

Autumn...the year's last, lovely smile

October & November

## BICHONS BITS AND BYTES

### Buster's Story

by Cassandra Bacha

Up until a year ago, my Mom, Grandma and I thoroughly enjoyed our little Buster "Boo Boo" Bacha, our "rescued" Bichon. Years earlier when we had adopted him, he was quite a wreck, categorized by the shelter as a "last chance" dog. Covered with infected sores all over his body, a hurt hip, and terrified of anyone who came close, we adopted him right before Christmas and felt he was the best present we could have wished for.



Over the years we nursed him back to health and discovered that he was quite a "gifted" dog who could speak three languages: English, Spanish and Dog slang. All was well until about a year ago when my Grandma was in the hospital recovering from a hip replacement, and my Mom and I needed to be with her, out of town. My Uncle agreed to dog sit while we were all away.

During this time Buster dug a trench under my Uncle's fence and went exploring. He never returned.

Frantic, my Uncle placed posters, went door-to-door handing out flyers, and advertised rewards for Buster's return. He and his family traveled to view dogs that were supposedly Buster, but all attempts came back negative.



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passed and still no word about Buster. Sadly, it seemed like everything reminded us of *Buster*.

After six months, the three of us admitted that we would probably never see Buster again. Our hope was that whomever had him was treating him well. My Mom and I called Bichon Fur Kids, hoping to find another furry friend. Fortunately, Marti and her volunteers found us Noelle, who we later renamed "Muffy". The night we picked Muffy from Marti's home and fell in love with her, we agreed to help by fostering a second dog named Romeo. When Marti showed us his picture, we couldn't believe how much he looked like our lost Buster, but we knew it wasn't so. We picked up him up and fell in love with this adorable little boy. A week later, we agreed to adopt Romeo. Romeo's name fits him perfectly. He is full of kisses and loves to be hugged and cuddled.

Six months later, and just a few days before the one-year anniversary date of Buster's disappearance, I came home from school to a very happy Mom. She was excited and said, "Cassandra, quick, sit down and listen to this voice message!" I did as told, not knowing what to expect.

Our answering machine blurted out, "Hi Ms. Bacha. I am calling from the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter. We just scanned a dog that was retrieved and we are currently holding "Buster" for you. Unfortunately, Buster doesn't look very good, especially his eyes. When you come in, don't be alarmed when you see him. Please call back right away. Thank you." I couldn't help but start crying.

My Mom called the shelter and learned that Buster was spotted roaming an apartment complex, eating food from garbage cans and sleeping under a car. When we drove two hours to the Animal Shelter to retrieve him, we found him lying in a cage with his back to the door, similar to the first time we rescued him many years ago. My Mom and I in unison said "Buster?" He turned and started clawing at the cage licking our hands. We couldn't believe it was our Buster, and that he remembered us after a year away. We paid all the fees and drove directly to the nearest groomer, who took three hours to shave all of his motor oil drenched, matted (almost dread-lock looking) hair and remove the crust all around his eyes so that he could open his eyelids. The next morning we took him to the veterinarian to get thoroughly examined and got medication for his infected eyes.

Now Buster is back to normal and is enjoying his new brother and sister, Romeo and Muffy, and all of us couldn't be happier. Please tell all your friends to microchip their dogs. It is DEFINITELY worth its price we would have never have found Buster without it!

*What a lucky boy Buster is. We love happy endings.*





# A Very Funny Dog Story

Barbara Riggs received and shared this story with us via email and we all enjoyed it so much that we thought we would share it with you.

## Jasper and the Unbaked Yeast Rolls

We have a fox terrier by the name of Jasper. He came to us in the summer of 2001 from the fox terrier rescue program.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with this type of adoption, imagine taking in a 10 year old child about whom you know nothing and committing to doing your best to be a good parent.

Like a child, the dog came with his own idiosyncrasies. He will only sleep on the bed, on top of the covers, nuzzled as close to my face as he can get without actually performing a French kiss on me.

Lest you think this is a bad case of 'no discipline,' I should tell you that Perry and I tried every means to break him of this habit including locking him in a separate bedroom for several nights. The new door cost over \$200... but I digress.

