

October—November 2010

BICHONS BITS AND BYTES

Editor, Judy Mondero

Tuli and Tanze Having a Family

by Mara Landers

Adam and I adopted Tuli and Tanze, a bonded pair, on May 1st of this year. We had been talking about adopting a dog for years, but when we bought our first house and moved into it, I began to look in earnest.

I found the BFK website in April, and read a story about two little loves that didn't want to be separated, as they had bonded with each other. We both read the story several times, talked about it and decided that it made sense for us to adopt the pair.

I filled out the application and submitted it, and was surprised to receive a call the very next day from a volunteer. It took several days, and several contacts from various volunteers, before we moved on to being approved. I was very impressed with how well organized the volunteers were, and the care that was taken to assure that we would be a good fit for the girls. And they for us.

Less than a week later, we had been approved and had an appointment to meet with Tuli and Tanze. We drove to Napa where we spent several hours with the girls, getting to know them. We both knew immediately that we wanted to have



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"WE OUGHTA BE IN PICTURES!" At: The Animal Keeper
FurKid Family Portrait Day
A Very Special Fundraiser for Bichon FurKids Rescue
Sunday, November 7, 2010
11 AM to 5 PM (call for your reservation)
RSVP to Diana: 951-375-6717
Reserve Your Sitting Early! Time Slots will fill fast!

This year's Holiday Fund Raiser is going to be fun for you and your FurKid. Perfect for Holiday Greeting Cards or just for a loving memory of the season. Details on page 15

Tuli and Tanze

Tuli and Tanze join our family, but they were both very shy. They were so sweet, and eventually they decided that they liked us well enough to say good-bye to their lovely foster family and come home with us. We all celebrated by going on a shopping spree on our way to outfit the girls with a new crate and supplies, and other necessities such as toys.

That all seems so long ago, but this summer has found Adam and I wondering how we ever got along without them. Adam had always wanted a dog, and I was lucky enough to grow up with a rescue dog, but we had been in a sad state of doglessness for many years. Owning your own home has many great benefits, and the freedom to open your home to a dog is right up there. Every day with Tuli and Tanze is wonderful! They are still shy around new people, and a little frightened of other dogs, but every day they gain confidence and feel more acclimated to their new home. The first evening in the house they decided that I was the 'pack leader' and they followed me around like two shadows. They love to sit in my office while I work, or cuddle next to me on the sofa. Adam has had to woo them a little harder. But they have come to realize that he is the one that takes them for that lovely walk every day, and he is also really good at tossing a ball in the backyard for their enjoyment. He is winning their hearts, just as they have completely won ours. We are so grateful for Bichon FurKids for helping us to connect with these two little darlings.

Mara and Adam, Tuli and Tanze Landers



BFK'S GREAT HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER

The Holiday Season is All About Loving and Giving

Bring your pup in on Sunday, November 7, 2010 for a fabulous

Professional Pet Portrait to benefit Bichon FurKids

Join Us for a Fun Filled Afternoon and Save A Life. What a great way to kick off the 2010 Holiday Season--by giving your love and financial support to those whose need is so great.

When: Sunday, November 7, 2010 - 11 AM to 5 PM

Where: The Animal Keeper, 155 Saxony Road, Encinitas, CA

Cost: \$45 Donation (sitting fee) Cash or check only.

Make checks payable to Bichon FurKids Rescue

If you would like to donate to the Silent Auction, set up a vendor table, bring bake sale treats for everyone to snack on, or volunteer, please contact Diana.

Also, if you have any blankets for our newly rescued Kids, please bring them along.

To reserve your sitting time, please contact Diana Andrews 951-375-6717. Reserve early! Time slots will fill fast!

A big special Thank You to: Professional Photography courtesy of Lauren Partida, Professional Photographer

Venue Courtesy of The Animal Keeper

Refreshments - Silent Auction - Contests and Games - Gift Boutique and More!

And thank you so much for caring!





