

It's a dog's life.... 



Bichons Bits & Bytes

Little Sasha Joins Our Family: Happy Anniversary, Sasha!



Once upon a time there was a precious little angel wandering the not-so-friendly streets of San Diego- hungry, thirsty, dirty, and frightened. Her once sparkling brown eyes were now sad—her once bouncy gait had slowed from confusion and despair. She was homeless—and, based on her scrawny body, had been so for a while. This little girl's rib bones protruded - and yet people saw her and walked by, ignoring her pleading eyes. Dogs chased her, and as she ran for her life, she probably crossed streets barely avoiding the cars. The daytime sounds of the streets must have been deafening for this little angel, but the nighttime streets were even more frightening! She had no place to feel safe enough to close her eyes for a restful sleep. And her cough was getting worse and worse!

Finally a woman, who had seen her wander the streets for days, decided to get involved. She called the County of San Diego Department of Animal Control. And while this Good Samaritan detained the little angel while waiting for a pickup, this little doggie vomited and shook with fear.



The next day at the animal shelter, the underweight little girl vomited her breakfast—her stomach had to adjust after going so long without food. Yet through it all, she was very social. Although her coat was mangled, had burrs, and flea dirt, she had pride and never once soiled her kennel. After all, the concrete floors and metal fence at the animal shelter were now her home, and as stark as her surroundings, they felt like a 5-star hotel after life on the street.

This story, however, has a very, very happy ending thanks to Marti Colwell, a true humanitarian and dogitarian, and her dedicated Bichon FurKids volunteers. Now this little angel, initially called Zoe and renamed "Sasha," by our family, has a warm, loving home surrounded by an adoring family who treasure her very existence. She is also loved by her canine family—Rascal, an adorable, but very bossy, small bichon rescued seven years ago from the Midwest and Pirate, a playful Jack Russell rescued six years ago from the South.

Last week, we celebrated our first year anniversary as Sasha parents. And we reflected on what a year it has been! It all started with a phone call from Marti, who, at the time, I had not met, but we had talked on the phone several times. She called us because the foster family that was going to take a little girl named Zoe backed out at the last minute. Marti needed help fast- and asked us if we could take Sasha (and do so in four hours.)

Nervous, but excited, I agreed. My daughter, husband, and I waited anxiously for our little angel's arrival. When we heard a car pull up on our driveway, we ran out and saw an adorable little doggie look around and start to wag her tail. In fact, it has been wagging ever since that evening.

Rascal and Pirate were very surprised to see this little girl even though we had told them all evening that they were getting a baby sister. (Marti used the word "foster," but anyone that knows us knows that when a doggie that needs a home looks into our eyes, it becomes one of our children—for forever! In fact, I called Marti an hour after Sasha arrived and asked her if we could make her a permanent party of our family. I also asked her what she thought about the name, Sasha, which my daughter had chosen.)



To ease the transition, my husband, daughter and I took all the doggies for a walk so they could get to know each other in a neutral environment. Rascal was very excited, Pirate had to think about this new addition. But by morning, they had all bonded. In fact, Sasha

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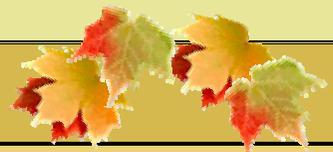
showed the boys that she was not just a pretty face—her shyness faded and she had already become an important part of the family.

Little Sasha's life has changed so dramatically from her days on the street—she not only has an adoring family, both human and canine, a soft comfortable bed, good food and water, monthly grooming and health insurance. Sasha has filled out beautifully and now bounces around the house wagging her tail, kissing us - and her furry brothers.

All of us owe so much to Bichon FurKids. Sasha brings so much joy and happiness to our home. We love watching her eyes sparkle with love and contentment. She jumps on our lap, kisses us, and goes to sleep. She loves lying next to her brothers on our lap. She loves going for car rides—all three dogs sit in the back seat curled up next to each other.

Sasha embodies all the qualities of a best friend—goodness, caring, love, and loyalty. And when we reflect on her past life, we still cringe. The thought of her alone, cold, and hungry make us want to cry. We wonder what her life had been like for her, and if she had been dumped as it appeared. We also think about the other little angels, who need homes, and if they are hungry, thirsty, cold, and frightened as Sasha had been. They, too, need our help.