Five weeks ago we began remodeling our house. Although the cost of the project is downright obnoxious, it was 20 years overdue AND it got me out of cooking Thanksgiving for family, extended family, and a lot of friends that I like more than family most of the time.

I was assigned the task of preparing 124 of my famous yeast dinner rolls for the two Thanksgiving feasts we did attend. I am still cursing the electrician for getting the new oven hooked up so quickly. It was the only appliance in the whole darn house that worked, thus the assignment. I made the decision to cook the rolls on Wed evening to reheat Thurs am.

Since the kitchen was freshly painted, you can imagine the odor. Not wanting the rolls to smell like Sherwin Williams #586, I put the rolls on baking sheets and set them in the living room to rise for a few hours.

Perry and I decided to go out to eat, returning in about an hour. The rolls were ready to go in the oven.

It was 8:30 PM. When I went to the living room to retrieve the pans, much to my shock one whole pan of 12 rolls was empty. I called out to Jasper and my worst nightmare became a reality. He literally wobbled over to me. He looked like a combination of the

Pillsbury doughboy and the Michelin Tire man wrapped up in fur. He groaned when he walked. I swear even his cheeks were bloated.

I ran to the phone and called our vet. After a few seconds of uproarious laughter, he told me the dog would probably be OK, however, I needed to give him Pepto Bismol every 2 hours for the rest of the night.

God only knows why I thought a dog would like Pepto Bismol any more than my kids did when they were sick. Suffice it to say that by the time we went to bed the dog was black, white and pink. He was so bloated we had to lift him onto the bed for the night.

We arose at 7:30 and as we always do first thing; put the dog out to relieve himself. Well, the dog was as drunk as a sailor on his first leave. He was running into walls, falling flat on his butt, and most of the time when he was

walking his front half was going one direction and the other half was either dragging the grass or headed 90 degrees in another direction. He couldn't lift his leg to pee, so he would just walk and pee at the same time. When he ran down the small incline in our back yard he couldn't stop himself and nearly ended up running into the fence. His pupils were dilated and he was as dizzy as a loon.



I endured another few seconds of laughter from the vet (second call within 12 hours) before he explained that the yeast had fermented in his belly and that he was indeed drunk. He assured me that, not unlike most binges we humans go through, it would wear off after about 4 or 5 hours and to keep giving him Pepto Bismol.

Afraid to leave him by himself in the house, Perry and I loaded him up, and took him with us to my sister's house for the first Thanksgiving meal of the day. My sister lives outside of Muskogee on a ranch, (10 to 15 minute drive).

Rolls firmly secured in the trunk (124 less 12) and drunk dog leaning from the back seat onto the console of the car between Perry and I, we took off.



Now I know you probably don't believe that dogs burp, but believe me when I say that after eating a tray of risen unbaked yeast rolls, **DOGS WILL BURP**. These burps were pure "Old Charter". They would have matched or beat any smell in a drunk tank at the police station. But that's not the worst of it.

Now he was beginning to fart and they smelled like baked rolls. God strike me dead if I am not telling the truth! We endured this for the entire trip to Karen's, thankful she didn't live any further away than she did.

Once Jasper was firmly placed in my sister's garage with the door locked, we finally sat down to enjoy our first Thanksgiving meal of the day. The dog was the topic of conversation all morning long and everyone made trips to the garage to witness my drunken dog, each returning with a tale of Jasper's latest endeavor to walk without running into something. Of course, as the old adage goes, 'what goes in must come out' and Jasper was no exception.

Granted if it had been me that had eaten 12 risen, unbaked yeast rolls, you might as well have put a concrete block up my behind, but alas a dog's digestive system is quite different from yours or mine. I discovered this was a mixed blessing when we prepared to leave Karen's house. Having discovered his 'packages' on the garage floor, we loaded him up in the car so we could hose down the floor.

This was another naive decision on our part. The blast of water from the hose hit the poop on the floor and the poop on the floor withstood the blast from the hose. It was like Portland cement beginning to set up and cure.

