



Collin County Humane Society Raises Nearly \$100,000 at Second Annual "Give a Dog a Home" Gala

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Collin County Humane Society (CCHS) raised nearly \$100,000 at the organization's second annual fundraising gala, "Give A Dog A Home", held Friday, October 21, at City Place in Dallas. All proceeds from the event will go toward a capital campaign to raise money to build a \$4.2 million 10,000 s.f. adoption center slated to open in 2015.



Gus Hinojosa, HINOJOSA Architecture & Interiors and Molly Peterson, President CCHS.

Special guests included Arthur E. Benjamin, philanthropist and founder of American Dog Rescue, who served as keynote speaker, and Gus Hinojosa of Hinojosa Architecture and Interiors, who discussed progress on the new adoption center. The program also included presentation of the CCHS 2011 "Justice Award" to Scotlund Haisley, founder of Animal Rescue Corps, for his organization's work saving animals in disasters.

"The proceeds from this year's gala will be a great boost toward our campaign for the new adoption center," said Molly Peterson, president, Collin County



Scotlund Haisley, Molly Peterson, Tressa Broadhead, and Arthur Benjamin. Image copyright 2nd2Nunn Photography

Humane Society. "We are especially grateful to our featured speaker Arthur E. Benjamin, whose stirring remarks helped raise \$47,500 in ten minutes alone. This was in addition to the proceeds from his generous auction item donations and sponsorship from his organization, American Dog Rescue. This income,

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All I want for Christmas Is a Bone....

By Molly Peterson, President, CCHS



No idea who this is....

We recently received an email about a little boy who's only wish for Christmas was a gift for his best friend; what a selfless request from such a young boy. You see, this boy did not make

the request because he had everything he needs (what young boy does). The Christmas wish was requested from a young boy in a very sad situation who in fact didn't know where his next meal was coming from; But when given the chance to ask for anything, the

little boy looked to Santa and said, "I really want a bone for my best friend...my dog."

Our hearts broke at the thought of not having the means to provide for our families and pets. The simple re-

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How I Came To Rescue

By Vanessa Brammer



Missy, one of Vanessa's very first foster pups!

Born and raised in Costa Rica I was pretty used to seeing stray dogs every day. No matter where I went they were there. As a little girl I didn't understand why they were roaming the streets and why no one did anything about them. At age 10 my parents got a German Shepherd and being that I was an only child I treated that dog like it was my very own brother.

At age 19 I came to Louisiana and I was thrilled not to see any more stray dogs. I wanted to get a dog of my own but I couldn't because I was living at a college campus. So I settled with just seeing other people's dogs.

In 2004 I moved to Texas and got my first apartment. One day I went to the tennis court where a man stood there holding a four month old yellow lab puppy. The puppy was all skin and bones. Upon talking to him I came to find out that this man was leaving the puppy in a crate over 15 hours every day. He claimed that he didn't have any time for the puppy and that he was taking him to the

shelter the next day to be possibly euthanized. My reaction to those words was "No you're not." I told him to hand me the dog and without any hesitation he did. From that day on my life changed completely and I knew that I had rescued a dog even if he didn't come from a shelter. The puppy was named Tago after my city of birth (Cartago, Costa Rica). Tago sure was a handful specially for someone like me who had no clue how to take care of a puppy. With a friend's help I was able to get through the first year.

My love for animals grew stronger and stronger and I knew it was time to get Tago a friend so I went to the SPCA hoping to adopt another puppy around 10 wks old. I had never been to a shelter so walking in that place was very depressing to me. I was told that they didn't have any small puppies but that I was welcome to look around. My first reaction was to turn around and leave but then I spotted this sweet looking dog cowering against the back of the kennel. She was terrified and looked so sad. Since she wasn't coming to me when I called her I decided to just keep looking at other dogs but something told me to keep going back to her kennel. I noticed that she was coughing and we were told that she had a little cold but that she would get over it in a few days. Two hours later I walked away with her. A few hospitalizations later and lots of big bills I came to find out that she had Distemper. Doctors gave her very little chance of survival but 5 years later Faith is a very happy doggie.

