the approach of the human flu season and fears about bird flu in Asia, there is much confusion among some dog owners who have heard about the disease. Dr. Crawford said she was fielding calls from kennels and veterinarians across the country worried that they were having outbreaks.

Signs Of Canine Influenza: The signs in an infected dog are similar to Bordetella bronchiseptica bacterial infection commonly called Kennel Cough, Canine Cough and Infectious Canine Tracheobronchitis. Coughing and gagging for up to three weeks is seen in Canine Cough and in the newly emerging canine disease Canine Influenza.

Fevers as high as 106° can occur. Increased signs of cough may be triggered by exercise or excitement. Nasal discharge may be evident, as well. The dog may act much quieter than usual or seem depressed and display a disinterest in its environment.

Treatment For Canine Influenza: Keep in mind that viruses are not usually affected by antibiotics used against bacterial infections. Antiviral drugs such as amantidine and Tamiflu have been used but are not licensed for use in dogs... the information base on the success of antiviral therapy is still small. Antibiotics for both Gram negative and Gram positive organisms may be needed due to secondary invasion of damaged lung tissues from opportunistic bacteria. Fluid therapy for debilitated dogs could be required to give support to these patients while their own bodies create defensive immune factors to assist in

warding off the infection. Older dogs and young puppies may be at greatest risk for treatment failure. X-rays may be needed to evaluate the severity of pneumonia. In spite of vigorous in-hospital therapy, some dogs simply will not respond and will succumb to the disease.

Tests For Canine Influenza:

Veterinarians can send blood samples to the Cornell School of Veterinary Medicine, Animal Health Diagnostic Center, which is the only laboratory doing blood tests on Canine Influenza at this time. Nasal swabs may be submitted to a veterinary pathologist for evaluation and virus isolation but the sample must be taken very early in the course of the infection... usually within 72 hours after signs develop in the dog. Any dog that displays a persistent coughing, hacking or gagging should be evaluated by a veterinarian. Coughing, hacking or gagging are actually non-specific signs and therefore cannot be used to identify any single cause. Do not assume your dog has Canine Influenza just because it is showing signs of a respiratory disorder. These signs may be due to a variety of disorders such as tonsillitis, fungal disease such as Blastomycosis, Congestive Heart Failure, Heartworms, tumors, infiltrative immune disorders of the bronchial structures, foreign body obstruction and other disorders. A diagnostic workup may be needed to positively identify the cause of the dog's difficulty. Ask your veterinarian about vaccinating your dog against the Bordetella organism that is associated with Infectious Tracheobronchitis (Kennel Cough), the common and familiar respiratory disorder affecting unprotected dogs. Will a vaccine be developed for this new and emerging disease of dogs called Canine Influenza (Canine Flu)? Scientists are already studying this disease and the chances of immunization being a reality are assured if this infection continues to spread. Contact your veterinarian for more information.

More about... TESTS FOR CANINE FLU (INFLUENZA)

Below is a message sent to Wisconsin veterinarians by the Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association. It contained a message from Christopher W. Olsen, DVM PhD at the School of Veterinary Medicine, Madison, WI. Dr. Olsen's email is below. Note that for virus isolation and identification to be accurate, the nasal swab must be taken from the dog within a short time of displaying signs of Canine Influenza. After the 72 hours of clinical signs, recovery of live virus from the dog is unlikely and at that point serological (blood) testing may be helpful in making a diagnosis of the disease.

"While there is no vaccine available yet to protect dogs from influenza virus infection, diagnostic tests are available; both virus isolation and serology can be done through the Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (WVDL) in Madison.

My recommendation is that if practitioners are presented with dogs within the first 72 hours of illness, they should obtain separate swab samples (using Dacron, not cotton, swabs) of the nasal passages and pharyngeal region for virus isolation, and they should collect a serum sample, to be followed by a second "convalescent" sample about 3 weeks later. Virus isolation sample kits can be requested from the WVDL, and specific testing and sample shipping information will soon be posted on the WVDL website (www.wvdl.wisc.edu) or can be obtained by calling the lab at (608) 262-5432. If a practitioner is presented with a dog after 10-14 days of coughing, then just a single serum sample is appropriate, and attempts at virus isolation beyond the initial 72 hours of illness are not useful because dogs are likely to only shed virus for a short period of time. As to the specific serologic test, both hemagglutination-inhibition and virus neutralization tests have been developed and both are useful."