We finally tried to remove it with a shovel. I (obviously no one else was going to offer their services) had to get on my hands and knees with a coarse brush to get the remnants off of the floor. And as if this wasn't degrading enough, the darn dog in his drunken state had walked through the poop and left paw prints all over the garage floor that had to be brushed too.

Well, by this time the dog was sobering up nicely so we took him home and dropped him off before we left for our second Thanksgiving dinner at Perry's sister's house.

I am happy to report that as of today (Monday) the dog is back to normal both in size and temperament. He has had a bath and is no longer tricolor. None the worse for wear I presume. I am also happy to report that just this evening I found 2 risen unbaked yeast rolls hidden inside my closet door. It appears he must have come to his senses after eating 10 of them but decided hiding 2 of them for later would not be a bad idea. Now, I'm doing re-search on the computer as to: 'How to clean unbaked dough from the carpet.'



And how was your day?

Author Unknown

## Chef Emeril's Doggie Deli

### Doggy Casserole

1/2 cup boiled poultry, chopped

1/2 cup boiled mixed vegetables

1/2 cup cooked brown rice

3 to 4 Tbsp unsalted chicken broth

(Note: Salmon may occasionally be substituted for boiled poultry, with chicken broth omitted.)

Stir together and serve at room temperature. A good doggy multivitamin/mineral supplement may be added for good measure. Be sure to store unused portions in a covered container in the refrigerator and discard remains after 3 days.



BOO! Guess Who?





## RENOWNED CANINE BEHAVIORIST OFFERS 7 EASY TIPS FOR CHOOSING A DOG TRAINER

By Colleen Demling

Celebrities like Paris Hilton have made being a pet owner the new "it" thing. Toting small dogs sporting designer jeweled collars to movie premiers, or while on a casual shopping trip down Rodeo Drive, dogs have become the new "must have" accessory to complete any fashionista's ensemble. But unlike purses and bedazzled bracelets, these designer dogs are walking, breathing, pooping companions who require consistent love, attention and positive reinforcement. As dogs have moved up the social ladder, the demand for quality dog training is on the rise. Renowned dog trainer and behaviorist Colleen Demling, owner of Pawtopia Dog Training in San Diego offer's tips and characteristics to look for when deciding on your pooch's trainer.

"Anyone can call themselves a dog trainer or behaviorist because there is no national school or certification," says Demling, "So it's important to be able to tell the difference between a professional dog trainer and one who just happens to like dogs."

Before deciding on a specific class or trainer, pet-owners should consider the following 8 tips:

- **Do a reference check** - Ask where the person got their education, who they mentored with, and the last time they were at a conference. Be wary of "certifications". Even though there are some wonderful organizations that test and certify trainers, many on-line schools will also certify a trainer after they have completed a simple on-line course.
- **The voice of experience** - How many hours of *hands-on* dog training experience does the person have? This is important. It's easy to read a few books and say you are a dog trainer, but without extensive hands on experience, you don't know if the person is really able to observe, assess and modify dog behavior.
- **Reputation is everything** - Ask to speak to former clients. Ask these clients if they enjoyed the class and if their dog showed improvement. These testimonials are often the best indicator of a trainer's ability. Also, ask your veterinarian or other trainers in the area what they think of the trainer and her/his ability.
- **Size Matters** - Ask the trainer how many dogs they allow in a class at one time. If it's more than six, you may not get the personalized instruction you deserve. Higher numbers in a class often show that the trainer is more interested in making money than helping you and your dog improve. Private classes will allow you to get personalized and customized training for your situation and needs.

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- **Do they make promises they can keep?** - Does the trainer promise to make every dog an obedience or agility champion? The truth is, not all dogs and owners are capable of this level of training, so if the trainer promises you the world, they are just trying to sell you on their class or service.
- **Can we talk?** - Make sure the trainer is easy to understand. Ask her/him about their teaching method. You want someone that not only trains the dog but also stops to explain to you what they are doing, why, and how you can apply it to your specific situation.
- **Getting your money's worth** - Unless you are training for an advance obedience title, I do not recommend using trainers that charge a large flat fee for an unlimited amount of classes or consultations. If done right, training should be complete in 4-8 weeks and the learning should be permanent.