From Marti's Desk



Welcome to our October- November issue and the wonderful world of bichons,

Let me start by telling you about two exciting events coming up. If you think your FurKid 'ought to be in pictures' please join us on Nov. 7th for a holiday photo session in Encinitas. For details and to reserve a space, please email Diana Andrews (dandrews@altmanplants.com). On Nov. 13th help kick off fall at My Perfect Pet in Poway to learn about healthy, locally produced food for your bichons! For more information email Debbie Gibb (Debbie@bichonfurkids.org) And we hope to soon announce a 'Dine at the Souplantation' date in Nov. Please check our Events calendar or contact Jo Shariff (meandjosephine@aol.com) for more details.

I recently read the most beautiful essay about a dog in, of all places, Time magazine! It was written by a lady named Nancy Gibbs (no relationship as far as I know to our very own Debbie Gibbs.) Her write up talked about how some of life's most important lessons come from its least likely instructors - in her case a little dog named Twist. One of the things Nancy mentioned was Twist's ability to stay on tasks - especially if the task is trying to capture the sunbeam flickering around the living room. 'She never succeeds and she never gives up,' Gibbs remarks. She also describes Twist's trust and loyalty - and notes how, at an age that is all about growth and risk, her abiding devotion to Nancy's teen age daughters is the anchor that keeps them on solid ground. Gibbs concludes by saying that 'When it comes to what really shapes character and binds our family, I would have never thought we would owe so much to its smallest member.'

I know most of us owe a lot to the smallest members in our families as well! But did you know that behavioral scientists have now proven that dogs are not only capable of mimicking their owners - but that they do so automatically? In fact their drive to copy our head and hand (paw) movements is so strong that they tend to do it even when it is not in their best interests!

There are several delightful videos making their way around YouTube and the Internet. You may have seen some of them: dogs dancing with their owners (yes, truly dancing!), doing household chores (like retrieving slippers and newspapers or loading dishes in the dishwasher!) and putting up holiday decorations. This phenomenon of copying another species is both rare and unique! So we are learning that not only do our dogs often look like us - but they now act like us. Amazing!

As we enter the last few months of the year please be aware of two important health and wellness issues for bichons: dental health and weight.

With the advances in modern veterinary medicine, our bichons are living longer, happier, healthier lives. At BFK we want you to be sure that your bichon's mouth stays as healthy as the rest of his or her body. (Dental disease affects up to 80% of pets over the age of three.) Infected gums and teeth aren't just a problem in the mouth where tartar and bacteria originate; the heart, kidneys, intestinal tract, and joints may also be infected - and silently damaged. Regular dental care can help you to avoid serious problems. If your bichon is an adult over 3 years of age, please schedule a dental check up. And please note that many veterinarians offer dental 'specials' during certain times of the year. November through February are favorites with the vets.



From Marti's Desk



Another health concern has to do with weight. While most of the bichons we rescue are at less-than-ideal weight, it is easy for them to gain more weight than they need to support a healthy lifestyle. With a few extra pounds your bichon will cause his or her heart to have to work harder - as well as cause him or her to experience joint problems caused by the extra weight. This can eventually cause degeneration and inflammation of the joint tissues and cause your bichon to be in chronic pain.

There is no doubt that a few extra pounds can be hard on the body and lead to a shorter life for your bichon. With the holidays approaching and an increasing awareness of calories, please look at what your bichon is eating and how much exercise he or she is getting (every day!) You may need to add more exercise and reduce the amount of food you provide - but it's worth it if you can extend your bichon's life and quality of life.

If you are a recent - or not so recent- adopter we have a request. PLEASE get a name tag made for your FurKid with your bichon's name, your name, phone number and address. While you are required by our contract to keep the BFK tag on your new FurKid, you also need your own tag on your new family member. (By the way, there are name tag making machines at PetSmart and PetCo or you can order them on the Internet.)

We hope you enjoy the articles fellow bichon owners have written, learn about the joys of adopting, the rewards of fostering, and enjoy this issue's new recipe (thanks Chef Emeril and Judy!) We invite you to share photos and stories about your furkids, too. Got a cute or funny photo to share? Please email it to Editor Judy (judmond@verizon.net) and watch for it to appear!

For all of you who have adopted a FurKid or two... THANK YOU!!! May you and your FurKid share 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 ever wanted.