Our success story is not unique—it is what Bichon FurKids is all about. Please check out the BichonFurKids website and foster and/or adopt. You can be saving a life while bringing much joy to your own life. These little angels will touch your heart and bring you such happiness. They will, forever, be your best friend and love you unconditionally when you give them what they want and deserve most... a forever home.



Lucas By Janice Larsen



I adopted a little bichon named Lucas almost a year ago... December 26, 2006. When I met, and fell in love with him, I understood he was about 2 ½ to 3 years old. As cute as Lucas was, he was also a mess! Lucas suffered from an ear infection, worms and parasites! He had just been neutered. He was skinny and not too sure about how to get along in the world. Since he had been found wondering in Coachella Valley, we have no idea what his life was like before he was rescued - before he came to live with me - but we can guess!

Over the past year Lucas has become a very calm and loving little dog. He loves to have his tummy rubbed (like all Bichons!), is very happy to accompany me on errands and joyfully rides along in the back in his own car seat. Lucas gets along with everyone! His best friend is a 75 lb. Giant Schnauzer, named Kiki, who belongs to my son.

When I first got him, I crated Lucas at night in my bedroom - and he cried a little bit before settling down. One night I found him standing by the bed (far away from the crate) looking up at the bed. Obviously he was telling me he wanted to sleep with me. Since that day (or should I say that night?) Lucas has slept with me ever since. We have had no problems - except we now have an extra crate. Does anyone need one?

In the 10 months since Lucas came to live with me, he has really perked up! He gained 2 ½ pounds (eating home cooked rice, chicken and vegetables), his coat is beautiful and very soft. He is a very happy guy! When we take our walks in the morning and evening, I am often stopped by people who remark on what a beautiful dog he is. Lucas stands out because of his size and his presence. He is a big Bichon measuring 27 inches long (not including his tail) and weighing 22 ½ lbs.

After I fell madly in love with Lucas, I discovered that he had a problem called submissive urination. When I first took him to be groomed, for example, he was so afraid that he laid down on his side and urinated during the process. When I found a gentler groomer who took time and love with Lucas, he got over that fear and stopped soiling himself. Now, when I bathe and brush him he stands nicely and is no longer afraid.

Occasionally we find other situations that trigger that problem however we are currently in obedience training to address his lack of confidence. In just three sessions and practice at home he learned to sit and lay down on command. And Lucas walks proudly on his leash, right by my side.



Emergency Evacuation Checklist—Plan Ahead!

Preparation can take the panic out of an emergency situation.

Prepare an Evacuation Kit for your animals now—before disaster strikes!



- ❖ Food – Store at least a one-week supply for each animal. Rotate your stock every three months. Keep a spoon, can opener and spare food bowl.
- ❖ Water – Store at least a one-week supply for each animal. Rotate your supply every two months. Keep a spare water bowl in the kit. Collapsible water bowls take up little space.
- ❖ Identification – Keep a collar and tag on each animal; microchipping is best because it's permanent. Keep a current photo of each animal in your kit, with yourself in the picture to prove ownership. See [link below](#) for health and ID record form.
- ❖ Medications/First Aid – Prepare a basic first aid kit and buy a small first aid book. Include at least one week of any needed maintenance medications. Prepare a collar tag with medical conditions/needs. See www.avma.org/disaster for sources.
- ❖ Cleaning Supplies – Keep small plastic bottles of dish soap and disinfectant, paper towels, and small plastic litter bags.
- ❖ Restraints – You will need harnesses, extra leashes, a collapsible crate or kennel, a tie-out stake or cable run kit, and blankets or towels. See www.uan.org/ears.

SEEKING SHELTER – Where will you go?

- ❖ Find out NOW what hotels/motels allow pets in the event of disaster. Locate a safe place out of the danger zone. This could be as far away as 50 or 60 miles, depending on the disaster. Keep the phone number and address of the hotels in your disaster kit.
- ❖ Keep in mind, major highways could be closed. Include a detailed road map of your area. Line up a friend or relative outside your geographic area to provide shelter for you and your animals.
- ❖ Boarding facilities outside your area might take in your animals. Animal shelters may agree to take your pets, but they could become overburdened with abandoned animals very quickly. Rescue groups or foster homes are a possibility. Research now and take maps and phone numbers with you!

When the warning comes, load your emergency supplies first. Put each animal into his own crate and load into the car. The best of buddies may become aggressive in a crisis. Do not leave your animals behind! See www.redcross.org for more Disaster Services suggestions.

Click [here](#) to download a copy of an animal emergency form to print and fill out for your pets. Be prepared!

