Bichon Bits & Bytes

October/November 2011 Bichon FurKids Rescue

Please join Bichon FurKids at the

San Diego Pet Expo!

Saturday, Oct. 15 & Sunday, Oct. 16
at the Del Mar Fairgrounds
Fun for the whole family!

Victoria Stilwell of Animal Planet's "It's Me or the Dog" will be at Pet Expo on Sunday at 1 pm. The all-day event will offer entertainment, pet expert seminars, hundreds of pet products and pet adoptions. This is an opportunity for Bichon FurKids to introduce bichons to people who may not know about them – or have been waiting or wanting to meet one.

Our booth will feature furkids who have been adopted as well as some who are available to adopt. We have a number of volunteers who will be coming by - and we would love to see and greet more of you! Please email either Marti (marti@bichonfurkids.org) or Michele (michele@bichonfurkids.org) if you can help. Or you can call Marti at 760-525-5556. Otherwise please stop by while you are at the event so we can say 'hello' - and give our furkids a belly rub or two.

Hours:

Saturday	October 15	10am to 7pm
Sunday	October 16	10am to 5pm

Location:

The San Diego Pet Expo is being held at the Del Mar Fairgrounds in Del Mar, California, 20 miles north of downtown San Diego. The Fairgrounds is just west of Interstate 5 - use the Via De La Valle exit and go west. Turn left at Jimmy Durante Blvd - public parking is available.

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TRICK OR TREAT!

Introducing...

Mia and Zoe!!

Hi Everyone,

We are Zoe and Mia, a bonded pair of Bichons who are happy, sweet, and loving. We are an inseparable dynamic duo who are eager to please, get along well with other dogs and love all kinds of people!

I'm Zoe ...ten pounds of love who is happiest when I'm near you. I'm sweet, thoughtful and a little shy. Mia is my playful, lively and slightly younger sister...also ten pounds, and sweet, snuggly, happy and loving. Oh, and a bit more curious than I am.

Dad says Mia cocks her head to the side when you speak with her and that is very endearing. He says she also likes to prance from foot to foot and if you hold up your hand and say 'turn' she will twirl like a ballerina. My trick is to stand on my back legs and wave my front paws up and down at the same time. Dad says that takes a lot of balance and that I am very entertaining!

We are two little girls who like to do everything together. We even sleep in the same bed, as close to one another as we can get. Dad says it's sometimes challenging to figure out how many of us are in the bed. (Silly Dad - of course there are only two!) We love our doggy foster sisters and other furkids; but we're not so good with cats.

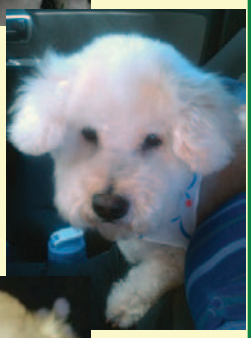
I, Zoe, like to play with toys that squeak and I like rubber balls. I can play fetch! Mia also likes toys - but she likes to carry them around then play with them. And when the playing is over, then we snuggle quietly and happily. But we also like to walk, enjoy greeting people and like to ride in the car.

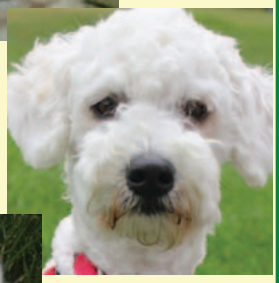
We have been together for eleven years, and we sure want to stay together now, so we must be adopted together. So if we sound like your kind of 'kids', please complete an application because we'd love to meet you. Nothing would make us happier than to be together in our Forever Home where we can cuddle, snuggle and certainly entertain you.

Your friends in waiting,

Zoe and Mia, Dynamic Duo

From Marti's Desk





Bichons Need Your Help!

People always ask: "**How is it possible that bichons need to be rescued?** Aren't they expensive, well-loved pets? Sadly there are far more dogs of all kinds needing to be rescued than homes and families to love them! Bichons coming in to rescue now are just now more visible than in previous years – and there are greater numbers of them in need.

Whether due to a move, a death in the family, or just ending up as a stray in a shelter, they come to us – week in and week out. **We do our best, with your help,** to keep up with the increasing need. And we KNOW we can place all of them in Forever Homes, once we get them to foster care.

