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BICHONS BITS AND BYTES

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ChopStix

By Lisa Loo

If blissful ignorance could be personified, it would be wearing jeans, T-shirts and look a lot like my daughter and me. For many years, we saw our family as complete and happy with just our two lovable cats.

When we first contemplated adopting a dog, my daughter launched into the most shameful negotiations and eternal promises of responsibility - none of which, by the way, came to fruition. The idea was tabled until we could give the dog a backyard and until I could arrange to work from home.

Some years later, we moved into a home with a backyard and I began my search for a home-based business. Within four months, I was working from the comfort and privacy of my future dog's residence. I waited another four months just to be sure the business was stable and thought "Now I just have to talk the cats into it." I started by trimming their nails. Then I invited friends with dogs over to gauge their responses. One was marginally accepting and the other just needed a bit more positive thinking. I thought, "We can do this."

We contacted Marti who shared the story of one particular rescued dog, who was suffering from neglect and some minor infections, but otherwise healthy. My initial thoughts were that he wasn't the type of dog I had envisioned for our family. I imagined myself watching TV and eating bon-bons with a small, sedate white ball of fluff to keep me warm. This dog tipped the scales at 20 lbs., wasn't known for liking to cuddle, and was very high energy. Marti suggested that we 'just' foster him with the understanding that, if things didn't work out, she would find him a forever home.

Arrangements were made for us to pick him up from the vet where he had just been neutered.



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I guessed that the little guy would be in pain, possibly still sedated, and I expected, distrustful. As the assistant led him out, I was immediately taken with his sweet and gentle expression. I knelt down just in front of him and slowly extended both hands for him to sniff. Instead of sniffing, he "chinned" me, gently resting his sweet chin on both my palms, and looked up at me with two big brown weepy doe eyes. I silently wondered if Marti taught this technique to all adoptive dogs.

Over the next few months, Chopstix as we came to call him adapted quickly and easily to our lifestyle, even befriending one of the cats, and acknowledging the other as "the Alpha". When Alpha wasn't around, however, his wild side surfaced -- and he would hunt down and savagely disembowel one defenseless squeaky toy after another. Tug-of-wars with old socks revealed a fierce wolfish growl, and at dusk when hunger overcame him, he ravaged Emeril Lagassi's homemade Chicken Stew recipe. Worst of all, he grew into the biggest bed hog of all time, imposing a zero-tolerance policy for any human movement in bed prior to his REM sleep. I learned that, when all four of his legs were up in the air and twitching at full speed, it was finally safe to move. In the midst of his charming little snores and grunts, I imagined that hundreds of poor little bunny rabbits breathed their last breaths in his dreams.

Chopstix 'dark side' notwithstanding, I believed our little guy had adopted us as his "pack" and that he was secure in his forever home. Some months later however, he shook my confidence and reminded me not to take him for granted. One morning a couple of Hispanic tree trimmers knocked on my door to do some work in my yard. As I stood at the front door talking with them, Chopstix darted around my legs and launched his journey to freedom before we even realized what had happened. I grabbed my car keys and left the two perplexed men standing on my porch. I drove around the neighborhood to all our local haunts, to no avail. With a crushed ego and worried sick, I started to return home.

On the way, I saw a man walking his little dog and stopped to ask him if he had seen my dog. To my joy, he said, "Yes, I just saw him. He's running down Whitecap with two Mexicans chasing him!" The image this conjured in my mind was straight out of a Looney Tunes cartoon. As I turned the corner



...and now you die!!



What do you mean too big?



How I got my name.

In case you are wondering about his name, he was named "Barney" when we fostered him. Shortly thereafter, we found him lying on my daughter's bed with both of his paws crossed in an "X" shape. This reminded us of chopsticks - hence, his name.

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onto Whitecap, sure enough, I saw Chopstix running for his life with my two workmen right behind him. As Chopstix saw me get out of my car, he immediately ran over to me and safely into the house. (We have since learned not to take his loyalty for granted and also learned that life presents a sumptuous buffet of temptations for our little thrill-seeker!)

To help strengthen the bond, we also learned the value of daily exercise. The highpoint of his day is our afternoon walk in which he leads me all over town marking his territory. To be clear, other dogs just don't understand their boundaries and require his constant reminder. I am quite sympathetic to his cause and realized a secondary benefit to our power walks - buns of steel. After years of a mile-plus walk everyday, I may not have achieved the "steely" look, but I would certainly testify to its bun-building benefits!

Each night as I ready myself for bed, there is one sound that will bring Chopstix running into my bedroom from anywhere in the house - the thump of my tennis shoes as they hit the carpet. He knows the dirty sock will follow shortly and as this "treasure" hits the floor, it becomes his most prized possession. He grabs my socks and runs around the house looking for an appropriate hiding place, all the while emitting a "cooing" sound (Marti never told me he was part pigeon.) After some prancing around and aggressive shaking of the head (to make sure it's dead), he will bury his treasure in a pile of unfolded laundry or loose bedding. And while I truly do have a life, this nightly ritual has become as sacred to me as it is to him.

Chopstix has attended many of my daughter's soccer games and enjoys them. For one early-morning game, I left without makeup, thinking I would just remain inconspicuous throughout the game. I found an out-of-the-way spot for the dog and I to sit and enjoy the game, when all of a sudden, I began to hear a distant siren. Knowing that this was the call of the wild to Chopstix, I prayed that the siren wasn't heading in our direction, but a few seconds later I knew I was toast.

As it got louder and louder, Chopstix launched into his howling, covering all eight notes of the musical scale. Naturally, everyone in the bleachers turned around and started laughing. The fire-engine truck drove right by our field and then took another two eternities to fade out in the other direction. I tried cupping my hands around his snout to stifle the howling, but it only "puffed" out from the side of his jowls. I no longer go out without makeup.