PET RULES

How To Make a Puppy Pie

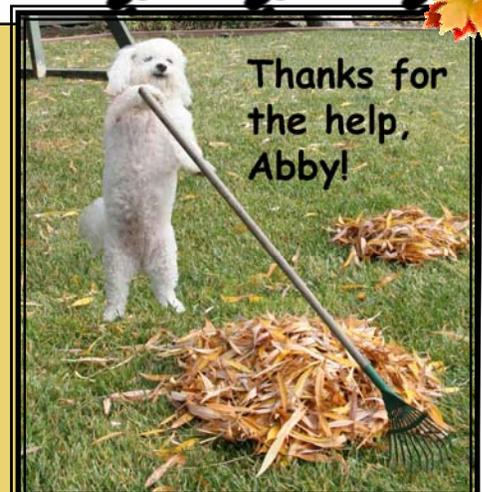
Take one puppy, roll and play with until lightly pampered, then add the following:

- *1 Cup patience
- *1 Cup understanding
- *1 small pinch of correction
- *1 Cup well packed, hard work
- *2 heaping Cups of praise
- *1 1/2 cups of fun, any flavor
- *Blend well. Heat with the warmth of your heart until raised or until the puppy has doubled in size

Mix with Owner until consistency is that of the Owner and Puppy being as one

Author Unknown

** You didn't think we were going to cook a puppy did you?



Protect Your Dog from 5 Lethal Household Items

By: Dr. Debra Primovic



Your dog is at risk for injury from hundreds of commonly-used home medicines and chemicals. Many home owners are unaware of these potential home hazards, and thousands of dogs are injured or die each year due to exposure to these substances. In this article, we consider five common household items that may pose a risk to your dog.

- **Acetaminophen (Tylenol®)** is considered a very safe form of pain relief in people, but this drug should never be administered to cats. While low doses are tolerated in dogs, there are far better and safer pain killers available for both species. Cats cannot properly metabolize acetaminophen and toxic effects include damage to red blood cells, anemia, and severe liver injury. As little as one regular strength Tylenol® tablet can be lethal to an adult cat! Symptoms of intoxication include vomiting, weakness, difficulty breathing, and swelling of the face and legs. Most cats are exposed to Tylenol by ingesting a dropped pill or following administration by a well-intentioned, but uninformed owner. Acetaminophen also is a poor analgesic for dogs, so you are better off asking your vet about effective and safer treatments than risking adverse effects.

- **Aspirin, Ibuprofen (Advil®), and Naproxen (Aleve®)** all belong to a class of drugs called nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAID's). These drugs are commonly used to treat people for fever, arthritis, and other inflammatory conditions. Cats are unable to metabolize these drugs, and even one low (81 mg) dose given daily to a cat can be lethal after several days. Ultra-low doses can be safe, but should be guided by a veterinarian. While dogs better tolerate some NSAIDs, other drugs in this group carry a high risk of toxicity. NSAID toxicity in dogs causes gastrointestinal ulcerations, enhanced bleeding tendencies and kidney failure. Exposure occurs when dogs ingest unsupervised medication or receive doses by well-intentioned but misinformed owners. Initial symptoms of toxicity may include vomiting, lethargy, loss of appetite, and dark stools. There are several NSAID's on the market licensed to treat arthritis and pain in pets including Rimadyl®, Deramaxx®, EtoGesic®, and Metacam®. These medications (and low-dose aspirin in dogs) are generally safe if used as directed by your veterinarian. Never give any NSAID to your dog unless instructed by your veterinarian, and be aware that pre-existent diseases (kidney failure) and drug interactions (including commonly-used prednisone and furosemide) can potentiate the adverse effects of these drugs.

- **Antifreeze (ethylene glycol)** keeps car engines from freezing in winter and overheating in summer. However, ingestion of this product is one of the best known toxicities affecting household dogs. While many people take their auto to the local garage, millions of Americans purchase over-the-counter antifreeze products to replace or supplement auto engine coolants. Inappropriate storage, drainage (into uncovered containers or pans), spillage in the garage or driveway, and inappropriate dumping into streets creates a real potential for lethal ingestion. Ethylene glycol (EG) is a critical toxic constituent of most antifreeze products. Following ingestion EG is metabolized into a number of chemicals that injure the kidneys, heart, lungs, and brain. Acute kidney failure is the best recognized lethal problem but initially dogs may appear drunk and then normal. Without intensive care, dogs and cats exposed to toxic amounts of ethylene glycol will die. Antifreeze carries a sweet, appealing taste so many dogs drink it willingly. As little as three tablespoons can be lethal to a 25 pound dog. Clearly, antifreeze must never be handled in a careless manner!