After adopting Faith I decided that I wanted to see what else I could do to help out other dogs. I went to Petco one day and came upon a local rescue group. After hearing what rescue was all about I decided that this was something I really wanted to do. I knew I couldn't adopt any more dogs but I could open the doors of my home and let them live with me temporarily. I got on the Internet and started searching rescue groups in the DFW area. On July of 2009 I joined the amazing team of Collin County Humane Society. I've been fostering puppies since then and I love seeing a different face every couple of weeks. People constantly ask me how I can let them go and not get so attached. Trust me, it is hard to let them go and some more than others but as long as I know that they are going to a great home it makes all the difference in the world.

Missy and Teddy were my very first foster puppies. They were 5 month old shepherd mix. They came into the shelter with an entire litter of siblings. They were in such sad condition that no one wanted to adopt them. However, an angel stepped up and decided to foster all of them. Not long after she took them I was able to help her care for Missy and Teddy. They were absolutely adorable and definitely all puppy. They loved to lounge on the couch and watch TV. Missy loved to hang out under the porch swing. It was with Missy and Teddy that I realized that from now on I would foster puppies. They are cute, cuddly and I get to enjoy them for a couple of weeks

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quest of a bone for his dog symbolizes more than just a dog without a bone, it shines a light on the families whose fur kids really are a part of their families but are often over looked due to financial stress on the family. This story touched our hearts and we wanted to find a way to give a bone to more dogs/families in need this holiday season. We all put our heads together to come up with a campaign to help a family (or five) in need this holiday season, and so was born the "Wishbone Holiday Campaign."

The Collin County Humane Society has selected four deserving families for our Wishbone Holiday Campaign. Please visit our website to review the stories of the families who have fallen on hard times and their pets needs have taken a back seat due to financial stress. Your donations and support for their fur kids is greatly appreciated! The donations

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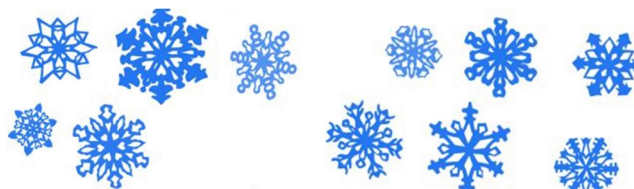
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Events Tab on our website to review the story about each deserving family!

If you have any further questions, please contact Pres@CollinCountyHumaneSociety.org

Dr Erin Shultz with Mazies Mission has donated her services to fully vet Princess! Donations will cover the supplies for the vetting, microchip, food, Hw preventive and other misc care on her wish list www.maziesmission.org

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Give A Dog A Home Gala

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combined with the funds raised in our silent and live auction, helped us soar well over our \$50,000 goal."

The event featured a cocktail hour with live music, a silent auction, entertainment by Ad Libs Comedy Group, and a 3-course meal with wine service.

"This was a special night for those of us who are deeply committed to the care of dogs in this country," said Arthur E. Benjamin. "I was honored to be a part of helping Collin County Humane Society move closer to their dream for a much-needed new adoption facility. It was also

gratifying to be a part of recognizing Animal Rescue Corps, an organization I am also proud to support."

The new CCHS adoption center will serve as a transitional housing station for dogs in the CCHS program that are ready for adoption. CCHS will remain a primarily foster-based adoption program, with available dogs rotating from foster homes to the adoption facility and back. The facility will also include an area for cats. CCHS is currently seeking land for the facility.

Collin County Humane Society (CCHS) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization established in March of 2008. The foster-home based group is dedicated to helping dogs who are unwanted, aban-

doned or lost. For information, visit www.CollinCountyHumaneSociety.org.

American Dog Rescue (ADR) is a tax-exempt, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to find a home for every adoptable dog in the United States. ADR is committed to placing healthy dogs in permanent homes that are the right fit for the animal and its family. Donations can be made by visiting www.americandogrescue.org/ donate or calling (801) 944-3023.

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Maybelle's Party

Hi! My name is Maybelle! It has been a little over two years since I rescued my parents, Jose and Ken. You may remember Jose from the article "Confessions of a Dog Hater" that was published in the summer newsletter. Well, last month our parents had a celebration of my little brother Tito and my birthdays. It was an event I will never forget.