*With over 6500 hours of HANDS ON dog training experience, Pawtopia's founder, Colleen Demling, has vast knowledge in a variety of methodologies from clicker trainer to e-collars. She is one of only a handful of trainers in San Diego that is a Certified Pet Dog Trainer (CPDT), AKC Canine Good Citizen Evaluator, and a member of the International Association of Canine Professionals and the Association of Pet Dog Trainers. She is also a member of a select group of training and behavior advisors for Muttropolis. She has also trained Service Dogs for Canine Companions for Independence.*

Wasn't me! Really! Look at my paws!



Bean bags rock!



Monster is a rambunctious little Bichon boy who provides his Mom, Meg, with lots of funny photo ops. Monster is the first little FurKid to enjoy the care of one of the Nannies in the Nannies Network. He was the subject of an article in last month's Bichons Bits and Bytes, when we asked for you to send us copies of funny pictures you have of your little BFKs. Send your pictures to Judy Mondero at judmond@verizon.net and we will share them with our readers.



# BFK Joins with Dream Dinners for Fundraiser

In October and November, Bichon FurKids is teaming up with Dream Dinners ([www.dreamdinners.com](http://www.dreamdinners.com)) for a fundraising event! Dream Dinners is an innovative concept in meal preparation that eliminates menu planning, shopping, prep-work and cleanup by moving the meal assembly process out of people's kitchens and into specially equipped stores.

Your part is simple - schedule a session at the Dream Dinners located at the Carlsbad Forum or Solona Center and let the staff know that you're there to support BFK. That's it! Dream Dinners will make a \$10 or \$20 contribution to BFK for each customer that is there in support of BFK during the months of October and November.

Although this fundraising event is only applicable at the Dream Dinners locations in the Carlsbad Forum and Solona Center (Dream Dinners are individually owned franchises), your local Dream Dinners may be willing to make the same contribution to BFK if you mention the fundraiser - so please ask. For more information, contact **Kim Moore** ([kim@bichonFurKids.org](mailto:kim@bichonFurKids.org)).



*I trust in Nature for the stable  
laws  
of beauty and utility.*

*Robert Browning*



Abbie Rose just loves her soap operas in the afternoon, providing she can stay awake to enjoy them.

You may remember Abbie Rose from our last issue of Bichons Bits and Bytes when we ran a story on happy adoptions. In the same issue we requested that you send us cute or funny pictures of your FurKids. Send them to [judmond@verizon.net](mailto:judmond@verizon.net) and we will share them with our readers.

## Patience Really Is A Virtue by Karen Stewart

Three years ago, I went with a group of volunteers from my hospital to Waveland, MS, ground zero for Hurricane Katrina. As Mississippi is my home and where all my relatives live, I was overwhelmed with gratitude when my hospital and the desert community made it possible.

I left my dogs Bicci (then an 8 year old Bichon) and Buddy (the friendliest ShiTzu you would ever meet) in the care of the devoted pet sitter who has cared for them for a number of years.

When I returned from Camp Katrina, ten days later, Bicci was in real trouble. He had classic signs of diabetes...too much urine, too thirsty, ravenous hunger, and he had lost 25% of his body weight. My vet (Dr. Eric Jackman at Desert Dunes Animal Hospital) worked tirelessly to regulate Bicci's blood sugars. Finally things began to improve although his sugars remained unpredictable.

By January, he was blind from bilateral cataracts, a complication of the diabetes. Things remained precarious while Bicci learned to navigate as a blind dog. In June 2006, Bicci was stable enough to have bilateral cataract surgery at Eye Care for Animals in Tustin. Dr. Brinkus was a gem...his staff marveled at the little dog that opened his eyes with joy and excitement..."I can see again!"

We moved back into our routine but his blood sugars remained challenging...Dr. Jackman encouraged me to work with his symptoms and not focus solely on his sugars. I think I was making us all a bit neurotic...I am a nurse of several decades after all ☺.

When we lost our Buddy, Sept 21, 2007, from Autoimmune Hemolytic Anemia, Bicci and I were devastated. Then on November 3, Skip, our Bichon FurKid, previously known as Reagan, graced our lives. Bicci was like a puppy again...buzzing around as he played with his new brother.