It has been four years now and, as I relax in the kitchen waiting for his stew to finish simmering, I see Chopstix standing on all fours and eyeing me with his chin lowered and resting on the first step of our staircase. I am overwhelmed with the enjoyment his antics bring -- and the way his love has completed our family. Chopstix has since chinned me many times, and he may not have known it then, but he had me at first chin.



Chopstix from Another Angle

By Charrisa Loo

I've wanted a dog ever since I was a little girl. A dog is a girl's best friend. But I never knew a dog could make me as happy as Chopstix has.

I remember the day I got him, I was in the 5th grade and I had gotten a fight with a couple of girlfriends so when my mom picked me up for school I was bawling like a little baby. I then got in the car and I saw this limp small dog in back seat all curled up looking at me with the whites in his eyes.

I whispered, "Is he ours?" And my mother nodded. All of a sudden the tears of sorrow turned to tears of joy. My wish had come true: I had gotten a dog.

At first Chopstix seemed very shy and calm, which was a tad disappointing because I had wanted a very active social dog. But as the weeks went, by he began opening up. And I learned to love all the little things about him.

Chopstix would make us laugh by going "cave dog" on us and he would run from one end of the hall way to another growling at himself. He would whine and roll his tongue when we gave him a treat that was too big then he would bury it in our clean laundry or bed. He would howl at sirens, making a little "o" with his mouth. Even the way he plays now is so hilarious.

Chopstix is constantly making us laugh. And the way he runs is like nothing you've ever seen before in your life. He is like a little jack rabbit. He may be a small dog but boy can he run. We could take him to a dog park and he could run for hours without even breaking a sweat.

This dog is a one of a kind. He is a miracle. I couldn't have picked a better dog for the Loo family.



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From Marti's Desk



Welcome to our Spring newsletter and the wonderful world of bichons,

This is one of my favorite times of the year (for those of us living in California, especially) Spring brings us Daylight Savings Time (more sunny mornings and afternoons for walking our FurKids), Passover and Easter followed by the Orange County Pet Expo, an event we enjoy every year. And one month after the Pet Expo we will be holding our 8th Annual Southern California Bichon Bash. The Bash will take place on **Saturday, May 15th from 11:99-2:00 at the Irvine Animal Care Center.**

We chose the new location to accommodate the growth we experienced with our event, year after year - as we did not want to have to limit the number of families who could attend - or the number of bichons they would be able to bring. One of our biggest issues was that we wanted a place where the dogs could run, play, frolic and interact with one another, in the safety of an enclosed area. Having outgrown our Encinitas location we looked for months throughout San Diego and Orange County. Just when we thought that we had exhausted all possibilities, the Irvine Animal Care Center offered to let us use their beautiful property and grounds for the Bash. And, unlike previous years in Encinitas, the access from the freeway is easier and (drum roll please if you were one of the ones who had to hike in to the previous events) ample parking. There is also a La Quinta hotel across the street that is offering very competitive rates. If you want to come down the night before or recuperate after the Bash is over you will be able to at a lovely hotel very close to the venue itself. Contact michele@bichonfurkids.org for information about both the Bash and PetExpo. And if you want to volunteer for either event, we'd be delighted to have your help!

Since this issue is jam-packed with lots of interesting articles and information, including info on both the PetExpo and Bash, I wanted to touch briefly on two things ... then give you lots of time to read and enjoy articles about some very special FurKids - and some very special people!

Our Spring Online Auction is underway. We currently have 174 items that are available - and more are being added almost daily. We are waiting for your bid and hope that you will support us in this endeavor. It is one of our fundraisers. Please know that all proceeds from the auction are applied towards the vetting and supplies we provide each FurKid. So please go to <http://www.biddingforgood.com/auction/AuctionHome.action?auctionId=104527795> and find some treats for you, your friends, family and, of course, your very own FurKid!

As I always do when a new issue of Whole Dog Journal arrives, I glanced immediately at the index to see which articles would grab my attention. In the March issue (www.whole-dog-journal.com) there is a great article called [Don't Let the Bed Dogs Bite](#). It talks about deciding where your dog gets to sleep -and what constitutes good bed manners. Just so that you know how that works at our house, Missy and Lindsey have matching Tshirts for those cold winter nights (our house stays cold year round. Max came along after we bought those shirts so he doesn't have a matching Tee..yet.) Boldly stated on the Tees are the words [Bed Hog](#). Need I say more?

We hope you enjoy the article about Chopstix, enjoy reading about Tiger, the first bichon placed in our Forever Foster program, meet Jordy (and see how he changed his Mom, Gail's life) and Jack (see his transition and learn how one Bichon Mom addresses tear staining) and Dempsey's (remember



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him from the last issue? You won't believe the change in him!) We hope you enjoy this issue's new recipe (thanks Chef Emeril and Judy!) We invite you to share photos and interesting stories about your FurKids. Got a cute or funny photo to share? Please email it to info@bichonfurkids.org - and we'll get it Editor Judy right away!

For all of you who have adopted a FurKid or two... **THANK YOU!!!** Please remember the love you share with that FurKid and support our auction, Pet Expo and the Bichon Bash.

Until next time,

Marti and the FurKids



MAX



Lindsey



Missy

I Rescued a Human Today

We have run this before, but when something applies so completely, it never hurts to introduce our newer readers to the best:

I rescued a human today.

Her eyes met mine as she walked down the corridor peering apprehensively into the kennels.

I felt her need instantly and knew I had to help her.

I wagged my tail, not too exuberantly, so she wouldn't be afraid.

As she stopped at my kennel I blocked her view from a little accident I had in the back of my cage.

I didn't want her to know that I hadn't been walked today.

Sometimes the shelter keepers get too busy and I didn't want her to think poorly of them.

As she read my kennel card I hoped that she wouldn't feel sad about my past.

I only have the future to look forward to and want to make a difference in someone's life.

She got down on her knees and made little kissy sounds at me.

I shoved my shoulder and side of my head up against the bars to comfort her.

Gentle fingertips caressed my neck; she was desperate for companionship.

A tear fell down her cheek and I raised my paw to assure her that all would be well.