- **Gorilla Glue®** is among the most prominent of the water-activated, expanding adhesives sold in hardware and home improvement stores. If ingested, this glue product can be fatal. Gorilla Glue exposure most commonly occurs when a dog chews on the bottle and ingests the glue. The glue expands and hardens within the stomach, a process that prevents vomiting of the ingested product. The lodged "foreign body" and associated ulceration of the stomach lining causes a loss of appetite, lethargy, and vomiting. Treatment requires surgical removal of the glue ball from the stomach. If your dog ingests this or any adhesive, read the package insert, call the 1-800 contact number on the package, monitor closely for symptoms, and contact your veterinarian.

- **Paper Shredders** have become a common home office item. While these machines can help protect your identity, the ripping mechanism also presents a clear danger to the heads, limbs, tail, and skin of dogs and cats. Thus, while the following section may seem akin to a horror movie, the risks of shredders are worth understanding, and we suggest you read on. The aperture or opening of a shredder mechanism is designed to reduce risks, so it is relatively narrow. However, the powerful motor of some devices can literally pull in a hairy extremity or exploring tongue, causing severe tissue damage. Most paper shredder injuries occur when machines are left on in the "auto-feed" mode. Dogs are exposed most often when young children insert food items (think: peanut butter sandwich) into the machine, and the dog's instincts precipitates a lick into the opening. The auto-feed shredder can actually pull a dog's tongue into the machine resulting in severe tissue trauma or even transection of the tongue. The best ways to protect your dog (and children) from such injuries involves two simple rules: keep the paper shredder unplugged and never leave your machine on auto-feed.

To sum it up: there are many items in your home or garage that are potentially dangerous to your dogs. Help keep your dog safe by following these suggestions:

- Never give your dog prescription or nonprescription medications without the advice of your veterinarian.
- Keep antifreeze, glues, and other chemicals safely stored and out of the reach of your dog.
- Keep paper shredders unplugged (or at least fully turned "off") when not in use.
- Don't let your dog roam around the basement or garage.
- Don't wait! Call for help if you have a concern about your dog. Some toxins and substances can be treated effectively with prompt therapy; some toxins are fatal if treatment is delayed.
- If you think your dog has been exposed to a toxic substance, contact your veterinarian, local emergency clinic, search for information on www.PetPlace.com and/or call the Animal Poison Control Center (ASPCA) at 1.888.426.4435 (There is a \$55.00 fee for this service).



From Marti's Desk



Welcome to our sixth issue, an issue that celebrates the Fall. (I'm still in shock that it is already October.)

As the days get shorter and the nights get longer and colder, our thoughts turn to the many frightened and abandoned bichons in our shelters. It seems unlikely and improbable that there are wonderful, loving bichons in any shelter - and the sheer number of them in the system this year is mind boggling. Even with the kindest of staff, the kennels are a scary place to be and as the weather turns colder, many do not provide the kind of shelter we would hope they could provide.

People always ask: "How is it possible that there are bichons needing to be rescued? Aren't they expensive, well-loved pets?" Sadly I can tell you that there are far more dogs of all kinds needing to be rescued than homes and families to love them; the bichons coming in to rescue are just now more visible than in previous years - as more of you are also aware that bichons are available through rescue organizations. Whether it is due to a move or death in the family or a situation where a bichon gets loose and ends up in the shelter system, they come to us. We do our best, with your help, to keep up with the bichons entering rescue- as we know we can place all of them in Forever Homes, once we get them in to foster care.

The past week-end represents what we work for and hope to achieve. Over the course of four days we successfully adopted seven (7) of our fur kids - including two bonded pairs - to wonderful, loving families. We are delighted to welcome all of our new furkid owners into our community - a community of bichon owners who share information about the breed and help to protect bichons. One of the ways we can do that is by sharing resources. In addition to information in our newsletter and on the web site, we invite you to contribute and share what you know and learn - and the resources you turn to for your bichons - so that we can build an even better, more informed community. Please also check out our new web site at www.bichonfurkids.org.