Until next time,

Marti and the FurKids



Sponsor A Bichon

The Need:

If you are a member of Bichon FurKids Rescue, you are aware of the number of injured, abused and ill bichons, and bichon mixes, that we take in each year. The conditions under which they are found, the pain that they endure, and their trusting appreciation of any affection and care that they receive makes it imperative that we reward that trust with our best efforts to ease them and offer them a chance at a new and better life.



The costs of their medical treatment runs very high, and the idea of denying treatment to even one of these dogs is just impossible. We are always fund-raising, holding auctions, and trying to be creative in our methods of continuing our purpose of saving and placing healthy, happy dogs into loving families. But it is exhausting. Last year we saved over 400 bichons. Every year we gain more name and mission recognition amongst the community, and the number of rescues grows. Which is wonderful - except for the fact that our costs grow, but our contributions don't match those amounts.

The "Sponsor a Bichon Program"

That is why BFK is starting a new program especially for the medical costs involved in our endeavor. It's called "Sponsor a Bichon" and it is a program that allows you to pledge an amount of money that would be a recurring monthly contribution to this fund. You can make an enormous difference in the life of a specific dog, or to the care of any of the bichons we rescue.

Our first such sponsor, Cynthia, out of her love for her own FurKid, Lucy, felt that she wanted to make a donation to help with medical expenses for other bichons. She set up a payroll deduction that sends a set amount of money directly to BFK every pay period. Two others of our members, Charlotte and George Ball, make regular donations for bichons in need. This led us to come up with the concept of periodic, set donations arranged thru your bill-pay feature, or payroll deductions to sponsor a bichon. All contributions to BFK are tax deductible and even \$10 or \$25 a pay period would help us to continue the level of care we have always provided. You can make the difference - sponsor a sick little bichon through his period of care. At BFK our dogs are our kids. We can't offer to encourage your sponsored bichon to write to you, or thank you for your generosity. But we can send you pictures, and let you meet your little friend. Wouldn't you like to save a bichon and gain a big snuggle?



Just four of the FurKids that have benefited from this program.

Tinker, Alexis, Dempsey and Jake.

Happy Words from FurKid Parents

I love 'Rags to Riches" dogs. Kismet was found in a dumpster earlier this week and now he's a pampered pooch. My Danny was found with dreadlocks, wandering the streets of Chula Vista and now he spends his days dozing on the back of our couch, keeping watch over my kids and getting belly rubs on demand. The great thing is most of our readers have spoiled rotten pooches who didn't start out that way.

Kim

David called today because he was just dying to tell someone about Chance, who went to his forever home today. Chance is being trained as a therapy dog for the adopter's handicapped son, who is both physically and mentally challenged. Their boy is not very responsive to his surroundings, so they needed a dog that was outgoing and attentive...or attention seeking?

I understand that one of Chance's 'issues' is that he is a face licker! But that is exactly what was needed in this case! Chance sat on the boy's lap initially, and the boy didn't react at all. But when Chance stepped forward and laid a big doggy lick on his face, the boy's face lit up and he said, "I LOVE this dog!"

Apparently, another problem that the boy has is the inability to stay awake for long, falling into dozes frequently, and awakening confused and frightened. This makes him very disruptive and easily agitated. With Chance there next to him, he gets that familiar face lick and it allows the boy to recognize where he is, and that Chance is there with him. It has a very calming effect, and immediately reassures him that he is safe and with his friend.

I think we all knew that unless someone took a 'chance' on this lovely guy he was destined for a bad end. Instead Chance took his chance and is going to pay it forward through his love and companionship to this new family. I love happy endings!

Buffy

Positive is Personality. Did you ever meet a pet with a disposition that sparkles? That dog has been raised in a home of positive reinforcement. Our pets want only to please us and to be content means being happy. As you live with your pet, find ways to praise him or her for good things. Reward them as a happy pet owner. Accentuate the positive in your pet and the personality will sparkle back at you. If you are having a bad day, don't take it out on your pet. They won't understand that your tone of voice isn't a reflection of something they have done. Remember positive is personality. Martha Agan

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Donna McMaster

Dear bichon friends- I wanted to let you know that Colby has a new name...Théo (pronounced Tay-oh in French). We wanted to give him a French name and we fell in love with the meaning of Théo - gift of God. He truly is God-sent and such a blessing to our family. We prayed for the perfect dog for our family and boy did we get an answer to our prayers. He is an absolute joy and has brought immense joy to each member of our family.