We invited seven of my BFF doggy friends and their human companions. The celebration was at our beach house in Crystal Beach. It was a fun weekend full of treats, sun, treats, water, treats, and long walks, followed by more treats. Our humans don't care for our treats, so they drank something that later would make them act goofy. That was fun to watch.

We all dressed up for the party. I got to wear my Dora the Explorer dress with my red disco boots. My brother Tito wore his bowtie. He is such a boy, no fuss. Us girls like to dress up. Of course, I had a pink crown too. You can call me Princess Maybelle.

My humans worked so hard to have a fun party for us! They set up the dining table very nicely. In the middle there was a photo cake with a picture of me and Tito on it. It was for the humans to eat. We had special treats

much better than that for us. They also prepared party bags for our doggy guests. The table had place settings for my BFFs and we all ate at the table while the humans watched. What a change! They kept taking pictures of us. Being pretty and famous is hard work. The paparazzi always find us.

I know how humans don't like us to bark too much, but they can be scary too! The house was full of balloons. They were pretty, but sometimes they pop. When that happens I run under a bed! And that wasn't all!

We also had a piñata. Imagine our horror when we watched our humans beat up a piñata in the shape of us! It was like watching a horror movie. Why couldn't they find a squirrel piñata? The scariest part was that they seemed to have enjoyed it! For the following week, I had to keep an eye on the broom stick just in case it tried to attack me.

On a brighter note, Tito and I received lots of presents. I love all the toys. I even got boots, dresses, treats and a very nice collar that says "Spoiled Princess". That is so me! I can't wait to go on walks in the neighborhood so all the other doggies can see our new stuff!!



Maybell enjoying her Party!

My parents also foster other dogs so they can rescue their caring families. Our last foster brother Jack came to the party as well. He rescued friends of the family, so for our party, he was invited too. We need to work on rescuing more families with my little foster brothers/sisters so we can keep in touch. He also came to visit us last weekend and we went to the doggy park together. You are looking good, Jack! Call me sometime.

Let's see what they plan for next year, but please someone tell them no more doggy piñatas.



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"Life is no brief candle to me. It's sort of a splendid torch which I've got hold of for the moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as I can, before passing it on to future generations."

— George Bernard Shaw



Gail Lorber Benjamin, the late wife of Arthur Benjamin, lived this statement to its fullest.

Today as we, with our friends, work toward a common goal, saving and protecting abused and abandoned animals, Arthur Benjamin, founder of American Dog Rescue, would like to remember Gail's steadfast support of animals across the country and her commitment to fostering, adoption and spay & neuter programs. She provided the inspiration for the creation of American Dog Rescue and its first year of success.

American Dog Rescue's First-Year Achievements Include:

- HSUS \$50 K Challenge - Haitian (Animal) Relief, Haitian Dog Relief With HSUS
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Chimpanzees: The Camel's Nose Under the Tent

By John Pippin, MD

Chimpanzees and camels? What the heck is that about? It's what animal researchers, research institutions, and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) fear—and what objective scientists, some members of Congress, and animal activists seek. The ancient Arab parable about a camel's nose under the tent leading eventually to the camel inside the tent is a fitting depiction of this battle.

That's where chimpanzees come in. Perhaps the hottest current topic in two areas—medical research and animal protection—is whether chimpanzee experiments will continue or end in the U.S. The battle is being waged on several fronts, and the stakes are enormous. For background, it's important to know that only two countries on the planet—the U.S. and Gabon—conduct chimpanzee experiments. And virtually all this research occurs in the U.S.

Chimpanzee research has declined steadily over the past quarter century, and numerous areas where scientists once claimed that chimpanzee use was essential now use no chimpanzees. Fewer than three dozen chimpanzee research protocols are currently active in the U.S. (most of them involving hepatitis C), the number of chimpanzees available for research has decreased by one-third, and more than 80% of the approximately 1,000 research chimpanzees are not used but



simply warehoused. The NIH has prohibited chimpanzee breeding for protocols the agency funds and has retired more than 100 chimpanzees to the federal sanctuary (Chimp Haven in Louisiana).