Soon my kennel door opened and her smile was so bright that I instantly jumped into her arms.

I would promise to keep her safe

I would promise to always be by her side.

I would promise to do everything I could to see that radiant smile and sparkle in her eyes.

I was so fortunate that she came down my corridor.

So many more are out there who haven't walked the corridors.

So many more to be saved.

At least I could save one. I rescued a human today.

Author Unknown





Bichon FurKids

cordially invites you to join us at the

8th Annual Bichon Bash



By Michele Oliver

Bichon FurKids cordially invites you to join us at the 8th Annual Southern California Bichon Bash! Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 15th, 2010 for the annual celebration of our FurKids and their wonderful families. This year promises to be the best ever as the Bash moves to the beautiful Irvine Animal Care Center in South Orange County. The Irvine Animal Care Center, recipient of the 2007 Shelter of the Year Award, is situated on a beautiful five acre facility that looks more like a park than an animal shelter.

At last year's Bichon Bash over 150 FurKids attended with their human families and friends. Because of the increase in attendance we have experienced each year it was necessary to identify a location that would not only provide sufficient capacity but would also provide a pet-safe environment, centrally located, with ample parking for our guests. We are certain you will love our new location at the Irvine Animal Care Center.



The celebration will feature the Bichon Parade of Rescues so don't forget the ribbons and scarves as you accompany your FurKid in the Parade. Many of our wonderful fosters will be on hand for you to meet and we plan to have onsite pet adoptions for pre-approved applicants. We look forward to our wonderful vendors whose products and services help us keep our Bichons healthy and beautiful. There will be photographers, groomers and trainers available. We hope to have many other activities going on throughout the day but, of course, all depends on the number of volunteers available.

Last year's event was catered by **LUCY'S PARTYTIME TACOS**. Guests enjoyed an **all-you-can-eat** meal which truly lived up to its slogan "... *the best in town - hands down.*" We stuffed ourselves with tacos of carne asada (beef) seasoned to perfection; carnitas (pork) that melted in your mouth; and pollo (chicken) with all the flavors of old Mexico; all garnished with home made red or green salsas, grilled green and yellow peppers, grilled green onions, guacamole, chips and some of the finest rice and beans in all of Mexico. This year the meal will be included in your registration donation of \$15 per person and \$35 per family.

Look for your e-mail invitation in the next two weeks. You will be able to register online and make

8th Annual Southern California Bichon Bash!



your donation by credit card or PayPal. We look forward to joining with you for a day of fun in the sun and shade.

For those who want to make an entire weekend of it, arrangements have been made with "pet-friendly" La Quinta Inn Irvine Spectrum (Old Historic Site) for special rates of \$67.50 (double-double or King) 1-4 persons. In order to place your reservation, call the La Quinta Inn Central Reservation Center at 1-866-527-1498 and identify yourself as a member of Bichon Furkids Rescue, Confirmation Number 0663GREGOS. All reservations must be made prior to 4/23/2010 in order to ensure the special rate. Among the many amenities and services at La Quinta Inn is a complimentary breakfast; in-room hair dryer, coffee maker, iron and *ironing board*; guest laundry facility, television with premium channels, movies on-demand and video games.

Most importantly, La Quinta Inns throughout Southern California are truly "pet friendly". Pet owners are provided with new and beautifully furnished rooms in convenient locations on the property and the grounds are clean with great locations for pets to use.

BFK Happenings

American Family Pet Expo - April 16th through April 18th

It is our pleasure to again participate in one of the largest, consumer pet expos in the world - America's Family Pet Expo at the Orange County Fair & Event Center. Bichon FurKids had a small booth last year and decided that the Expo is a "must-attend" event for our organization. The purpose of the Pet Expo is to promote responsible pet care among current and future generations of animal lovers so what better place to promote our rescue efforts.

It's a great day out with your FurKids. Lots to see, do, eat, smell and enjoy. We are always looking for volunteers to cover the schedule in our booth. If you think you might enjoy a time meeting and greeting other BFK members and their fluffs, we would be delighted to offer you a seat. Your Furkids would be very welcome. We will have some of our Fosters spending a part of the day, meeting possible families, and it should be fun.

This year's event will begin on Friday 4/16 and run through Sunday 4/18/10 at the Orange County Fair Grounds and we need your help covering the schedule at our booth. The show schedule is as follows:

Friday, April 16, 2010	10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 17, 2010	10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 18, 2010	10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

email Michele Oliver at michele@bichonfurkids.org to make arrangements.

BFK Happenings

Safer Pet Vaccination and Health Care: A Benefit Seminar - March 28th

At the Del Mar Hilton, San Diego, CA

Are you over-vaccinating your pet? Even giving unnecessary or potentially dangerous shots? Would you know if you were?

Drs. Jean Dodd's and Ron Schultz, world renowned pet vaccination experts will be holding an all day seminar. Having raised the issue of potentially over-vaccinating our pets decades ago, these two experts have been instrumental in changing the vaccination protocols of major veterinary organizations, schools and vets globally.

Dr. Schultz will discuss "What Every Pet Owner Should Know About Vaccines and Vaccination Programs." Dr. Schultz was a Member of the World Small Animal Veterinary Association Vaccination Guidelines' Group and Board Member of the 2003 and 2006 American Animal Hospital Association's Canine Vaccine Task Forces, as well as the AAFP Feline Vaccine Task Force.

Dr. Dodds will discuss "Managing and Treating Adverse Vaccine Reactions," titer testing, blood tests for wellness and more. Dr. Dodds, formerly AHVMA's Holistic Veterinarian of the Year, consults nationally and internationally on hematology, immunology, endocrinology, nutrition and holistic medicine.

All proceeds (less direct costs) benefit the Rabies Challenge Fund Charitable Trust, a non-profit group dedicated to increasing the period between rabies shots from 3 to 5, then 7 years. The group is also working to establish a blood "titer standard" that provides a scientific basis to avoid unnecessary rabies booster vaccinations. Their concern is based on concern that the rabies vaccine can cause autoimmune disease, skin and digestive disorders, injection site tumors, behavior changes and other adverse reactions.