As we edge ever closer to the holidays, we also enter the busiest time of year for rescue. Every year the holidays bring an unprecedented number of dogs into the shelters - from families who have decided it is inconvenient to have a dog when their schedules are so busy - to those dogs who somehow manage to escape bad environments. Today, October 18th, we found FOURTEEN (14) bichons in local county shelters. Yes, there is one senior dog, Miles, who at the age of 12 was unceremoniously dumped at a shelter. Ninety percent of the others, however, are between six months and two years of age - and all but two are males.

Fostering is a critical part of what we do - as we can only save as many dogs as we have foster homes for them to go to. Bichon FurKids pays for the medical expenses and supplies associated with fostering - we ask that you provide love and training. The biggest concern we usually hear regarding fostering is "How will I ever be able to love a dog then give it away?" That *is* a challenge for most of us who foster - although when you help to choose the family that becomes your fur kid's Forever Family there is a deep sense of satisfaction. And when you are not able to let them go we call that "flunking fostering." With SO MANY bichons already in shelters, if you can foster one for two weeks, you can help to save a life.

PLEASE contact any of us on the Board or me personally and say: "I'd like to foster." We'll be in touch with you immediately - and you will truly have an impact.

We hope you enjoy the articles our volunteers have written, the recipes our wonderful chef has provided and will plan to join us at the 2008 Bichon Bash (Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 3rd please!) If you are looking for a 2008 calendar for yourself, friends or family members, please act now. Jr. Volunteers, under the direction of Rachel Rodas, are actively selling our last box of calendars - so if you want one or more, please email info@bichonfurkids.org as soon as you can. We'll reserve however many you want and send them to you. (The cost is \$20 per calendar and \$4.60 for postage.)

Please give your furkid a big belly rub - and soak up all that unconditional love he, she or they bring to you. And I'll do the same.

Until next time,

Marti

To Vaccinate or Not Vaccinate

By Jan Rasmusen

From time to time, the media warns dog guardians about an outbreak of the deadly parvovirus. Should you rush your dog to the vet for a “booster” shot? Probably not.

Parvovirus is everywhere: in the grass and on the cleanest veterinary waiting room floor. Parvo doesn't need an outbreak. It's ever present.

That's the bad news. The good news is that almost all **adult** dogs who have had their "puppy shots" are immune to parvovirus and also to distemper. (These are the two viruses that are the most dangerous for most dogs.) If your **adult** dog wasn't vaccinated for parvo, he or she likely has naturally-acquired immunity or would already have fallen ill.

Should you give your dog a “booster” shot, just to be safe?

First of all, there is no such thing as a “booster” shot. Dr. Jean Dodds, one of the most famous proponents of responsible vaccination, once told me: “Immunity is like pregnancy. Either you're immune or you're not.” And here's a shocker: if you're immune to the virus, you're also immune to the virus in the vaccine so the “booster” won't work.

Second, vaccination is a big stress on the dog and can lead to complications, including the disease against which you are vaccinating! Vaccinating *unnecessarily* doesn't make your dog healthier. It can make your dog *less* healthy!

Third, if your adult dog doesn't already have immunity, there may be a problem with his or her immune system. Even vaccinating daily won't bring immunity. You need the help of a holistic vet. To find one, check out www.holisticvetlist.com or write me if you live in San Diego and I'll give you some recommendations.

So what should you do to protect your dog?

Give your dog a one-time “titer” test to test blood antibodies. The top immunologists in the country have told me they titer test their dogs **once** for both parvovirus and distemper. Make sure the test is given at least two weeks after their last vaccination, and make sure the dog was at least 12 weeks old when the last shot was given. If the test shows your dog has immunity, that's that. No more shots are necessary. Experts tell me there is no need to repeat this test. Once an organism “learns” how to attack a virus, its cells “remember.”

How do I know all this? I'm not a vet. I make no money from your decision to vaccinate or not vaccinate, to test or not test. I interviewed a number of the vets on the American Animal Hospital Canine Vaccine Task Force, the group that changed vaccination recommendations for veterinary organizations and vet schools all over the country. I also interviewed Dr. Dodds and numerous holistic vets. My own precious fur babies have been titer tested and will not be vaccinated again.

Find more information on vaccination (which ones to give; which ones *never* to give; how to vaccinate puppies and adults safely) plus information on nutrition, parasite control, anesthesia, and more, in *Scared Poopless*, an award-winning book “narrated” by Chiclet, an opinionated Maltese. When you order it at www.Dogs4Dogs.com, mention Bichon Fur Kids and we'll give a large portion of the proceeds to this wonderful organization. You can buy holiday gifts (with big quantity discounts) and help BFK at the same time! Sign up for our FREE health and safety e-newsletter while you're there.