The current confrontation was preceded by a long campaign by advocates to prove the ethical and scientific invalidity of chimpanzee and other great ape experiments. The precipitating event was the prevention of the transfer of 200 chimpanzees from retirement in Alamo-gordo, NM to lives of invasive experiments at the Southwest National Primate Research Center in San Antonio. Members of Congress prevailed on the NIH to commission a report from the Institute of Medicine (IOM) to determine current and future needs for chimpanzee experiments. That report is due at the end of

2011, and hearings to date provide hope that the IOM will recommend elimination of most if not all chimpanzee research.

In a parallel effort, there is substantial congressional support for the Great Ape Protection and Cost Savings Act (GAPCSA), led by Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD), a physiologist with hands-on experience in primate experimentation. GAPCSA would phase out chimpanzee research, prohibit chimpanzee breeding for research, and retire all 500+ feder-

ally owned chimpanzees to sanctuary. The fate of GAPCSA is uncertain and likely intertwined with the IOM report and the influence of moneyed interests favoring continued use of what they call "the chimpanzee resource."

There is reason to believe that if all these efforts come together, we are on the verge of seeing a paradigm shift and the beginning of the end of chimpanzee experiments. Once that camel's nose is under the tent, the logical extension is to dismantle the remainder of animal research. After all, if our closest genetic relatives are not good models for human medicine and science, then neither are any other animals. Then the camel will be inside the tent, and animal research may be relegated to the historical dustbin. Good riddance.

How the Honey Badger Came to be

By Mark Fitzwater

Some of us adopt a pet and things just seem to fall into place; Everyone gets along and the pet seems to act like he/she has always been there. Other times a pet comes into our homes and things are not all roses. All too often once loved pets often find themselves back in shelter... Just short of signing the dog/pup up for a landscaping or construction job to put the pet to work as it clearly has a calling those fields. Below is a story about an adopter that has had a rough time through the puppy years but has come around to love their little "Honey Badger" through good times and bad.

The Journal of a dedicated adopter:

May 12, 2009: My wife, Laurel, was worried about our four year old yellow lab, Duke, being bored. I told my niece, Molly, that we wanted another yellow lab, a buddy for Duke and a birthday present for Laurel. Molly runs CCHS and located a "yellow lab" that had been put out for a coyote snack on the outskirts of Dallas.

Tulip was the stray's first name, but a Duke needs a Duchess. While we were searching for a pure bred yellow lab... as she grew up, Duchess didn't exactly look like the yellow lab we had pictured. Maybe she wasn't a coyote snack but was actually part coyote instead! This would explain her lack of familiarity knowing how to live in a home. ...

Duke is supposedly a pure bred, but he has the size of a Great Dane. Duchess had no fear, immediately locking her jaws around Duke's bandana. Duke was forced to walk around the house in his bandana necklace with the puppy pendant. Duke was hoping her owners would be back for Dutch soon.

June 1, 2009: We brought Dutch several dog toys, which Duke loved. Duchess preferred house plants, shoes and electrical cords. She had no clue what good puppy behavior was. She would come in the room with the missing loaf of bread in her mouth wagging her tail, looking for a "Good girl!"

Dec 15, 2009: Alexandra suffered the most from the chewing pup. Alex's blue-tooth did not look so good after spending the afternoon in Dutch's mouth. We made an error giving raw hides to quench Dutch's need to chew. Duchess decided the leather couch was really one large raw hide. Returning from a trip we were greeted with a backless couch. Fortunately, Laurel was going to replace it in five or six years, so we let it slide.

April 21, 2010: We had bought a 50 inch plasma TV. We couldn't fit the TV with the box in the car, so we put the TV under a quilt to protect from Dutch. I see a chewed off plug next to the TV. Just as I



Duke and Duchess

was calling the Dumb Friends League to arrange a pickup, Laurel mentions the plug had been chewed off the printer daughter Mandy had left for Goodwill and the TV cord was still in tact. Another reprieve for Duchess.

Aug 4, 2010: Then there was the one puppy crime wave. Our neighbor Scott calls 911 instead of Laurel, as Duchess has trapped him in his garage. The attending officers agree, that Duchess is a vicious Labrador type dog. Fortunately the cops locate Laurel, two houses down, before the police had to use their tasers on Dutch.