Christopher W. Olsen, DVM PhD
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Reprinted from: <http://www.thepetcenter.com/gen/canineinfluenza.html>

Toxic Plants and Holiday/Winter Products:

Plants and other items associated with the winter and holiday season can be toxic to your pets. What follows is a general guide. Be sure to consult your veterinarian and/or poison control for more specifics. The earlier you seek treatment, the better for your pets.

Low toxicity - poinsettia leaves/stems, balsam/pine/cedar/fir, angel hair (spun glass), Christmas tree preservatives, snow sprays/snow flock, tree ornaments, super glue, styrofoam, icicles (tinsel), and crayons/paints.

Moderate toxicity - fireplace colors/salts, plastic model cement.

Moderate to high toxicity - holly berries and leaves, bubbling lights (methylene chloride), snow scenes (may contain salmonella), aftershaves/perfumes/alcoholic beverages, chocolate (dark is more toxic than milk).

Highly toxic - mistletoe (especially berries), epoxy adhesives, antifreeze.

Some of the above items have special problems. For example, whereas angel hair is usually considered to be of low toxicity, it can irritate eyes, skin and the gastrointestinal tract. The content of Christmas tree preservatives varies and often effects depend upon the amount ingested. Styrofoam and small parts from tree ornaments, tinsel and toys can cause obstructions in the gastrointestinal tract. Antifreeze deserves special mention because even a very small amount can be rapidly fatal to pets.

... mmm goooood ...

Gladys's Cheese Nuggets

- 1 c Uncooked Oatmeal
- 1 1/2 c Hot Water or Meat Juices
- 4 oz (1 cup) Grated Cheese
- 1 Egg, Beaten
- 1 c Wheat Germ
- 1/4 c Margarine
- 1/2 c Powdered Milk
- 1/4 tb Salt
- 1 c Cornmeal
- 3 c Whole Wheat Flour

In large bowl pour hot water over oatmeal and margarine: let stand for 5 minutes. Stir in powdered milk, grated cheese, salt and egg. Add cornmeal and wheat germ. Mix well. Add flour, 1/3 cup at a time, mixing well after each addition. Knead 3 or 4 minutes, adding more flour if necessary to make a very stiff dough. Pat or roll dough to 1/2 inch thickness. Cut into bone shaped biscuits and place on a greased baking sheet. Bake for 1 hour at 300 degrees. Turn off heat and leave in oven for 1 1/2 hours or longer.

Makes approximately 2 1/4 pounds. Servings: 10

SNICKERPOODLES

- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup shortening
- 1 cup honey
- 2 eggs
- 3 3/4 cups white flour
- 2 teaspoons cream of tartar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 cup cornmeal
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon

Mix vegetable oil, shortening and honey together until smooth. Add eggs and beat well. Blend in flour, baking soda and cream of tartar. Knead dough until mixed well. Shape dough by rounded teaspoons into balls. Mix the cornmeal and cinnamon together in a bowl and roll balls in mixture. Place 2 inches apart on a cookie sheet that has been sprayed with a nonstick spray. Press the balls down with a fork twice going in 2 different directions or press with your favorite stamp. Bake 8 minutes at 400. Remove from baking sheet and cool on a rack.



A tribute to Burt

Our wonderful dog, a healthy, 4-year old rescued Miniature Dachshund named, "Burt", died July 25, 2005. He died from a pet treat called a Greenie.

Burt was promptly admitted to an emergency hospital after vomiting blood, bile and collapsing on the local vet's examination table. The doctor suspected an intestinal blockage and recommended exploratory surgery. What the doctor found was 3 1/2 feet of necrotic small intestine, as well as the "foreign body obstruction" behind the problem. The "obstruction" was none other than a well-chewed, partially digested bit of a Greenie.

Both the large mass of dead tissue and the Greenie were surgically removed from Burt. The Greenie was saved and later examined. It was rubber-like and spongy. It had absorbed liquid and had expanded in size about 25-35%. It was the "toothbrush" end of the product. I immediately recognized the ribbed contours of the toothbrush; but, it took my husband a bit longer to recognize it because it was well chewed, as the manufacturer said it should be.