Since 2005, I had switched to preparing food from Dr. Pitcairn's holistic recipes. Commercial dog food provided little aid to controlling sugars. Shopping at Henry's one weekend, a book seemed to jump out at me....The Whole Pet Diet, by Andi Brown. I took it home, eager to begin the 8 week program.

Although Bicci was only on a low dose of daily insulin his sugars remained a challenge even as his symptoms were well managed. The first day on Spot's *Chicken Stew* his blood sugar normalized...really! I was delighted. And began to rapidly reduce his dose...not paying close attention to the sugars that did not stay consistent. Within a week, I had discontinued his daily insulin. He and Skip loved the stew, as did the cats who joined the household in need of a home in January of 2006. I made batches twice a week and thought I finally had the answer.

Bicci became lethargic, lost weight, and was obviously ill. A trip to the vet confirmed something was wrong. Bicci was diagnosed with acute pancreatitis.



Reagan, now Skip, when he first joined our family in 2007



Skip as he looks today.



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There are a variety of reasons and we may never know for certain. I believe his long term blood sugars had probably led to a low level chronic pancreatitis which then exacerbated acutely with the change in diet, albeit a healthier diet.

Two weeks later, Bicci is back on track...gaining weight and back on Insulin for the present.

Andi Brown, the author of **The Whole Pet Diet**, and founder of Halo foods, was an absolute gem. I emailed her out of guilt and the need for information, as I believed in what she was saying. Many believe that the recent upsurge in animal diabetes (dogs and cats) is linked to the heavy grain use in commercial foods. Bicci has NO grain in his stew.

Andi emailed me right away and very gently suggested I had moved too fast. Bicci needed to be stronger and healthier before making such drastic changes in his medication. I am hopeful in time we can reduce his insulin, continuing to work closely with Dr. J, and getting new insulin bottles every month...(Lantus Insulin becomes unstable after 28 days open).

As I write this Bicci is sleeping in his favorite nap spot and Skip is napping at my feet. Three years later, I am watching another storm come ashore on the Gulf Coast but know that my family is safe and wish the same for all those in this storm's path.

Life truly is a journey...every day brings its unique path. I am forever grateful for the wonderful little spirits that joined my life.

In addition to gratitude, I am also reminded of the responsibility that a pet parent has. They are so vulnerable to our actions...even well intentioned ones can have unexpected and unwanted results.

If I may...use your resources and practice patience. I am convinced Andi Brown and her Spot's Stew is healthy for my animals...I just need to go slow as I make changes.

My hope is my story may help others avoid my mistakes. Patience is a Virtue!



Skip, (in foreground) and Bicci dozing and snoring during their afternoon snooze.

**Bichon FurKids has been fighting a desperate battle to rescue each and every Bichon in the local shelters, but without Foster families who will take the little mites into their homes, there are too often a few that get left behind.**

**Please, mention us to your friends, and print the "Help Us" poster on page 13. Post it at parks, veterinarians offices, Pet stores, anywhere that will allow it.**

**We thank you for all your help and support.**



**BFK FurKids Saved this Year = 278**  
**BFK FurKids saved in August = 44**  
**BFK FurKids saved in September = 45**  
**Average Furkids placed monthly = 38**

## Savannah, One of Many

Here's Savannah! This is the little girl who was in dire need of rescue this week because she was in imminent danger of being put down by the San Bernardino Shelter. I'm just dumbfounded to see such a lively, healthy, absolutely beautiful little girl. I was expecting something else. This is why I (we) work so hard in rescue to save these babies. Can you imagine her being euthanized?

I urge you to please take a little one like Savannah to foster from time to time. We provide everything you need, you just need to provide love, nurturing, some basic commands, and simply help little ones like Savannah get ready for their forever homes. BUT, if you find you can't part with your little foster angel, you as the foster family have first right to adopt.

Thank you to all who dropped everything and so generously helped to get Savannah out of that awful shelter, in particular the "two Eileens," who went to her rescue, and Michele, who offered to foster Savannah. There are many more waiting for us to help them as well. There are about 8 right now in Lost and Found at the OC Shelter.....can you give one of them 2 to 4 weeks with you to save their lives?