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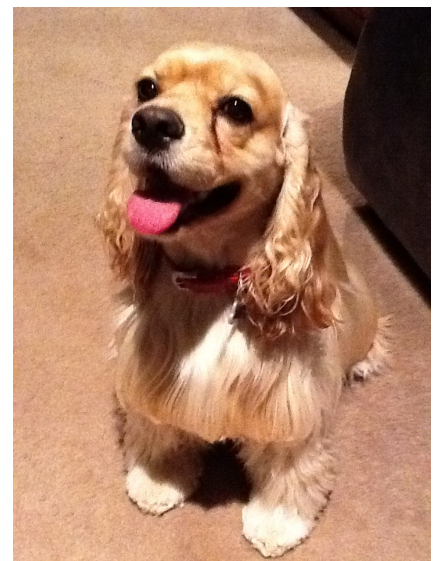
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What you should know about vaccinations

By Ashley Pickering and Karen Creel, CCHS Board Members

Just as vaccinations are important to keeping you and your family healthy, they are also important to keeping your furry family members healthy! Here at CCHS, we take care in protecting your new puppy and dog against parvo, distemper, hepatitis, kennel cough (bordetella) and rabies. Recently, we have also added the canine influenza vaccine into our core program due to a resurgence in the canine flu. Generally with puppies, we begin their vaccinations at 6 weeks of age. At that time, they receive a vaccine known as DHPPC which protects against distemper, hepatitis, parainfluenza, parvo, and corona. Let's take a brief look at these diseases:

Distemper:

The distemper virus can affect a wide range of organs including the skin, brain, eyes, intestinal and lungs (respiratory) tracts. The virus is transmitted through the air through coughing by infected animals and also through body secretions such as urine. Dogs of any age can be affected; however, most are puppies less than 6 months of age. Distemper spreads rapidly and the death rate can be as high as 80%, but those puppies that do survive usually suffer permanent damage to vision as well as the nervous system. Puppies which recover can have severely mottled teeth due to abnormalities of the developing enamel.

Hepatitis:

Canine hepatitis is a disease of the liver and is spread by body fluids including nasal discharge and urine. The primary mode of transmission is

by direct contact with an infected dog. Hepatitis is horrible to go through for a dog, as are all these diseases! Initially, the virus affects the tonsils and larynx causing a sore throat, coughing, and occasionally pneumonia. As it enters the bloodstream, it can affect the eyes, liver, and kidneys. The clear portion of the eyes, the cornea, may appear cloudy or bluish. This is due to edema (swelling caused by collection of fluids within the body's tissues) within the cell layers forming the cornea. The name 'hepatitis blue eye' has been used to describe eyes so affected. As the liver and kidneys fail, one may notice seizures, increased thirst, vomiting, and/or diarrhea. Death can occur as soon as two hours after initial symptoms present. Most cases occur in dogs less than one year of age.

Parainfluenza and Bordetella (Kennel Cough):

The most common symptom of this is a "dry hacking cough" followed by a retching noise. Your dog or puppy may also have a watery nasal discharge. Most dog owners also report their dogs sound like they are "honking". Most dogs eat, play, and act normally. Usually there is a history of being boarded or in a shelter before these symptoms present themselves. In more severe cases, the symptoms may progress and include lethargy, fever, not wanting to eat, pneumonia, and in very severe cases, even death. The majority of severe cases occur in immunocompromised animals, or young unvaccinated puppies.

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How the Honey Badger Came to be

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My friends had advised me to take Dutch over and introduce her to Scott. My plan was to collect dog poop in a paper bag and set it on fire on Scott's porch, but Dutch decided to meet Scott on her own. She opened the front door (as she likes to do) and ran over to her best buddy, Scott. Fortunately, I was able to call Dutch over and grab her collar before Scott peed himself. I asked Scott to meet Duchess, so he would be able to see she wasn't vicious. "If that's the dog that chased me into my garage, no thanks!" He notes the puppy sitting next to me with her ears down looked very different, seems he would have trouble indentifying her in a puppy lineup. So I tell him Duchess's name again, and tell him just to yell "Duchess!" and she'll go away. "Well, dude, this is a big neighborhood, are you going to introduce her to everyone?" I have lived next to Scott for five years, been introduced several times, and he still calls me "dude." Maybe he is not good with names or maybe he just realized he had called a SWAT team down on a dog named Duchess?