Burt tried as hard as he could but he just couldn't hang on; the damage caused by the Greenie had already been done. He turned septic, got pneumonia and died 48 hours after the surgery with my husband and I by his side; he'd gone through unbelievable trauma, pain and suffering. He went through three cardiac arrests. Burt died from this product. His problems would not have happened if it weren't for the wretched "treat" obstructing his intestines.

Prompted by our outrage over the unnecessary death of our dog, we immediately contacted Greenies and they investigated. We shared medical records with them. They spoke with our vet and then with my husband. Dr. Brad Quest, the Greenies on-staff veterinarian, told us on the phone that they can't find any fault in our actions, or the doctor's actions, or the timeline of events. We voiced our strong concerns about the product and among other things, told Dr. Quest that the product needed to be recalled and reformulated. To this day, they have not responded to this request.

And all this from a product that comes with veterinarian recommendations and "highly digestible" and "edible" claims on its packaging and website. We read the packaging. We followed the instructions. Our dog is no longer alive.

Burt died 3 years to-the-day that he came into our lives. He is dearly missed and his family is heartbroken. He is not replaceable. However, Burt will not die in vain. Nor will the other dogs that we know of that have suffered from this product.

Please think twice about this "treat". Make smart choices for your pets. Why take any risk at all? Our new motto for their company: Greenies: your dog can live without them.

Mike Eastwood
Jenny Reiff
The Romeo Group, Inc.
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An Old Dog's Christmas Wish...

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the pound,
Not a creature was stirring, except one lonely old hound.

The shelter was decorated in bright holiday trim,
As poor old Jake waited on a visit from Him.

All of Jake's friends had found a new home,
Except for old Jake, all cold and alone.

But Jake knew it was Christmas, the holiday season.
He hoped his friends were placed for all the right reasons.

He had seen it before, the holiday gift.

A new dog at Christmas, it gave everyone a lift.

But a dog isn't a gift, it's a lifetime commitment.
Some people don't realize that, and it ends in resentment.

The dog that on Christmas, brought so much joy,
Ends up tossed aside, like an old worn-out toy.

The dog becomes a problem; they don't want it around,
And the poor Christmas pup ends up back in the pound.

So Jake wished the best for all of his friends.

Would he see them again, he guessed it just depends.
If all of the families were worthy of a dog's undying love,
The next time he saw his friends, it would be up above.

But if they came back, ending up in the pound,
He would see them again, unless Santa came around.

For Jake's Christmas wish was a home of his own,
With more happiness and love than Jake had ever known.

But the night grew colder and Santa never came.
Who would want an old dog anyway, all crippled and lame.

So Jake closed his eyes and drifted to sleep.

It was a good nap, all peaceful and deep.

Jake didn't wake up that Christmas Eve night,
But he had found his new home. It would be alright.

For Jake's Christmas wish had finally come true.
He had found a forever home, where he was loved. He knew.

Jake had been a gift that Christmas Eve night.

He was given to someone with Power and Might.

A dog fit for the King, all noble and regal.

Jake was finally at home, and one happy little Dachshund.



How to drive with your head out the window and clips on your nose

By Joyce Fletcher

Just thought I'd share some of today's events with you. Late this afternoon I picked up Fritz, an owner surrender. I'd been told that at about 30# Fritz had a bit of a weight problem, but was also told that he was a standard. Well..., judging from his head and feet, Fritz is probably a true mini. Unfortunately, his mini-ness is well hidden under huge multiple rolls of blubber.

Part way down the road poor Fritz blew his anal glands. I think perhaps he'd been saving anal juices for awhile for just such an occasion. We had to stop along the road for a clean up on aisle 6. Stopped at my S-I-Ls for additional clean up, just short of a full bath. I do believe Fritz was endowed with the anal glands of a mastiff. Then there were all the creases between his rolls of fat that had to be swabbed out.



Back in the car we go, all of us faintly smelling of dog butt, my daughters gagging and hanging their heads out the windows, my mom sitting quietly with lips pursed and eyes bulging. Just when we think all is back under control, Fritz develops a little nervous gas. I never thought I would ever say that I preferred the smell of anal glands to anything. It was more than just a little gas. It was great green gaseous clouds. Caused fits of coughing and gagging and brought tears to our eyes. As George Carlin so eloquently phrased it, "could have knocked a buzzard off a s**t wagon." Talk about biochemical warfare. Perhaps we could bottle that and use it to subdue terrorists or something. It was a little chilly riding with the windows down.