Warmest regards, Barbara Riggs



### Join the Bichon Nannies Network

Love Bichons? Why not join the Nannie's Network, a cooperative group of fellow Bichon owners and Foster parents, who trade dog sitting favors with each other. We have a group of over a dozen members in San Diego area, and are growing to incorporate surrounding areas. If interested contact Hilary Cramer at [hgcramer@yahoo.com](mailto:hgcramer@yahoo.com) for details.





# BFK Happening October and November

## OCTOBER

The **BFK Holiday Auction** will be starting soon. Beginning October 17, 2008, a number of fun and unique items will be available for your bid which, in turn, will help us raise money for BFK. All proceeds from our auction will be applied to the supplies and services that our rescued FurKids need. The more items we have, the more money we can raise -- so please help.

Whether you have one or 100 items to contribute, or whether you choose simply to bid on products and services, your participation is invaluable to our fundraising efforts. Either way you'll be helping to raise money for Bichon FurKids.

## NOVEMBER

**Fifth Annual Rancho Bernardo Dog Park Walk** with Your Dog Fundraiser, Sunday, November 2, 2008, 8am-12 pm. 35+ vendor booths, demonstrations, drawings, free coffee, water, muffins and more. There will also be a rabies and microchip clinic again this year!

**Where:** Rancho Bernardo, CA

**Directions:** Off Interstate 15, exit West Bernardo/Pomerado Road. Make a left off the freeway (heading west). The Rancho Bernardo Community Park is approximately 1/4 mile on your right. Continue to the southern most end of the Community Park to the dog park.

<http://www.ranchobernardodogpark.com/events.shtml/>

**AND, IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS...** remember to email Eileen (Eileen@bichonfurkids.org) if you want to order personalized Christmas ornaments with the photo of your favorite FurKid or contact Marti (marti@bichonfurkids.org) if you want to schedule Photos with Santa or his helpers for your holiday cards and letters.



### Personalized Photo Ornaments

A picture is certainly worth a thousand memories! Capture all the years of holidays present and past with our Photo Memories Porcelain Ornament. This is a picture-perfect way to decorate your holiday tree with the faces of those you love - include all your fur kids, children, grandkids, family and friends. Let us create a memory to cherish, and YOU will also be supporting Bichon rescue!

This handmade oval or round ornament is made of high quality porcelain. The size is 2.78" diameter circle for the round shape, and 2.3" x 3.25" for the oval. A red ribbon is included for hanging.

The cost for creating this Holiday memory will be \$22.00, first class shipping is included!

Directions for submitting your order:

- Go to [www.bichonfurkids.org/shop](http://www.bichonfurkids.org/shop) to begin
- Submit your payment for the number of items ordered
- E-mail your photos to [photos@bichonfurkids.org](mailto:photos@bichonfurkids.org)
- We will confirm your order and send you a proof

Image requirements:

- JPG or PNG format
- Use BEST image quality possible
- Send uncropped images

Please note that all items must be pre-paid. Direct questions to [eileen@bichonfurkids.org](mailto:eileen@bichonfurkids.org).

**Please remember that your purchase is a tax-deductible donation for Bichon FurKids Rescue!**





# From Marti's Desk



Welcome to our fall issue. As we enter this busy time of year, we are hoping that you, your family and your fur kid (s) are doing well and are enjoying the changing colors, and weather, of autumn.

We want this newsletter to be as relevant as possible to all bichon lovers - so we invite you to share the products, services, resources and approaches that have worked and are working for you and your fur kid. Please email us at [info@bichonfurkids.org](mailto:info@bichonfurkids.org).

In addition to working with some outstanding veterinarians and trainers, we are also coming into contact with more and more homeopathic and holistic approaches to common problems and concerns. For example, did you know that kennel cough (the doggy equivalent to the common cold) can be treated with (among other things) honey, licorice and coconut oil? Or that there are cough remedies teas you can make from sage leaves, blackberry leaves, elder blossom, and thyme? Bio-prin, a Chinese blend of 21 herbs, is very effective for viral infections - in fact it acts like a natural anti-inflammatory. And my furkids have been taking New Zealand colostrum for more than five years to supplement their immune systems.