Can you imagine if Scott had known her name?

"Yeah, officer, my neighbor's vicious dog has me trapped in my garage."

"Do you know the dog's name?"

"Duchess."

"We seem to have a bad connection. Did you say 'Diablo.'"

"NO! Duchess, D-U-C-H-E-S-S."

CLICK, "Hate those prank calls."

February 8, 2011: Dutch had a large lump on her back which mysteriously disappeared. Buried under all the fur was a nasty wound. Laurel took Duchess to the vet, they wanted \$550 to do blood work. Laurel settles for shaving the area around the wound and antibiotics. We send a picture to my sister Kathy, a vet. She thinks it looks like a spider bite. After a week, the vet drops the blood work fee and butchers

Dutch for just \$433. The vet turns the pen tip size sore into a ten stitch incision with two additional drains and a 12 inch square of shaved fur. We put on a cone to keep Dutch from removing the stitches, but in the kennel there is no room to lie down. So we let her roam the house figuring she won't be able to reach anything to chew up. She can open doors with levers and does so at 2 am. Her vibrating body with a cone is like having an out of control fan blade jumping into bed with you.

April 25, 2011: We tried to give Dutch some freedom from her kennel without a cone on, leaving her out while we ran short errands. Not totally successful. After one 15 minute trip, she had a doggie bag from Maggione's and a loaf of bread on her bed which doubles as a plate.

May 30, 2011: Duchess was always crowding the door, looking for an opening. Ben, a friend, was visiting, opened the front door, and out dashes Dutch right into a car. Ben comes in saying there is blood everywhere and we need to get Duchess to the vet. Dutch has a tire track across her back, but not much blood. Lots of stink. I call my sister, Kathy. She tells me to press Duchess's gums until they go white to see if the color returns. The color returns, a good sign, but I get her leash to take her to vet anyway. Kathy says Duchess could have had the stink scared out of her, some sort of puppy skunk mix. Duchess sees the leash, gets excited to go for a walk and starts running in circles. I decide to wait on the vet.

The next day, Duchess is her old obnoxious self. The stink and the tire track were gone. Kathy told me Laurel needs to hire a hit man with a larger car. That theory was laid to rest when the actual driver sent us a bill for \$1064 for damage to her car.

July 15, 2011: Duke had been limping, so we got some anti inflammatory liver flavored pills along with glucosamine pills. Dutch was jealous. The counter has not



Duchess as a pup

been safe since she arrived. I went to the store for milk forgetting Duke's meds out on the counter. Dutch wasted no time in eating both bottles and their contents. At this point, most would have typed out a suicide note, put Duchess's paw print on, and be done with it. But instead of rejoicing in not having to lock everything up, being able to keep the bread in the bread box instead of top of the refrigerator and buying a new leather couch...a sadness overtook me because every morning and every night, Duchess is at the door, vibrating with excitement to see me. Even on days Duchess knows she will be in trouble shortly, she is always ecstatic to see me. That kind of affection is hard to resist. That kind of companionship is easy to miss. So sister Kathy recommended hydrogen peroxide to induce vomiting, which Dutch gulped down in a flash. We found most of the pills intact in Duchess's vomit. Crisis Diverted!

Duchess won't share and she doesn't play well with others.... Duchess has proven, while anything is destructible around her, she might just be indestructible (and so we have dubbed her the "Honey Badger"). How she became such a beloved part of our family, I will never know... but we do love her unconditionally and until her last days she will always have a place in our home and hearts. How people can surrender their dog for eating their shoe, having an accident on the floor or needing special food is beside me. Our pets are part of the family and while my daughter didn't come potty trained, it took her months to sleep through the night and she has gotten into her fair share of trouble... we still keep her around J so we figure it's worth a lot of trouble for a lot of love in return.

How I Came To Rescue

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before I hand them to their forever home. Missy soon found a wonderful home and was adopted by Lisa Henry Weaver (one of our Honorary Board Members). Back then I estimated Missy would be approx. 70 lbs when full grown. Little did I know that she

would be 100+ lbs. It has been two years and I still stay in touch with Missy. Every time I see her I am reminded of how amazing it is to be a part of rescue and to be able to make a difference in a dogs life.