We made it back to Manassas to hand Fritz over to Sue Pennock's stepson and his wife for the next leg of his trip. I warned them that Fritz had had an anal episode coming down the road. "Oh, that's okay", they tell me, "We've spread a sheet across the back seat just in case." Well, the wind changed about the time Fritz cut loose with another terrorist leveling gas cloud. Rick ran to the trunk of the car saying, "What else have we got to put under that sheet..." I think he was beginning to reconsider his offer of helping Sue with transports.

Fritz clambered across their back seat and made himself to home in their daughter's lap. As they got on their way, I'm sure I glimpsed their windows going down. It's going to be a long chilly drive for them to Hagerstown, MD tonight.

The One-Eyed Gas Pipe's number one competitor will be fostered with Sue Pennock in NH. She and Fritz will be driving home from MD tomorrow. I hope she doesn't have to go through any tunnels where hazardous materials are prohibited....

Joyce

Choking is one of the last disasters that you may imagine happening to your pet. I'm prepared for the obvious hazards; cars, dog fights, cuts, bug bites, etc. However, last year when our dog, Oliver, was choking on a cookie I had no idea what to do. I was quite certain that he was going to die on my lap. Then I remembered a television show I had seen about pet first aid and how to use the Heimlich Maneuver on a dog. I used this maneuver and he survived his ordeal with no lasting effects. It can be very difficult to spot a dog that is choking because they are usually quiet. When an object is lodged in the airway, often no sound can escape through the windpipe. Indications of choking may include:

- pawing at the mouth and gasping for breath
- no breathing
- labored, loud and noisy breathing sounds
- anxiousness
- drooling
- gums may be blue or white
- loss of consciousness

Below is an excerpt from the Red Cross' Pet First Aid book with instructions on performing the Heimlich Maneuver on your dog. I have these steps hanging on the refrigerator and I also sent copies to my friends and family with dogs. Please study and keep these steps in a prominent spot in your home. It may save your dog's life someday! Remember, if your dog has a choking experience take them to the vet immediately if possible.

First Aid for Choking

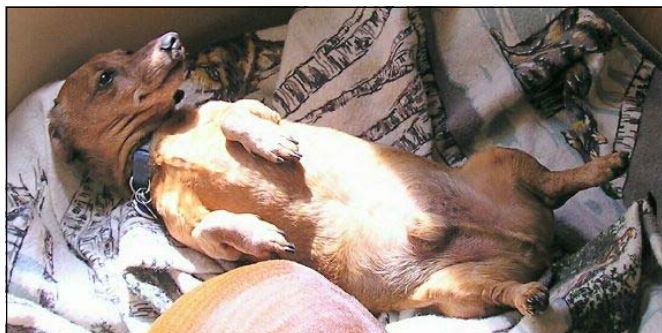
1. Make an initial evaluation of the medical situation. Inspect the area. Inspect the animal. Use caution not to get bitten.
2. Open the mouth. You may be able to dislodge the object by carefully sweeping your finger from side to side.
3. Pull the tongue forward and remove any foreign material present.
4. Place the animal on his side on a firm surface or allow him to continue standing.
5. Place your arms around the animal's waist
6. Close your hands together to make a fist and place the fist just behind the last rib.
7. Perform a series of five quick abdominal thrusts and rescue breaths.
8. If the object does not come out by doing this, lift and suspend the animal by the hips with the head hanging down. For larger animals, hold the animal's hind legs in the air so the head hangs down.
9. Administer a "sharp blow" with the flat side of your hand between the shoulder blades and repeat abdominal compressions.

Choking information adapted from the American Red Cross *Pet First Aid* book available from your local Red Cross chapter or online at www.RedCross.org. Many American Red Cross chapters also offer a Pet First Aid course covering resuscitation and emergency first aid treatment for dogs and cats.

ON ADOPTING A "SENIOR DOG"

Barbara E. Taylor

I have to admit that when we were told about Buddy Holly, age 14, we did have second thoughts. After all, at that age, how long would we have him with us? My husband and I have been "owned" by dachshunds for our entire 36 plus-year marriage. I came to our marriage already having been "dachshund owned" for many years before. However, all Buddy's predecessors did start out as babies. The longest-lived was our dear girl, Gudrun, whom we brought home at just under 8 weeks, and left us for the Rainbow Bridge at age 15 ½. Buddy was definitely our first "senior person".