This important event is organized and hosted by our own award-winning San Diego-based author, Jan Rasmusen (Scared Poopless: The Straight Scoop on Dog Care.) San Diego-based The Honest Kitchen, makers of human-grade dehydrated pet foods, is the Platinum Sponsor. Nature's Variety and Dexter's Deli pet health food stores are Silver Sponsors.

The seminar includes breakfast, lunch and a bag of Nature's Variety dog or cat food. There will also be surprise pet care demonstrations plus live and silent auction items, live consultations with holistic vets, pet products and services, dog training and more.

Discounts are available to BFK adopters, rescuers, fosters - and bichon lovers.

Seating is limited. To purchase your ticket, please visit www.PetSeminar.org or call 858-755-8820. If you use BFK as your coupon code you will get a 20% discount.





A Letter from A FurKid Friend

Happy with our FurKid

here is a poem to share with you about our Christmas Eve adoption of Gidget, now known as Maggie.

Ever since childhood I knew
I'd love a Bichon to join our crew
But now grown up with kids of my own
We had chosen a larger dog for our home

After coercing my husband we could add one more
I raced to Petfinder, seeing cuties galore
When "Gidget" found me with her sparkling eyes
I thought - "precious face, spunky girl, perfect size"

I prayed she would fit well in our family of six
Add our dog Brady, that makes seven in the mix
We drove to her Foster Mom's home-it was love at first sight
Now names Maggie, our cutie's antics make us giggle

The pouncing on balls, the running with Brady
Then, at night, stretching "frog-like, our sweet fluffy lady
So smart, learning tricks, taking walks, kisses too
Bringing peach to our stressed times, cheering us when we're blue

Bichon FurKids gets the credit for allowing us this dear gift
of Maggie (formerly Gidget), who's given each of us a lift.

Thank you for everything you did to make this a wonderful experience.

David, Jill, the kids and Brady

Poor Gidget when she was rescued
by BFK around Christmas



Gidget soon to become Maggie, shown
here in Foster care.



A Special Kind of Love

It is without exaggeration that I can state that Bogie and Ace were the loves of my life. Never having owned pets until the age of 42, I was like an expectant mother waiting for the birth of my beloved Bichons. It was love at first sight upon meeting them and I was over the moon the day I was able to take them home and begin our lives as a family. Being an avid athlete, including golf, I named my boys after one of my favorite sports. Their formal names were Beautiful Bogie on the Green and Lucky Ace. There are not enough words to express the joy, love and honor I felt being their mom.

Life was grand for the three of us. Wherever you would find me, you would find the "boys". Everything changed, however, two days before Christmas in 2008. Bogie collapsed in the dining room and lost control of his functions. Rushing my precious baby to the vet's office, with his brother by his side delivering undivided love and support, Bogie was diagnosed with congestive heart failure. Instead of being delivered a fate I couldn't imagine, an unbelievable team of phenomenal doctors provided Bogie, Ace and me the opportunity to continue to be a family for a precious extra seven months.

The slow deterioration of his precious heart ultimately meant that it could no longer beat, despite Bogie's determination. On July 12, 2009 Bogie passed away. The depth of pain, loss and sorrow that both Ace and I felt was immeasurable. And though my own sense of loss was extreme, it was almost unbearable to watch Ace roam the home for endless hours, crying and sniffing for his beloved brother. True to Bogie, Ace would lie for hours in front of the door leading from the garage, waiting for his brother to return.

Believing the loss of his best friend was too much for Ace to endure, I decided we needed to add another four-legged child to our family. And, loving Bichons, and their exceptional personalities, intelligence and capabilities for love, I contacted Bichon FurKids.

There were a number of wonderful "fur kids" seeking a new home, but something held me back from "adopting." Bogie simply could NOT be replaced. Adding to my hesitation was the fact that in April, 2009 Ace had been diagnosed with diabetes. How would he function with a new brother? After all, Ace was no longer a puppy, he'd lost a bit of his energy, and his eye sight was beginning to fail.

I decided Ace deserved to live the remainder of his life as an "only child" and the relationship we shared as a family of two was priceless. Ace loved my undivided attention. We were both at peace and extremely content. It was a joy for me to watch new quirks in his personality develop and the sense of peace he displayed over time. Thoughts of adding a new addition to our family left our minds.

By Marilyn Capra



Tiger when he first came to BFK



Tiger in his happy new home.



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By Marilyn Capra



That was.. until Marti sent an email to bichon lovers, inquiring if there was anyone within the Bichon community who could welcome a little guy in desperate need of a home. The subject line of the message awaiting my attention did little to capture my attention for I had no intention of fostering a Bichon, "*Forever Foster Program Launches -- Meet Tiger.*" Out of respect for the organization, however, I decided to read the email. It took no longer than that for me to decide — Tiger had to join our family.

In reality, it was a very easy decision for a number of reasons. The dog seeking a new home was facing difficult terms: he was losing his *mother* due to advancing dementia and an injury that necessitated her moving to a nursing home. There were no family members able to care for a diabetic dog and the request had been issued to euthanize him....unless someone was willing to adopt a nine-year-old, diabetic Bichon.

My mind flashed back to the day my own mother had to be moved to a facility because of Alzheimers and the pain I experienced realizing she and her beloved dog, Hank Eugene, would be separated. Although I had thought long and hard about finding a new home for Hank. it was the only correct decision at that time. I did NOT need 3 dogs in my home. This opportunity would allow me to give a dog a good home, just as I had found one for Hank.

Dealing with a diabetic dog was a minor complication for me. I was conditioned to arrange my time around being available to consistently administer insulin shots twice a day to Ace, and, I knew all the signs to be aware of to warrant the need for regular testing by the vet. How much more difficult could it be to prepare two injections and monitor daily life for two bichons?