Chiropractic and acupuncture treatments for canines are becoming more commonplace all the time - and there are flower remedies and essential oils - with names like Peace and Calming and Loneliness Blend - whose natural essences are being used by holistic vets around the world. They treat a range of issues - from separation anxiety to digestive problems. A new liquid form of essential oils, called hydrosols, can be used to provide gentle and effective treatment that complements conventional care. Hydrosols are used as a topical mist. Yarrow, for example, is effective for hot spots and other skin irritations, lavender for soothing and relaxing and neroli to alleviate stress and anxiety. There is also oregano hydrosol for cleaning cuts and infected hot spots.

One of the products we rely on at BFK is Rescue Remedy. Described as a homeopathic remedy (made from Impatiens, Clematis, Rock Rose, Cherry Plum and Star of Bethlehem) it relieves stress and restores calm. Rescue Remedy can be used for issues as broad ranging as injury or trauma to treating bites, burns, convulsions, heatstroke, nervousness, paralysis, poisoning, snake-bite and sneezing -- or sudden collapse and wounds. All that in a little bottle! I carry Rescue Remedy in my car and always have a bottle at home.

Because we are often asked for recommendations, we continue to add to the People We Recommend section on our web site. We are also including that current list on the last page of our newsletter. If you have groomers, trainers, vets, dog sitters etc. that you recommend. please contact us - we'll contact them - and expand the list of wonderful service providers.





## From Marti's Desk



On the 'rescue front' it has been an amazing end of summer. We have been averaging multiple rescues almost daily - and bichons being surrendered by their owners are now about 1/3 of all the bichons we rescue, up from about 10% previously. We are heading towards 300 'saved' fur kids already with no end in sight!

We hope you enjoy the articles our volunteers have written, learn about the importance of micro-chipping when you read Buster's amazing story, like hearing about happy adoptions and enjoy the new recipe (thanks Chef Emeril and Judy!) We also invite you to share photos that you have taken of your fur kids as we would like to include more photos in future newsletters. Got a cute or funny photo to share? Please email it to [info@bichonfurkids.org](mailto:info@bichonfurkids.org) - and we'll get it Editor Judy right away!

For those of you who have recently adopted a fur kid or two, we wish you many healthy, happy years together filled with doggy kisses, belly rubs, long walks in the sun, breezy rides in the car, happy bichon buzzes and all the love you can receive.

Until next time,

Marti



### Can YOU Help raise \$25,000 for Bichon furkids Rescue? Yes! Please!

It is relatively easy. All you need to do is give us your vote, as often as once a day, on the Animal Rescue Site webpage, [www.theanimalrescuesite.com](http://www.theanimalrescuesite.com). The grand prize for the shelter/rescue group that brings in the most votes, is a check in the amount of \$25,000. Think of the little darlings that could be saved with that amount of money! There are additional prizes of grants in smaller amounts, so every vote counts.

Please go to [www.theanimalrescuesite.com](http://www.theanimalrescuesite.com) and CLICK TO GIVE. On this page you will find an ad located at the top and bottom of the page. You can vote here daily through December 15th of this year. Please try to remember to go in daily and vote. And please ask your friends to do so.

Lots of little angels will be very grateful to you for your help. Thank you for all the things you do for this organization.

There are many talented resources that Bichon FurKids calls upon to guide and help us with our own Bichons, as well as those we rescue. Feel free to contact the people below as they have proven

#### VETERINARIANS

##### **Animal Medical Center—East County**

600 Broadway, El Cajon, CA 92121  
619-444-4246

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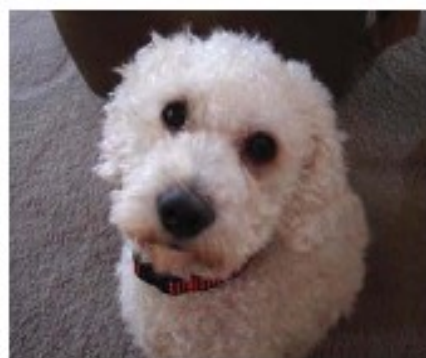
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