Of course, we also got many of the all too usual comments and questions: Why would you want to adopt a dog that might die any day? At that age, they're already half-dead anyway. He'll only break your heart. Then there was the one from my late brother, a herpetologist: Well, at least he's the right size to make a snack for a python. Surely, at that age, he wouldn't live long enough for much more.

Before I go on, I should describe Buddy Holly. He is a "tweenie" dachshund, now tipping the scales at a thunderous 14 pounds. He is a light brown (in dachshunds, for some strange reason, they still call this "red"), with HUGE eyes, and just about the softest coat you could imagine. Nothing? absolutely NOTHING could be said about his being "elegant". As for adorable? If there was ever a line to stand in for "cuteness", Buddy must have managed to get into it several times. That is what made us fall in love with the picture his foster mom so craftily sent us. I could almost feel him in my arms just from that picture! Never mind that he was "old", we fell in love from just that picture! Still, we did then ask ourselves "HOW could two other homes give him up?" Darned if we knew? or know NOW!

In the now, over two years since we have been so privileged to have Buddy Holly in our lives, he has truly taught us a lot! Love is NEVER "used up". Character only improves with experience, the soul does not age, and every day must be made to GLOW! Of course, it should with every beloved 4-legged companion, but with Buddy, it does anyway! Buddy never ceases to surprise us.

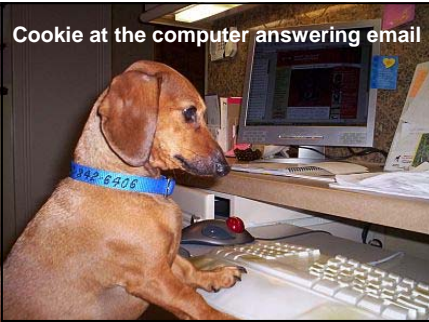
Through all the years I have shared with dachshunds it has become obvious that the more character a dear person has, the more the funny love-names they get given. It didn't take Buddy long to start acquiring his full share.

When he discovered the delight of exploring our very shady and Hosta-filled garden, he became "Mr. Fierce Woodland Spirit". Oh the many times I've seen those huge eyes of his peering out from those leaves at me. Fact that he started wanting to begin his "explorations" at 3:00 a.m. was no bother to him. Knowing that his life hadn't been the happiest life before God brought us together, I just didn't have the heart to say, "no". His very strong sense of who he was, what HE wanted, and what he was NOT willing to tolerate got him dubbed "The Tiny Tyrant". He still is. "Mr. Prissy Butt", is yet another favorite. Those into whose lives he has come can well appreciate his "unique" way of moving.

He does put up with a lot. He keeps company with 4 other dachshund people ranging in age from not quite 2 years to our special other senior guy, Trooper, whom I saw born. He, together with our other "rescue", also "senior-ish" guy, Dinkum, are the only "little people" (in the physical sense only). All the others are large standards. This doesn't phase Buddy in the least. In the couple of times when Buddy has had to stay overnight at the vet's, the house still seems so empty without him. He fills it that much!

I do have to say here, that Buddy is not without his "foibles": FEET! Buddy does NOT like his feet fussed with. This occasioned yet another name when we had to treat a sore he did develop on a paw pad earlier this year: "Mr Godzilla". While we were protecting his bandage from getting wet, we figured out that putting a small baggie over the affected foot was definitely a 2-human operation. After graduating from the baggie, his paw pad still needed "daubing" in some antibiotic "stuff". It was DEFINITELY a 2-human operation.

....Meef the members....



My name is Cookie and I live in Chattanooga, TN. I want to tell you about my mommy, Bonnie Marcus. She's a big softie and has been rescuing pets for 30 years. But Dachshunds have always been special to her and in 1999 she resigned her position on the board of Tennessee Humane Animal League and started devoting her time to us wonderful wiener dogs. She could stay home and do it on the computer and didn't have to leave the doggies home alone so much so everyone liked that. Since she started a pet sitting business in 1995 that took her away from us enough! Mommy now keeps many of our ex-foster dachshunds when their new parents go out of town so our house is always full. I am 2 yrs. old and I have a brother, C.J. (18 months), and 3 sisters, Fudge (9 yrs.), Maggie (10 yrs.), and Mouse (10 yrs.). We love each other and get along so well. My dad, Rick, is a lawyer and works hard so that we can have lots of cozy blankets and beds, good food and treats, lots of toys and great medical care. Mommy works very hard for CCDR. She is on the board, is assistant treasurer and does many more things that are too numerous to mention. She also hosts the Dixie Doxie Festival each April so that we can get together with dachshund friends and raise money for CCDR. Along with everything else she transports and fosters. Mom says she never thought she'd be this busy after the real kids were grown and gone but I think it keeps her young! Lovingly written by COOKIE!



