

ChiChis And Me



MAY 2017

CHI OF THE MONTH

Meet our May "Chi of the Month"

MAY PET EVENTS

What's Happening In The World of Pets

WOULD YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY?

Learn How to Perform CPR on Your Dog (With Pictures)

MEET AN AMAZING WOMAN AND HER FOUR ADORABLE CHIS

Woman adopts "senior" Chihuahuas

MUCH MORE!

FOR THE LOVE OF THESE AMAZING LITTLE CREATURES!

WELCOME!

Hello Everyone,

Thanks so much for being a part of the ChiChis And Me Community!

For those of you that are new, welcome! We are glad to have you aboard.

I think you are going to enjoy this months newsletter. As always, I enjoyed putting it together for you.

Chico, Pebbles, and Remedy Jane are all doing well, I'm happy to say. April was a very busy month for us with lots of activities together.

I am looking forward to sharing with you videos of my little ones in action. I hope to have some for you in a few months.

But, for now,
Enjoy.....this month's newsletter

MAY EVENTS

- May is National Pet Month
- May is Responsible Animal Guardian Month
- Chip Your Pet Month
- May 1st is National Pure Bred Dog Day
- May 7th is May Day for Mutts Day
- May 7th - 13th is AHS's Be Kind To Animals Week
- May 8th - 13th is Puppy Mill Action Week
- May 8th is National Animal Disaster Preparedness Day
- May 21st - 27th is Dog Bite Prevention Week

WOULD YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY?

What if your dog stopped breathing?

Can you imagine finding your dog unconscious and not breathing? How frightening that would be! It happens every day in this country from many different causes. They could be caught in a fire or more commonly they may have choked on something. What would you do? Panic? Probably, but if you know how to administer CPR on your dog before it happens, it could save your dog's life.

CPR stands for 'cardiopulmonary resuscitation' and is a life-saving procedure used to help dogs that have stopped breathing and/or have no heartbeat. When a dog stops breathing, the oxygen levels in its bloodstream fall rapidly, and without oxygen, vital organs such as the brain, liver, and kidneys, rapidly fail. Brain damage occurs within as little as 3 - 4 minutes of respiratory failure, so it's crucial to act swiftly.

I don't mean to scare you. I just want all of us to be prepared..... just in case.

How to perform CPR on a dog

Part I: Assessing The Dog

1. Call the vet or an emergency animal hospital. The first thing you need to do when you find a dog that appears to be in serious distress is to call for help.

Get a passerby or friend to phone the emergency vet so that you can immediately begin administering first aid if you determine that the dog isn't breathing.

Because it will take time for emergency assistance to arrive, you'll need to begin care as soon as possible and continue until help arrives.

2. Determine if the dog is breathing. A collapsed dog that is unconscious may still be breathing, and if the dog's still breathing, CPR is not required. So it's imperative that you first determine whether CPR is necessary before beginning.

To determine if the dog is breathing, watch for a subtle rise and fall of the chest. A dog normally takes between 20 - 30 breaths a minute, which means its chest will move every 2 - 3 seconds. If you can't see the chest moving, place your cheek close to the dog's nose to feel for air flow against your skin.

If his chest does not move and you can't feel air movement, the dog is not breathing.

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6 STEPS TO PREVENT AGGRESSION IN YOUR CHIHUAHUA

I can not express the importance of socializing your Chihuahua enough! ANY dog needs to be socialized, but it is a MUST for a Chi or other small breed dogs. Chihuahuas are intelligent and one of the most loving dogs in the world, if they are allowed to be what they are.....dogs. They are not baby humans (they may be your babies - mine are, but they are not human babies) or fashion accessories.

reality is, that poor dog is stressed and scared! That dog does not see you as the leader and their protector. They feel they have to protect themselves AND you. I know you don't want your dog to be constantly scared and stressed and it is 100% avoidable.

What to look for:

When you first bring home your Chihuahua, whether it is a puppy or an adult, socialization is the first thing you want to do. If you bring home an adult dog, the following are signs that your new dog needs to be socialized.

They:

- shy away from and are afraid of other dogs
- are aggressive toward other dogs.
- become aggressive if another animal or person enters what they consider their property. (couch, toys, yard, etc.).
- become aggressive if another animal or person gets close to their owner. (This is especially common among Chihuahuas and Dachshunds).
- are possessive of their food bowl.
- are afraid of certain objects, places, or people (people in wheelchairs for example)
- have separation anxiety.

Have you ever seen a cute little Chihuahua in the arms of its owner and you reached out to pet it but it snarls, growls, or worse, bites? Or, have you ever gone to someone's home where there is a Chihuahua and they do the same? How tragic would it be if they bite a child? Even though they are small dogs, bites are not a trivial thing and can be very painful. NO child should be bitten by any dog at any time, for any reason!

Unfortunately, it happens all too often and when it does, you can be sure that particular dog was not properly socialized.