We adopted him one month ago today, and I just had to write and tell you how well he's doing. He knows us all and knows when one of us isn't in the house. He is happiest when he can account for all his chickadees. He reminds my husband of his pet Cairn terrier growing up - very playful. He loves my daughter's soccer socks - I think the scent reminds him of her. My twins can't resist hugging him all the time. And I've been staying home and staying out of trouble shopping, because I just love being with him curled up in my lap. He is so sweet to all of us.

Théo has had a couple doggie playdates with our neighbors' and friends' dogs and he has been a perfect angel with each one. They do a little sniff test with each other and play in each other's back yard. I tell all my friends about your excellent organization and how you were so great about placing the perfect dog for us. I hope one of them will some day think about adopting too. A million thanks to each one of you.



Here is Théo with my oldest daughter, Amanda's, soccer socks. She plays club soccer and practices and plays scrimmages and games about 6 hours a week producing lots of stinky soccer socks each week. For some reason he loves her socks and tries to sneak them out of the laundry. Now she just gives Théo her dirty socks to deliver to me for the laundry, and affectionately calls him her delivery service. She absolutely adores him and he often sleeps on her bed at night.

Amanda started middle school the month after we adopted Théo and was a little anxious all summer long, not knowing what to expect starting a new school. It has been an absolute joy watching how Théo can allay any of her fears and give her such unconditional love. He has had

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the same calming effect on her 8 year old brother and sister, Michael and Emily (twins). We all think he hangs the moon:-) We feel so, so lucky and blessed to have him as part of our family.

One of his favorite things to do is to take the kids to school in the morning. He rides along with his head out the window, nose sniffing the air, wind blowing his ears, tongue hanging loose, big doggy smile on his face. We see kids walking to school who will stop in their tracks and say "Awe, look at that cute dog!"

I mentioned Bichonfurkids to my youngest daughter's (Emily's) Brownie Troop leaders and suggested that we could be junior volunteers and make blankets for the organization. They thought that was a great idea, so BFK should be hearing from me soon on that front.

Thank you so much for giving us this Gift of God.

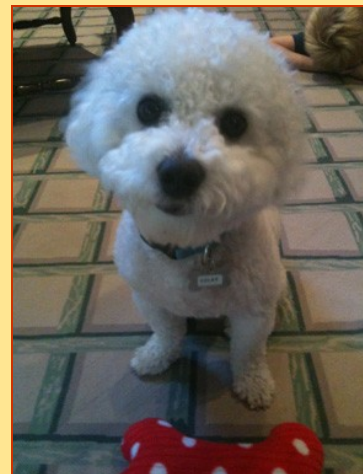
Donna, Mark, and the rest of "T.E.A.M." McMaster
(Theo, Emily, Amanda, Michael)



Donna and Theo



The McMaster TEAM—Michael, Emily, Thea and Amanda



Happy Words from FurKid Parents

We contacted BFK to ask if they adopted dogs to homes outside of California. We had owned bichons for many years and were missing our last beloved little girl. When the answer was 'Yes, we adopt to California, Nevada and Arizona.', I was ready to choose one of the candidates that day. But my husband hadn't quite gotten over the loss of his little girl and wanted to wait a bit longer.

One day I was online scanning the "Available Dogs" section of the website when Ira walked in and saw a bichon named Sampson on the monitor. "Well, are we going to get this dog,?" he asked. I was elated and we contacted the Foster about this little guy. We planned a trip to meet Sampson and within five minutes, Sampson won us both over. Ira's eyes sparkled with joy for the first time since his little girl left for the Rainbow Bridge. We brought him home and have never regretted the decision for a moment.

A few months later we decided to try fostering. We felt that Sampson would enjoy other bichons and we were impressed with BFK's fostering program. We were given a little girl, called Deni, and Sampson immediately gave his approval - taking Deni for a bichon buzz around the house.