The final fact that confirmed Tiger should join Ace and I was his name. The fanfare surrounding Tiger Woods hadn't exactly been complimentary at that point but, without dispute, Tiger is the world's premiere golfer, hence his namesake would be as well.

The fact that the organization was also launching the "Forever Foster Program" sealed my decision. There are regular expenses associated with diabetic dogs, and the economic challenges people are facing were definitely a challenge for me. Knowing I would be provided funds to properly care for Tiger, I contacted BFK and announced that it would be a joy to welcome Tiger to our family.

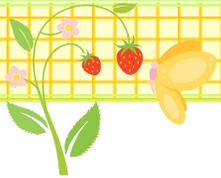
BFK made all the arrangement to transport Tiger to our home. Ace and I waited on pins and needles and finally our son/brother arrived. Tiger was every bit a cute as his pictures, but the fear living within this dog was evident. Tiger's departure from his beloved owner and arrival at the home of strangers coin-

Ace and Tiger—Best Buddies



A Special Kind of Love

By Marilyn Capra



cided with the Haiti earthquake and, just as those effected by conditions due to no faults of their own, Tiger too found himself without his family, without his home and having survived a 14 hour car ride to arrive in the land of unknown.

Ace welcomed Tiger immediately. There were no moments of possessiveness, jealousy, snarls or nips. Tiger simply was numb.

Diabetes had denied Tiger, for all intents and purposes, his sight. It was heartbreaking watching him bump into walls, furniture and doors. He was a defeated little guy. Ace and I spent the entire day of his homecoming with him, but nothing could diminish the sense of confusion and loss he was feeling. The next two days weren't much better. He ate, he cried, he moaned and he mourned. Sleep did not come easy for Tiger -- or for us. The following day I had to go to work -- and I wasn't certain what I would discover when I returned.

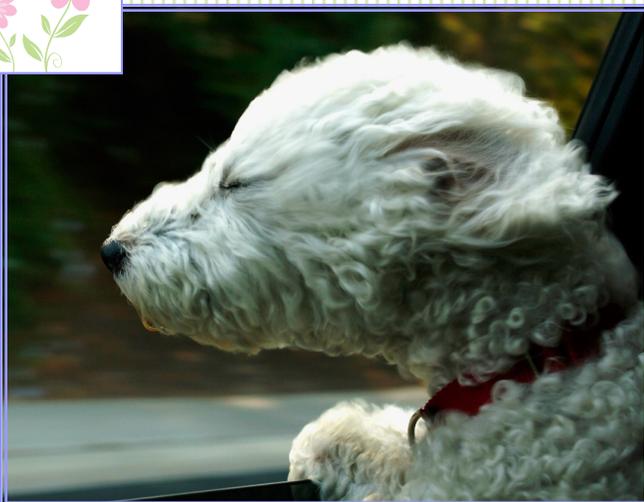
As is often stated, life is a mystery and what transpired during my daylong absence is certainly mysterious.

Ace appears to have had a heart to heart talk with Tiger. I arrived home to not one but two frisky, dancing, welcoming Bichons. Tiger, without prompting, utilized the doggie door, understood the layout of the house and unexpectedly whined to have his new mother hold and cuddle him. Ace had no intention of interrupting our moments and gladly snuggled in his usual chair and slept, as Tiger and I cuddle and cooed the night away.

I never would have thought Tiger or Ace would become so dependent on one another. Whatever their secret means of communication, I'm just grateful they've understand one another -- and we are, once again, a very happy family of three.



Jesse in the Wind



Brian and Maryellen Schultz sent us this adorable picture of their, "Jesse—in the wind".

It is so typical of dogs, regardless of size, age or breed to show their ecstasy when riding in the car.

I read once that dogs think of this simple pleasure, (of the wind ringing through their noses, blowing their ears open and eyes closed), as we might a symphony. Each odor a separate instrument blending in an ever changing, always different composition of pleasure and harmony. Whatever it means to them it is certain to any who sees it that this is a moment of supreme enjoyment.

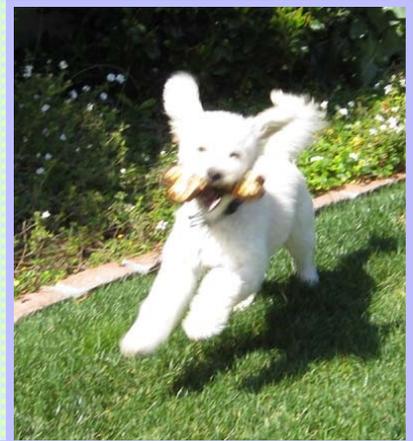
Thanks for sharing it with us Brian and Maryellen.

Dempsey Before and After



Dempsey on his second day in foster care, still healing and only skin and bones. But indomitable.

In our last newsletter we told you Dempsey's story - how he had been hit by a car, was hiding in the desert and was found by a good Samaritan. Bichon FurKids rescued him, took care of his necessary surgery, found amazing fosters who helped him heal (thanks Sandie and Mike) and he has been adopted by a phenomenal family. We are happy to share the 'post everything' photos with you... so please meet the new-and-improved Dempsey!



Dempsey today, filling out, looking handsome and full of fun and energy. Thanks to the concern of a complete stranger, good medical care, (Thank you Stonecreek!!), the loving care of our volunteer fosters and the wonderful people who adopted Dempsey. This story has a very happy ending. Read Dempsey's original story on our website in the December/January issue of the newsletter. Dempsey is one lucky little bichon...and we are happy to share his story and updates with our bichon community. Following is a nice letter his forever Mom sent to us.

About a Dog



Dempsey, a small, white bichon /poodle mix with ginger ears, joined our family in January, 2010. Bichon FurKids had previously plucked him from a shelter - after he had been found starving, limping with a broken leg, and wandering in a desert by a good Samaritan. Comprised of very well organized, efficient and dedicated volunteers, Bichon FurKids arranged for Dempsey's surgery with the help of the Hogan Foundation. Together they made sure that Dempsey had complete medical care and rehabilitation -- and foster care with a couple who set high standards for care, even making their own dog biscuits. (They sent me home with the recipe, and I use it!)