Zak Thomas, Erin Watson (Deanette's niece) with Winnie Cooper and Deanette Sterner with Chili Palmer at a fundraising event for CCDR.



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DIXIE DOXIE attendees. The sign says it all!





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- In memory of Kiskey Marcus from caring friends - Mary Afton, Karen Engeseth & Kay Childs, Sandy, Larry and Gus Zuckerman, The Wade kids and Deanette & Bob Sterner.
- In loving memory of our precious little Kiskey. She was the apple of her daddy's eye and is now running at The Rainbow Bridge playing with all her talking toys. - Bonnie & Rick Marcus
- In memory of Kiskey. We know she will teach all the other doggies at The Rainbow Bridge how to play ball. - Love, Erin and Ben
- In memory of our dear friends, Sammy and Hannah who belonged to Karen Engeseth - Love, Paula and Harry
- In appreciation of our CCDDR doxie Juca who was adopted by us in July 2003. - Jane Haakenstad
- In honor of Farbe and Oreo - Cindy Christian
- In honor of my babies Meggie and Mollie- Mary Harrsch
- In honor of Bailey - From your dad, Gene
- In honor of and in appreciation of Karin Lang for helping place Pete and Otto - Kathy and Randy Neindorff
- In honor of Rosebud, our new little angel - Mary Mulligan
- In honor of Judy Wade - Mary Mulligan and Rosebud
- In honor of my special little girl Lucy - Terry Denniston
- In honor of Sue Hurwitz for her undying support of CCDDR and all the special little dachshunds that come through. Sue has adopted 2 CCDDR dogs - Allie, her little angel who spent 7 years in a Missouri puppy mill and is still sometimes challenged with the task of a daily life of freedom, and Suzy Q, a previous buddy page member and our little heart surgery patient from Iowa. She's as sassy and wild as any little gal can be! All our love, Tina and Paul, Jill, Bill, Kaitlin, Mason and the dog crew



- In loving memory of our dear Hannah who left us July 15, 2005. She will forever be in our hearts - Karen and Kay. Gretel, Li'l Bit and Hamilton
- In memory of Diggity Gonder. You are missed by all the humans who live at and visit "Camp Gonder". May you rest in peace and know that you'll always be your mom's best dog ever! - Tina and Paul Salisbury
- In memory of Riley Remmick. You touched everyone's soul and you will be missed forever by your mom. You were our first foster dog and for that reason and many others, we'll always remember you. May the greedy breeders who had you and the others like you know unspeakable pain in the hereafter - Tina and Paul Salisbury
- In memory of Tidbit, the sweet old soul from Missouri who seemed to have had a hard life. You were the light in your new parent's eyes and you gave them great happiness in the short time you were with them. Many humans were blessed to have met you - Tina and Paul Salisbury
- In memory of Lonnie Vandever - LaVaughn Carey
- In memory of Albert, a rock star in the dog world - John and Alicia Tschirhart
- In memory of my beloved Tinkerbell - Mary Harrsch
- In memory of sweet Hannah, a gentle little soul who will never be forgotten - Mike Lindblom
- In memory of precious Hannah, Karen and Kay's brave little girl - Bonnie Marcus
- In memory of Hannah, the sweet baby of Karen and Kay - Judy Mosteiro
- In memory of my two babies, Lucy and Kadi - Charlsie Land
- In memory of Fred Stemnock, beloved dachshund to Jerry and Kay Stemnock of Chicagp - Paula Rodenz, Teresa Marte

♥ In loving memory of Burt. We will miss you, our "little gentleman." - Liz McGarrity, Jennifer Jones, Jamie Askin, Zach Koonce, Paul Middlemiss, Mark Seidel, Mark Krumper, Russell Stratton, Rob Levy, Kate Brennan, Josh Blum, Jonny Lisecki, Kathie Russo, Amy Hass, Kristen Loeb and Cristin O'Keefe Aptowicz and Shappy Seasholtz ♥

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