We found Deni to be affectionate, obedient, friendly and anxious to please. She liked the neighbors, their children and other dogs. After a few days the family held a conference. The unanimous decision was that Deni needed to be part of the family. She adores our grandchildren and Sampson is her bosom friend. Our hearts are now warm again and our days are filled with the pleasures of being with two more wonderful bichons: Sampson and Deni.

Ira and Loretta Bresof



Happy Words from FurKid Parents

Bentley

Earlier this year we lost our beloved Bichon mix, Jamie, to a long battle with a gastrointestinal disorder, IBD. He was only 3^{1/2} years old and the love of our lives. His sweet personality touched us deep down, and we knew that when the time was right, we would find another bichon mix.

We felt it was way too soon, but we missed our little guy, so we would browse the web, just to see those silly little faces. In our search we discovered BFK. We discussed it and decided to fill out the application and see where it took us.

Quite soon, we were contacted by a volunteer, and the process began with the home check. The volunteer who came to our home was currently fostering Bentley. We discussed our trepidations and she suggested that we come to visit her and meet her dogs, just to see how we felt about it. We were impressed with the understanding and empathy. She sent us photos of Bentley that evening, and we knew right then that he was the one. We met him the next weekend and by the following week he was ours.

Bentley is such an angel. He had some trust issues with strangers, mostly men, but has come such a long way in such a short time. We have Bentley's lovely foster parents, Curtz and Russ to thank for that. They really helped him with his fears before he came home to us.

He spends his days with my neighbor's dogs, Beauty and Jimmy Mack. It is great for him, and for us, because he loves being part of a pack and he is always exhausted when he comes home. He is settling in to his new schedule with puppy training classes, visits to the park, lots of sleep and even a few visits to his foster buddies. Thank you BFK for giving wonderful dogs like Bentley the chance at life and love in a forever home.

Laura Campbell
and Bentley



Happy Words from FurKid Parents

India

I just wanted to take the time to let everyone know how Sparky, now called India (or Indy) is doing. The kids renamed him Indy after Indiana Jones. When one of them calls him 'Indy' the others say, "Hey Lady, you call him Dr. Jones!" They think it is hysterical.

We've had him for about two months now and he is doing great. It took some time for him to get used to the two legged kids in the house, especially the two youngest, but he loves them now.

It's quite a sight when we all go for our walks. Jakob (9) is usually on his scooter, trailed by Genevieve (6) on her bike and Evelyn and Katelyn (both 4) running behind, trailed by me and a very anxious Indy, who feels he needs to be close to the kids.

We all just love him so much. He has gained a few pounds since we first got him and his fur has grown in as well. He is getting to be as gorgeous as all bichons.

He sleeps in his bed next to ours every night and doesn't get up until I do. He loves sun bathing on our backyard slope where he can get a great view of the neighborhood and streets below us. Of course he is a weed and burr magnet, but he knows that I will take care of that for him. I tried scolding once, but by then he had already made it a part of his routine, so I patiently pick away.

He has learned to love playing and runs and jumps like a deer when he plays fetch. It is the cutest thing. We take him with us as often as is appropriate, but when he gets left behind he has a special spot on the couch where he can keep watch for our return and slip in a few naps while he waits.

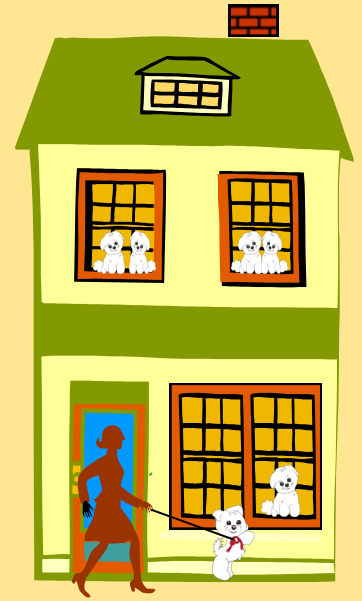
He has been a wonderful addition to our family and I thank each and every person who had a part in bringing him into our lives.