Dempsey Before and After



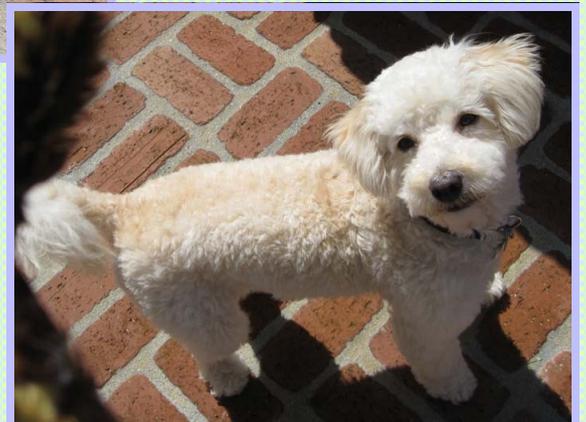
After a month with us, Dempsey ceased to favor his once-injured leg. Together, we walk several times a day as I am a stay-at-home mom, improving my fitness level as well as his. Dempsey loves these outings, ears and eyes alert for every movement and sound within blocks, often stopping his jaunty trot to tune in. We make a near daily promenade to a local coffee house, where neighbors and their dogs meet. And we pay a weekly visit to the Cove to stride along the walkways near the beach and visit the sea lions.

But nothing gets those ears flying and eyes twinkling like a game of fetch, indoors or out. My husband and our twelve-year old son join in this frolic after work and school. Our little Dempsey has boundless energy and limitless capacity for play. He looks and acts like a puppy (in good ways), but we're told he is a bit older than that. Dempsey is smart, too, quickly (but selectively) learning what we expect of him.

No, Dempsey is not perfect, just a typical dog, sometimes needy, sometimes stubborn, sometimes territorial and sometimes ill-mannered, but always easy to forgive and always our cute little companion. A true tugger of heart strings he is, if ever there was one. Thank you to the good people at Bichon FurKids and the Hogan Foundation for making it possible for Dempsey to join our family.

Now it's time for a walk. Let's go, Dempsey!

Dempsey's mom, Anne

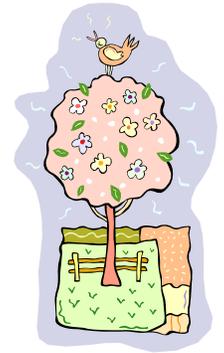


Estate Planning for Pets



Leona Helmsley, the infamous New York hotel queen who died in August, left her Maltese dog, *Trouble*, \$12 million dollars in her will. But at least one person, a former worker for Mrs. Helmsley who claimed to have been bitten by the dog, is challenging the dog's inheritance. Leona Helmsley apparently wasn't the only one enamored of her dog. The late Judge Earl Morgan of Lincoln County, Nebraska, enjoyed a successful career as an attorney and judge. He left an estate worth \$3.2 million, not to mention two surviving children, 11 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. To the great surprise of those children, Morgan's will wasn't of the normal variety. He did leave \$100,000 to each of his kids, as well as the use of his money for the rest of their lives for support, maintenance, medical expenses, and more. But once they died, instead of passing the money onto grandchildren, it all went to a local humane society called Paws-itive Partners.

Over the past two decades there has been a dramatic change in the importance that we, as a society, place on our relationship with the animals with whom we share our lives. We only have to follow the stories in the news of people living in the path of hurricanes and floods who refuse to be evacuated without their animals. A recent survey by the American Animal Hospital Association found that the majority of pet owners would risk their own lives for their pets. The results of this survey confirm what many of us already know: Our companion animals are considered less and less as property and more and more as beloved family members. No wonder then that persons with companion animals want to ensure that their animals are well-cared for after the owner's death. However, if a pet owner does not plan for the continuing care of his or her pets, those pets could end up in a shelter or on the streets after the owner dies.



As rescuers, each day we hear about beloved companion animals ending up at shelters. To avoid this happening to your precious pet, make a resolution to plan for the care of your pets.

Here are some things you can do:

Make a Bequest of Your Animals To a Caretaker

One of the simplest means of providing for the care of your companion animals after your death is to find a friend or family member willing to care for them—then have your attorney draft a Will leaving the animals to that person. (You should find alternate persons to be named in the Will, as the first-named person may be unable to take the animals when the time comes.) Alternatively, the Will could be drafted to give your executor the discretion of selecting from amongst several persons named by you to take your animals. When possible, you should designate a sum of money to the person who will be taking your animals to defray the costs of their care.

If you have no one who is able and willing to take your pet, your executor can be given the authority to find suitable adoptive homes for them. If you do this, it is wise to select an executor who has some knowledge of and concern for your animals.

Another alternative is to search for a good local animal rescue and placement organization and make arrangements in advance with the charity to take the animals and find homes for them after your death. The

Estate Planning for Pets



charity should be named in your Will to take the animals and to receive a cash legacy. Obtain detailed information about the charity's adoption procedures and be comfortable with such procedures before you make such arrangements.

Anytime animals are bequeathed to a person or charity, the Will should include a statement that you are bequeathing all the animals owned by you at the time of your death. If you name specific animals in your Will, it will not cover animals adopted later.

Create a Trust for Your Animals

Most states now have "pet trust statutes." These statutes allow you to create a trust for your animals. You can create a pet trust and name a trustee and a caretaker for your animals.

There are two methods of creating a pet trust. First a trust under the Will, called a testamentary trust, can be created or, an 'inter vivos' trust, which is created during the life of the pet owner, can be created. The 'inter vivos' trust has the advantage of being immediately available for the care of an animal if the pet owner, for example, has to go into a nursing home or becomes incapacitated.

A pet trust can be funded with a specific amount of cash or with assets other than cash. Some people also take out life insurance policies and make the pet the beneficiary of the policy to assure ongoing care of their pets.