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HOW OUR PETS CAN REDUCE OUR STRESSES AND ANXIETIES

BY: STANLEY POPOVICH

Animals and our pets can be a great way to reduce our every day stresses and anxieties. It is not easy to deal with our fears and anxieties, however, spending time with animals can makes us feel better. Here is a list of ways of how animals can help us to better cope with our fears, anxieties, and stresses.

Spending time with animals can be a great source of companionship. Whether you have a pet or go to your local shelter, spending time with an animal or pet can help us to feel better. Also many people talk to their pets and this can help us to get their problems out in the open. Animals can be of good company to all of us and can prevent the fear of being alone during our troubles.

Helping animals and other people through community service can be a great way to overcome our anxieties. There are many animals out there who could benefit from your time and talents. Doing something that will help your pet or other animals can give you a source of pride and accomplishment and also can lead to possible friendships with others.

Sitting around and accomplishing nothing will not make things any better whether its dealing with the fear of being alone or something else. Animals can help us to be active and to focus our energies on working with them instead of worrying about things that may or may not happen. This will prevent us from worrying about our current situation.

One of the ways to manage stress is to challenge your negative thinking with positive thoughts. Animals can help us to relax and help us to focus on the good things in our lives. This will help us to focus positively on any situation. Playing with animals can help reduce our fears and anxieties in any situation.

Animals can get our minds off of our problems. A person could do an activity with their pet or other animals that will give them a fresh perspective on things. Spending time with animals will get your mind off of the problem and give you the energy to do other things. Most importantly, playing with animals will give you the self-confidence that you can cope and that you can get through the day.

Remember that there are many ways that animals can reduce the stresses of our every day life, however, they are not a substitute of getting professional help. If your fears and anxieties become overwhelming, then you will need to talk to a counselor. The next time you feel stressed, spend some time with your pet or other animals and you will be better able to cope with your worries.

BIOGRAPHY:

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<http://www.managingfear.com/>



Chef Fmeril Le Bichon's Doggie Deli



BAM!

Hello, fellow fluffs! Here is my latest recipe find. Have you ever had Pupcakes? It's easy, and tasty! If you try it, let me know what you think!

Sending Bichon Waves~~~*Chef Fmeril Le Bichon*

Apple Crunch Pupcakes

- 2 3/4 cups water
- 1/4 cup unsweetened applesauce
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 medium egg
- 1/8 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 4 cups whole wheat flour
- 1 cup apple, dried
- 1 tablespoon baking powder

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a small bowl, mix together water, applesauce, honey, egg, and vanilla. In a large bowl, combine flour, apple chips, and baking powder. Add liquid ingredients to dry ingredients and mix until very well blended. Pour into greased muffin pans, Bake 1 1/4 hours, or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out dry. Store in a sealed container.

Makes 12 to 14 pupcakes



BFK Happenings



*Our new web site has been published. Instead of it being www.bichonfurkids.com we are now www.bichonfurkids.org. The reasons for this change are numerous - however the nicest thing about it is that it is a new kind of technology called a 'wiki' - which allows us to make instantaneous changes to the site so that it will always be as timely and accurate as possible. Please check it out... it probably won't look any different to you (that's the intent!) but is easier for us to work on. (When you type in bichonfurkids.com, it will automatically take you to bichonfurkids.org...so don't worry, and

do enjoy our new site!)

*During a recent Board meeting last month, we decided to hold the bash when the weather was not quite as warm. So please mark, Saturday, May 3rd, 2008 on your calendars, and save the date! The Sixth Annual Southern California Bichon Bash will be at Cricket's Corner, located in Rancho Coastal Humane Society, in Encinitas. Our auction will run simultaneously! Anyone who would like to help with either the bash or the auction, please contact Eileen Davinroy, eileen@bichonfurkids.org.

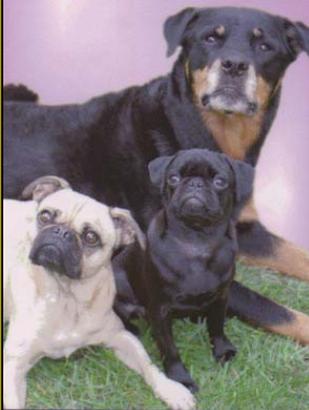


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