Happy Rescue and Adoption Numbers for 2010

BFK has rescued over 252 lost and abandoned bichons since January 1st of this year! We are so proud of the work that we do, but we need your help. Volunteers are invaluable, contributions always appreciated, and every referral, or other helpful act on behalf of our little "clients" is priceless. Thank you to each of you for your support.

If you have never tried fostering one of our newly rescued bichons you might give it a try. If you already have dogs in your home, it opens a new friendship and opportunities for play. All that is required of you is love and sometimes a little patience, as some of our rescues are new to potty training. BFK provides all that is necessary for the foster, even the medical expenses should there be any.



Chef Emeril's Favorites

Casserole a' la Bichon

Ingredients

- 2 cups rice
- 1/2 pound hamburger
- 1 tsp vegetable oil
- 1 clove garlic
- 1/2 cup carrots or broccoli or spinach
- 4 cups water

Instructions

Put all ingredients into a large pot, boil until done, then cool off and serve. I feed my dogs this kind of meal or a variation every day, instead of store-bought food. They've got shiny coats, are full of energy and love eating dinner again!



Medical Insurance for your FurKids

WE ran this article on pet insurance in an earlier edition of the newsletter, but we have had some requests for information recently and thought it might be of interest again.

Medical insurance for pets can bring peace of mind. For an annual fee (which can be paid in installments), you can provide your pet with comprehensive medical coverage for diagnostic testing, illness, accidents, prescriptions, surgeries, dental care and even hospitalization. Sounds easy—but selecting the right company with the right plan can be a challenge, for even the most knowledgeable insurance-minded consumers.

Pets Best Insurance 888-899-0402

(www.petsbest.com), seems to cut through some of the red tape, offering reasonable rates and ease of enrollment. Pets Best, founded by a veterinarian, offers an additional optional plan that covers routine care.

Unlike some other plans, once your deductible has been met, Pets Best reimburses 80 percent of the costs—up to the dollar amount you have selected. (Some pet insurance plans cover 80 percent of the fees that they deem reasonable and customary for your area.) Pets Best requires no pre-authorization. Its *Pets Basic* plan has a \$100 deductible per incident and will pay \$2,500 per incident with a lifetime cap of \$42,500. It has no annual limit, and, unlike some other insurance companies, will insure dogs of any age. (Some policies add additional charges if the pet is older than eight years.)

Pets Best *Pets First Plan* has a per-incident deductible of \$75 with a \$7,000 per incident limit and a lifetime limit of \$100,000. Their *Pets Premier Plan* has a per-incident limit of \$14,000 with a \$300 per incident deductible and a lifetime limit of \$100,000. Again, there is no age limit for enrollment. There are some exclusions for pre-existing conditions—check with Pets Best or check out its website for more information.



Shelter Care (877-707-7297 or at www.sheltercare.com) has insured more than 1,300,000 shelter pets. Created approximately seven years ago, its pet insurance policy covers post-adoption health issues, giving peace of mind to those wonderful people who adopt rescued animals from shelters and from rescue groups, such as BichonFurKids. Shelter Care's policies are very reasonably priced and cover a variety of accidents and illnesses.

Medical Insurance for your Furkids

VPI Pet Insurance 800-540-2016 (my.petinsurance.com) has a variety of plans—each offering different coverages depending upon the price, each with certain exclusions and limitations, which are noted in its paperwork. VPI also provides its clients with a detailed list of the items it covers and the amount it will pay for each incident. (Its list of diagnostic codes fill pages, and the average consumer might want to set it aside to read at a later time because the volume of technical information can seem overwhelming—there are five separate codes to cover problems with the salivary gland and several diagnostic codes for cage rest.).

The most expensive and comprehensive of its plans is *VPI Superior*. It has an optional rider called *WellCare Premier*. VPI also offers the *VPI Superior Plan* with a *WellCare Core* rider. If you had your heart set on having coverage for certain procedures such as spaying, *WellCare Premier* is your choice. If you select the *WellCare Core* rider there is no coverage for spaying. The company also offers a *VPI Superior plan* without a rider for "*WellCare*" coverage.