An alternative to the trust for animals is to find a sanctuary and leave the animals (and funds for their respective care) outright to the sanctuary on condition that they care for your pets for life. If no trust would be created your pets would go directly to the sanctuary as an outright bequest.

Preplanning with a Will or a Trust can also make things easier for friends and family at a very difficult time. It is a way to benefit family, friends, and if you choose, you could also help Bichon FurKids. There are several ways this can be done:

- Gifts through life insurance
- Gifts through your Will or Trust
- Gifts of money or property



If you are interested in having Bichon FurKids care for your bichon as its caregiver when you no longer are able to do so, please notify us of that request when you draft your Will or Trust.

If you choose to help Bichon FurKids, please know that your gift will ensure that homeless Bichons and Bichon mixes will continue to be cared for until they find forever homes. Through gifts such as yours, and other contributions, we can continue to save lives everyday.

Web sites you can refer to for more information include:

<http://www.animallaw.info/topics/spuswillstrusts.htm>

<http://wills.about.com/b/2008/10/06/basic-estate-planning-dont-forget-about-your-pets.htm>

Blessings Come in Small Fluffy White Packages

by Gail Chablis



It was a week before Christmas in 2007 and I had just returned home from a snowy getaway to Yosemite. It was almost a year to the date since my big lovable lab, Toby, had passed away. Losing Toby had been one of the hardest things my heart ever had to deal with. But, knowing he went to the Rainbow Bridge was a comfort, as I knew he was in a better place. His poor old arthritic bones couldn't handle it here with me, in this world any longer.

Toby was my companion and rock for nearly 14 years, seeing me through divorce and job changes. I was unsure if I would ever want, or, have another four-legged friend in my life.

However, when I got home and settled in for the holidays, I missed my Toby so much that I began to think, perhaps there was another little soul that may need my love and attention.

I had read and researched the Bichon breed, and, knew, given their intelligence, loyalty, and, love, that I wanted to entertain the possibility of finding a fluffy little dog to share my life with. It would be an interesting change if I went from 100 lbs. of pure black lab love, to a small white fluffy cotton ball on four legs. A new beginning for me and my future FurKid.

By chance, I found Bichon FurKids, and, after a few conversations with Marti, she informed me of their foster care program. Describing how much they needed and welcomed loving foster homes for little Bichons in transition. I totally embraced the idea of being a "foster Mom" to see if I was "ready" to tackle being a forever home to a new little friend.

About 3 days before Christmas, Marti gave me a call to let me know they had a little fellow named "Brewster," who was in dire need of a home for the holidays. Brewster arrived and we cozied up to spend Christmas together. Brewster was an older little Bichon, and, as sweet as he was, I knew I was not his forever home. I had to go back to work right after New Years, and, was concerned that I could not be there during the daytime to give little Brewster the time and attention the little guy deserved. On New Year's day, I drove to La Canada and delivered Brewster to his forever home with Charlotte, who had lost her little Bichon a couple of months prior.

After Brewster, came Davey, then, Annie, and, then Jordan J. Marti was very keen on my talent and love for these little Bichons, and, knew I would be a good candidate for any FurKid with any special needs. Jordan, aka, Jordy had some special needs as he demonstrated very aggressive, alpha behavior and was in need of extra love, attention, and training to get him on the straight and narrow, which to this day, we continue to work on.



I'll never forget and always remember the first time I saw Jordy. It was love at first sight. He had the

most precious little demeanor, regardless of his aggressiveness. Although, I had my heart set on having a newborn puppy, I knew Jordy, this little 6- 8 month old, was my new forever FurKid. I knew he needed a good and loving home. With lots of love and attention he would be fine. It was growing very difficult for me to part with all my foster FurKids, and that's when I knew I was ready to offer Jordy a forever home.

After a couple of weeks, I told Marti to stop looking for a family for Jordy and adopted him. It was February, 2008, and soon after adopting Jordy, I was laid off from my job. I was so scared about what was going to happen and even more so since I had just expanded my responsibilities by bringing Jordy into my life.

Well, it's been two years, and, in this economy and job market, things have not been easy. I've managed to provide the medical care (annual check-ups including dental) and his special food that he requires, yet every day I count my blessings for the love and joy little Jordy brings to me.

I also thank and am forever grateful for Marti, and BFK for dedicating their time, talent, energy, and, financial support to help find these little Bichons good and loving forever homes.

If you are thinking about rescuing, or adopting a new four-legged friend, Bichon FurKids is one of the best organizations I have ever had the privilege of being associated with.

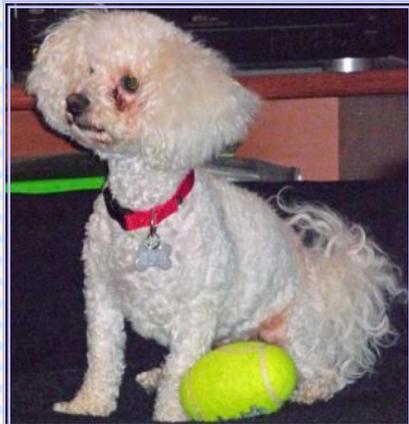
And, as far as Jordy is concerned, he couldn't be happier. He loves camping, walking, and sharing his warm, loving soul with everyone he meets. He is quite the charmer and is very gentle and playful around small children. People who are generally not pet, or, dog friendly, always take a second look. Even my friends who are cat people, or, non-pet households, absolutely love Jordy, especially when he starts to talk.

The first time Jordy spoke, I had to call Marti to find out if I was hearing him correctly. Grant it, his "talk" is mostly a bunch of gurgles in one continuous breathless string of enthusiasm. But to me it is absolutely priceless. The day Jordy asks for the "keys to the car and hiking boots," is when I ring up the leading agent in Hollywood. I hope I am so lucky as to share another 14 years with this most precious little boy.

Thank you Marti, and, thank you BFK for bringing me into this wonderful expanded family. I will forever be blessed by the kindness and love shared.