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What you should know about vaccinations

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Parvo:

Parvo disease is currently the most common infectious disease of dogs in the United States. There is much that we do not know about the virus or the best way to control the disease, but we are learning new information daily. Misinformation about the disease, its spread, and vaccination is widespread.

What we do know is that keeping your young puppy away from common gathering places of dogs, such as pet stores, dog parks, and other similar places, is a great way to protect them until they are received their full set of boosters.

Parvovirus is spread through contact with feces containing the virus. The virus is known to survive on inanimate objects - such as clothing, food pans, and cage floors - for 5 months and longer in the right conditions. There is a broad range in the severity of symptoms shown by dogs that are infected with parvovirus. Many adult dogs exposed to the virus show very few, if any, symptoms. The majority of cases of disease are seen in dogs less than 6 months of age with the most severe cases seen in puppies younger than 12 weeks of age. Parvovirus is characterized by vomiting (often severe), diarrhea, dehydration, dark or bloody feces, and in severe cases, fever and lowered white blood cell counts. Acute parvovirus can be seen in dogs of any breed, sex, or age. The disease will progress very rapidly and death can occur as early as two days after the onset of the disease. Often, it isn't Parvo that kills the puppy, it is the second-

dary infects brought on by a weakened immune system and dehydration.

Canine Corona Virus:

Corona Virus is the second leading viral cause of diarrhea in puppies with canine Parvovirus being the leader. Unlike parvo, corona infections are not generally associated with high death rates. The primary



symptom associated with canine corona is diarrhea. As with most infectious diseases, young puppies are more affected than adults. Unlike parvo, vomiting is not common. The diarrhea tends to be less severe than that associated with parvo infections.

Leptospirosis:

Leptospirosis is one of the few diseases that can be spread to humans through contact with infected urine or a bite from an infected canine, which makes it doubly important to vaccinate against! Once the bacteria enters the blood stream, it spreads to other tissues including the kidneys, liver, spleen, nervous system, and eyes. As the body fights the infection, the bacteria is cleared from most organs, but the bacteria may stay in the kidneys and

be shed for weeks or months in the urine. The amount of damage done to the internal organs is variable. After 7 or 8 days of infection, the dog will begin to recover, if the damage to the kidneys or liver is not too severe. There are also many different strands of Lepto and the vaccine only protects against some. The good news is that Lepto is a rare disease and vaccination is recommended for dogs over one year of age in order to prevent reactions common in puppies.

Rabies:

Rabies is of course one of the most well-known canine virus and can be transferred to humans through bite contact. Fortunately, humans, cats, and dogs are only mildly susceptible to rabies and just because one becomes bitten, doesn't mean it will come down with rabies. In fact, only 15% of those bitten actually develop rabies! Rabies vacci-

nation is mandatory for all states and is the best way to prevent infection.

The most common recommendation for puppies is to start their vaccinations at 6 weeks, give another booster set at 9 weeks, and their last booster at 12 weeks, along with their rabies vaccine. As soon as we get an adult dog into our system, if they have no vaccination history, we immediately give them all necessary vaccinations.

If you have any questions about vaccinations, please make sure to contact your foster parent or your vet. As always, thank you for your support of rescue organizations!



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Collin County Humane Society is a non-profit 501c3 organization established in March of 2008. We are dedicated to helping dogs who are unwanted, abandoned or lost. We focus on finding these loyal souls proper care and loving homes.

CCHS does not have a shelter. All of our dogs live in foster homes with volunteers until they are adopted. We provide all necessary veterinary care for our foster dogs, including vaccinations, spay/neuter, heartworm treatment if needed, heartworm preventative and any other special care they require.

Please consider CCHS when you are ready to add a furry friend to your family.

Upcoming Events

- ⇒ PetsMart in Wylie (Sunday, December 11th and 18th, 2011) When: 11-4pm Where: 3340 FM 544 Ste 800, Wylie, TX 75098
- ⇒ PetsMart in Allen (Adoption Event: 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month.) When: 11-4 pm Where: 170 E Stacy Rd (Allen, TX)