VPI also offers a *VPI Standard* with a Rider for either *WellCare Premier* or *WellCare Core*. Again, it is important to read the fine print to note the differences in the specific coverage offered.

VPI will typically have a \$50 deductible for every new claim and pays a specified amount for each diagnostic code. Renewing from year to year will insure the same coverages. However, if you choose to cancel at any time, then have a change of heart, this will leave you open to a complete review of your pet's medical history resulting in exclusions. You could find yourself paying more for fewer coverages.

This plan will pay 80 percent of reasonable costs (reasonable cost is in bold print) in its policy up to the limit of their liability. There is a six month exclusion after any illness after a claim—the particular illness has to be treatment free for six months and can then be considered eligible again for coverage.

ASPCA policies . 866-282-0905, www.aspcapetinsurance.com have a \$100 deductible. Its advantage plan pays \$3,500 per incident with an annual limit of \$11,000. (The premium for this plan for a 7-year old doggie would cost approximately \$105 per quarter. After a policy holder has paid the deductible.)

Petco (Petco.com) offers a low cost insurance policy for approximately \$14 a month, but is limited to pets 8 weeks to six years. It pays 100 percent coverage with \$100 deductible for first-time illnesses up to \$500 with a limit of 2 per year. It will pay \$1,000 per year for foreign body ingestion that needs to be removed by surgery, a car accident, a bone fracture, accidental poisoning, lacerations, burns, and allergic reactions. It will also pay \$150 for advertising or a reward for a lost pet.

I am an Animal Rescuer

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My job is to assist God's creatures
I was born with the need to fulfill their needs
I take in new family members without plan, thought or selection
I have bought dog food with my last dime
I have patted a mangy head with a bare hand
I have calmed someone vicious and afraid
I have fallen in love a thousand times
And I have cried over a lifeless body

I have animal friends, and friends who have animal friends
I don't often use the word "pet"
I notice those lost at the road side
and my heart aches
I will hand-raise a field mouse
and make friends with a vulture
I know no creature unworthy of my time

I want to live forever if there aren't animals in heaven
But I believe there are
Why would God make something so perfect and leave it behind
We "may" be master of the animals
But the animals have mastered themselves
Something people have never learned

War and abuse make me hurt for the world
but a rescue that makes the news gives me hope for mankind
We are a quiet but determined army
And making a difference every day

There is nothing more necessary than warming an orphan
Nothing more rewarding than saving a life
No higher recognition than watching them thrive
There is no greater joy than seeing an animal play
who only days ago, was too weak to eat

I am an animal rescuer
My work is never done
My home is never quiet
My wallet is always empty
But my heart is always full

In the game of life, we have already won.



Author Unknown.

People We Recommend

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

VETERINARIANS - Southern California

Animal Medical Center—East County

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

amcofeastcounty.net/default.aspx

Butterfield Animal Hospital

43810 Butterfield Stage Rd, Temecula, CA 92592
951-303-8260

Carlsbad Animal Hospital

Dr. Lauren Bauer & Associates
2739 State Street, Carlsbad, CA 92008
760-729-4431 carlsbadanimalhospital.com

Cypress Avenue Animal Hospital

1400 E. Cypress St.
Covina, CA 91724
626-331-0775

Drake Center for Veterinary Care

195 N. El Camino Real, Encinitas, CA 92024
760-753-9393
drakecenterforanimalhealth.com

Desert Dunes Animal Hospital

Dr. Eric Jackman
42430 Washington St, Bermuda Dunes, CA 92203
760-345-8227
desertdunes.com

Estrella Veterinary Hospital

Dr. Michael Ontiviers & Associates
26925 Camino De Estrella, Capo Beach 92624
949-496-6661 estrellaveterinary.com

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People We Recommend

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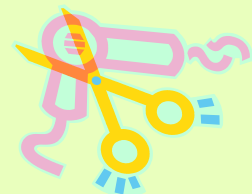
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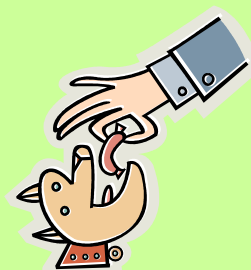
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