A Letter from A FurKid Friend



Jack had apparently not had his eyes cleaned for some time before he came to us. Dogs, like people, do need to get the "sleepy sand" out of their eyes. When bichons - or any white dogs - don't get their eyes cleaned fairly regularly, it often leads to kind of crummy-looking tear stains, and Jack had those, particularly badly from his left eye. He also had some staining throughout his hind quarters, most likely from dampness resulting from a kind of belly wrap (not a Belly Band) that he had had on pretty regularly for many months. We didn't need to use any kind of belly wrap on him; just made sure he went outside regularly when he first got here, because he had a urinary tract infection, resulting in his drinking lots of water and also, of course, his need to eliminate that water - often!

Jack has been groomed 3 times (once per month) since he came into our lives and has clearly changed his looks with each passing month, looking much more like a bichon at this point. Since his hair was so short when he first arrived, he has still not really had a hair cut in any of the 3 grooming sessions - just a bit of shaping, a bath, and brushing out of his coat. It will probably be time for a true cut by his next grooming, next month. The groomer also says he deals with the grooming session much better now than when we first brought him in 3 months ago. He really seemed to be pleased with himself after his last grooming. I wouldn't have believed that if I hadn't seen it for myself; he seems to be more sure of himself as his grooming has improved. It truly is amazing what a little care will do. I only brush him a couple of times per week, and even then, not really a good, complete brushing, but with the pet cut and professional grooming once per month, he is fine, with no mats at all, anywhere, and a pretty smooth -rather than all curled up - coat most all the time. Love and a little care are all that is needed, and these little guys are so easy to love - and not really hard to take care of either; they just don't do all that well with benign neglect.

Questions about Animal behavior or health matters? Try www.veterinarianpartners.com

Tearing in Bichons

Like most white dogs, Bichon Frises are prone to get tear stained areas around their eyes. The discoloration can vary from dog to dog and be anywhere from a light pink to a rusty brown in color. Foreign matter in the eye, ingrown eyelashes, blocked tear ducts; allergies or infections can bring on tearing. Excess tearing can occur for a variety of reasons and you need to consult with your veterinarian to determine the cause.

Allergies

Allergic reactions can occur from additives commonly found in commercial dog foods, wheat and iron. Avoid lower priced dog foods that contain a lot of additives and poorer quality of meats that add bulk and color but not nutrition. Often a change to a healthier, nutritional and organic diet and drinking distilled or spring water has been successful in clearing up tear staining brought on by food allergies.

Your Bichon Frise may suffer from seasonal allergies in which case the tear staining may clear up on its own. Also as your Bichon ages dogs age they may have a problem with dry eye and begin tearing more frequently. Also Bichon Frise puppies often tear while teething, which they soon outgrow.

Blockage

Since many Bichon Frises' tear ducts are very small they can become blocked easily. Your vet can test your pet to determine if this is a problem. Ingrown eyelashes or inward turning eyelids can also irritate the eye causing.

Infections

It could be possible that your Bichon Frise is suffering from an eye infection and you need to see your veterinarian right away. Never use drops or ointment without a prescription from your vet!

Bathing

Keeping your Bichon Frise's face clean and wiping the hair under the eyes several times a day is part of the solution to tear staining no matter the cause. You can use a mild shampoo or a saline solution to very gently wipe the area avoiding contact with the eyes. You can also apply a thin layer of Vaseline to keep the flow of tears running smoothly over the under eye area. Be sure to keep the area around the eye neatly trimmed.

Changing the PH of the Tears.

There are some controversial remedies such as adding vinegar to drinking water, or using Milk of Magnesia. Also commercial products available on the market. These drops have been somewhat effective. Those can be found online. However BFK recommends giving your dog bottled drinking water and feeding your bichon healthy organic and nutritional foods, and having them groomed regularly.

Remember all dogs especially white ones have a certain amount of tear staining. Make sure that it is just a cosmetic problem and nothing serious. If you recall the story of the Velveteen Rabbit then I'm sure you'll understand that "these things don't matter at all, because once you are Real you can't be ugly, except to people who don't understand". (Margery Williams, from The Velveteen Rabbit--)

Grooming is very important to Bichons, their coats are hair, not fur, and are subject to matting, which can pull at the skin and be uncomfortable. Regular brushing is recommended between trips to the groomers, and if you bathe your dogs yourself, it is important that you brush the dog thoroughly before bathing to remove the mats before they get wet. There are many websites and books available on Bichon Frise grooming. It is recommended that you have your bichon professionally groomed at least every six weeks, and usually much more often.

Fun Page



One of our members put together a charming website called www.bichonnerie.com. you might like to visit . She drew this adorable little bichon and would like to know if there might be an interest in a line of tees with this little guy on them. Check the website and let her know.



Some Thoughts on the Natural Ways of Nature



- * I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes.
- * All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.

Wheatless Tuna Biscuits

Ingredients:

- 1 cup yellow cornmeal
- 1 cup oatmeal
- 1/4 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
- 1 small can tuna in oil, undrained
 - 1/3 cup water



Instructions:

Grind oatmeal in processor to make a coarse flour. Set aside in small bowl. In food processor, whirr tuna with the oil, and water then add all the rest of ingredient. Pulse until mixture forms a ball, Pulse to knead for 2-3 minutes. Knead on floured surface till it forms a soft ball of dough. Roll out to a 1/8"-1/4" thickness. Cut into shapes. Bake on lightly greased cookie sheet, at 350 for 20-25 minutes. Cool completely.



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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 and on the next page, as they have proven themselves to be wonderful and caring resources. Visit our website

www.bichonFurKids.org

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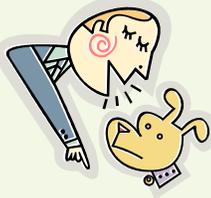
Why not join the **Nanny Network**? A cooperative group of fellow Bichon owners and foster parents who trade dog sitting favors with each other. The Nannies are located throughout San Diego County and hope to add new members in surrounding counties. Con-



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