Some may think it's cute when a Chihuahua is possessive of their owner and won't let anyone near them. The

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COOK TIME:
5 MIN:

MAKES 10 TREATS

PREP TIME:
5 MIN:

INGREDIENTS:

1.5 cup coconut oil organic
1/2 cup chopped parsley organic

OPTIONAL:

1/4 cup chopped mint organic
sprinkle turmeric organic

DIRECTIONS:

- Soften your coconut oil or if you have a mold, melt it down
- Add parsley to coconut oil and mix well. If using mint as well, add in the mint
- If you have a mold, pour in the mixture. If you don't, roll the soften mixture into small balls and place on a plate or parchment paper.
- Sprinkle turmeric on top for added anti-inflammatory goodness (optional)
- Put in the refrigerator for an hour
- Take out and give one to your dog daily! Keep in the refrigerator for extra freshness.



HERE'S A QUICK TIP

Does your Chi continuously scratch her ears or shake her head? Your pooch may have ear mites.

Ear mites are highly contagious and passed from pet to pet in casual contact at home or outside.

These critters move into the ear canal and start to eat the outer layer from the walls of their cottage (yep, that is what your dog's skin is called).

Wipe gently inside the ear with a cotton ball. If it comes out with rusty-brown or blackish goop, your Chi has mites.

Do not try to treat these on your own. Call your vet.

Ear mites are more common in cats, so be sure that all pets in the household are treated.

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This little cutie is Dexter, who belongs to Debra Willis. Dexter and Debra won our September contest and won a beautiful pair of sterling silver Chihuahua earrings! CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN, DEBRA



MEET AN AMAZING WOMAN AND HER 4 ADORABLE CHIS

Julie Docherty is very proud of her brood of 4 adorable senior citizens.

Julie has a special place in her heart for dogs in their golden years. It all started five years ago when she adopted an 11-year old Chi named Sir MoMo. She and Mo bonded while he was recovering from surgery to remove an eye. That is also when she came to realize how many senior dogs are in shelters. Senior dogs seldom get adopted, people are looking for puppies or young dogs in the shelters. It just broke her heart. (Mine too while I was writing this.)

She said in an e-mail that "Mo's eyesight is not great, and neither is his hearing, but he is the kindest, gentlest soul."

Since then she has adopted 4 more old Chihuahuas, most from [Tiny Loving](#)

[Canines](#), a rescue center in Ventura County, California. So, now her fur family includes Choli Churro, Paloma Linda, and Benito. They range in age from 13 to 16 years. That would be about 68 to 80 years for humans.

Another Chihuahua named Lalo Flan died of cancer awhile back.

We know how much Chihuahuas like to hang out in the sun and these pups are no exception. Julie says, "they definitely hang out together especially if it's in a desirable spot in the sun. Paloma and Benito are the closest. Mo tends to like his space. Choli will invite himself to flop next to anyone. He enjoys tormenting Benito."

Since they are all senior citizens, they, of course, have some health issues, including periodontal disease, arthritis, and heart failure as well as MoMo's missing eye.

But, she has learned that owning senior dogs definitely has its advantages. She says, "Things are pretty calm with these four, no hyper chewing, puppy energy. No need for long walks. With senior dogs, you never nap alone. They sleep. A lot. And have an enormous capacity for love, with an attitude of gratitude."

These dogs are becoming social media stars too. You can follow them on Julies Instagram page at [JemAndTheMisfits](#).

I have a 14-year-old Chihuahua named Chico myself and I can attest to the advantages to owning a senior dog. I have three altogether, Pebbles is 10 and then I have Remedy Jane who is not quite two at this writing. She is a handful at times, not because she is naughty, she just has lots and lots of puppy energy still and I don't! You can meet my three, [HERE](#) >>>

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VET BILLS?

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SHOULD I MICROCHIP MY CHIHUAHUA?

May is "Chip your pet month". There is a lot of controversy about whether microchipping is safe. There are many that say it is harmful to pets, but is it really?

Is it necessary? More importantly, is it safe?

Microchipping is becoming more and more popular among pet owners. Many have asked, though; are they safe? It's hard to think about injecting something foreign into your dog or cat — especially one as small as a chihuahua. You may wonder, does it hurt? Here are some things you should consider before making a decision to chip or not to chip your Chi.

What is a microchip?

.A microchip is a small glass bead about the size of a grain of rice. It has a radio transmitter, an antenna, and a computer chip with a 10 digit code. The chip must be read by a scanner. What it is not is a GPS system for tracking your dog to find them. It is injected under the skin between the shoulder blades.

Are they necessary?

Does he/she bolt out the door every chance they get? Does your Chi know the "come" command? Does he/she respond to it every time? If the answer to the first question is yes and the second question is no, then a microchip may be a good idea.

Here's a sobering fact. Every year millions, yes that's millions, either escape or get lost every year. Less than 10% are found or returned. Even if your dog (or cat) has a microchip the ability of it being beneficial depends on whether or not it can be scanned.

Another fact is that there are four different kinds of microchips in the United States and not all facilities have a scanner that can read all four types. That is something I didn't know until recently.If your Chi is microchipped, make sure that it is registered and that your information is up to date. If not, even if your dog is scanned, they won't be able to find you.

Are they safe?

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Stephanie Schira



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