Each of us does what we can – some volunteers conduct home safety checks for families who want to adopt, others transport supplies, and some drive furkids to wherever they need to go. We also have – and always need - loving families to foster our furkids in transition.

Fostering is a critical part of what we do – as **we can only save as many dogs as we have foster homes**. Bichon FurKids pays for the medical expenses and supplies associated with fostering – and we ask our volunteers to provide the love and training.

The biggest concern we usually hear regarding fostering is "How will I ever be able to love a dog, then give it away?" That is a challenge, although when you help to choose the family that becomes his or her Forever Family there is a deep sense of satisfaction. And when you are not able to let them go, we call that "flunking fostering." When Max joined our family I officially flunked fostering for the third time. (Trust me, I had no intention of ever having three bichons… but I now think that three is the perfect number!)

We hope you will join us at the San Diego Pet Expo and at other events in both San Diego and Orange County.

Call for Volunteers!

BICHON BASH X 2012 is coming!!!

We Need Your Help! Bichon Bash X is **Saturday, May 19, 2012**...As Bichon Bash X approaches planning meetings have already begun and we are looking for dedicated and committed volunteers to support the event.

If you would like to make a difference at the 2012 Bichon Bash X, you are invited to join us at our next Planning Committee Meeting at 1:00 p.m. on **Saturday, October 22, 2012**. If you are unable to attend but are interested in participating in this very special event, please contact our Event Coordinator, Michele Olivier michele@bichonfurkids.org as soon as possible. Let us know which assignment interests you. If you know anyone else who might be interested in participating in this very special event, please enlist them and/or forward this information to them. If you have any questions, please contact: Michele Olivier, Event Coordinator, 714-401-0932 or michele@bichonfurkids.org.

Committees

- Event Committee
- Volunteer Committee
- Corporate Relations
- Website & Invitation Committee
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- Equipment Rental & Decorations Committee
- Raffle/Auction Committee
- Catering Committee
- Entertainment/Program Committee

Other Bash Volunteer Opportunities

There are many volunteer opportunities on the day of the event. If you plan on attending but don't feel you can take on any of the volunteer responsibilities listed above, please consider volunteering for a few hours on the day of the event.

- **Setup**
- **Registration**
- **Parking**
- **Activity Aides**
- **Sales**
- **Runners**
- **Cleanup**

Be a SUPERHERO to Bichons in need...

Please support Bichon Bash X and help raise awareness and support of BFK rescue efforts!

Ralphs Community Contribution Program

Ralphs is committed to helping communities grow and prosper year after year. Bichon FurKids Rescue has been a member organization in this program for the last two years and we encourage each of you to register your Ralphs Rewards Card for Bichon FurKids Rescue.

Please register your Ralphs Club card with the Ralphs Community Contribution Program using our "Non-Profit Organization Number (NPO)" of 91702.

After you successfully register your card online, you will see organization information for Bichon FurKids Rescue on your profile page. Please print this page and keep it for your records.

Individual purchases begin counting towards Bichon FurKids Rescue within 72 hours of registering your rewards card on-line. Every time you shop for groceries and swipe your card, Bichon FurKids Rescue automatically starts earning a rebate. Just look on your receipt and you will see 'At your Request, Ralphs is donating to Bichon FurKids Rescue' within 7 business days of online registration.

Donations are made on almost everything, every time you shop! However, there are specific items that cannot be included such as purchases of alcohol, tobacco, pharmacy, postage stamps, gift cards, gift certificates, lottery and promotional tickets, fluid milk and milk products, fuel, CRV and Sales Tax.

For those of you who are already participating in the program – It's that time again!!!

Each September the Program requires we re-register our Ralphs Club Card. You must re-register every year. Those of you who already participate help us save more FurKids each and every time you shop at Ralphs! Every time you use your Club card, Ralphs will automatically donate up to 4% of your purchase to Bichon FurKids Rescue!

Please register your Ralphs Club Card with the Community Contribution Program using our "Non-Profit Organization Number (NPO)", 91702.

For more information, visit http://www.bichonfurkids.org/fundraising.