



Bichon Bits & Bytes

September 2014 Bichon FurKids Rescue

Music, Memories & Motown

Join us for the first annual *Music, Memories, & Motown* fun and fundraising event for the FurKids.

September 19 from 5:30 P.M.- 10:00 P.M.

Longshadow Ranch Vineyard and Winery

39847 Calle Contento Temecula CA 92591

\$50 per person includes Admission, dinner, and two drinks.

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YOUR HOST FOR THE EVENING



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The Satinettes

DJ Dancing ... Auctions!
Wear your favorite 50s attire!

Buy tickets at the door ... or in advance with a credit card at www.bichonfurkids.org

Just a few of the many wonderful auction items ...



Unique Gift Baskets for Yourself or Someone Special



Handmade Pillows



Handmade Quilts

Donate to BFK

Shop at Amazon.com, and a portion of your purchase will be automatically donated to BFK.



Use GoodSearch.com, powered by Yahoo! whenever you search the Internet, and a portion of your purchase will be automatically donated to BFK. Make sure to specify BFK as your Cause!



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The 2015 Bichon FurKids Calendar is on its way!



Just in time for “Music, Memories and Motown” and your holiday giving!

Our 2015 calendar showcases the bichons whose photos took prizes in our recent calendar contest (via Facebook voting) along with a big handful of equally photogenic fluffs! The calendar will be available soon to order from our website at <http://www.bichonfurkids.org>. Please be on the lookout for the announcement.

The calendar will also be for sale at the “Music, Memories and Motown” fundraiser on September 19 at Longshadow Vineyard and Winery, along with many other “gift-able” items.

Please think of the people you love who also love bichons — and buy a calendar for them. They make great holiday, birthday and anniversary gifts, and the proceeds from each calendar go towards the medical needs of incoming FurKids.

We look forward to sharing the calendar with you soon.

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A Perfect Day!

What do you get when you combine 15 little white fluffs looking their best, six newly approved and excited adopters, more than two dozen outstanding BFK volunteers, an amazing outdoor location, a sunny but not overly warm coastal day and the outstanding support of the Chicos Carlsbad management? You guessed it: six happy furkid adoptions!

As these pictures show, a good time was had by ALL! We also have received new adoption applications (from couples we met at the event) and have been invited back to do another event in October! We are truly lucky to have such support from all of you and Chicos.

And as most of you know, bichons like to be with other bichons. We now have four bonded pairs looking for forever homes. Please help us to get the word out as we've got some darling furkids who will double the fun wherever they go!



Put your Shopping Dollars to Work for FurKids

Here are two great ways to generate funds for BFK just by doing your routine shopping online or at the supermarket.

AmazonSmile



Supporting: Bichon FurKids Rescue
Judith's Amazon.com Today's Deals

We have some exciting news to share: by shopping at Amazon using AmazonSmile, you can purchase the products you like and need - and also help Bichon FurKids (BFK) to save more lives. And the best part is that you can do so at no additional cost to you!!

When you shop on AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of your order to BFK. **Remember at NO additional cost to you!**

What is AmazonSmile? AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Bichon FurKids every time you shop. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience you always have on Amazon.com - with the additional bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to BFK.

How do I shop at AmazonSmile? To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com from any browser on your computer or mobile device. (You might also want to create a bookmark to make it even easier to start your shopping.)

Can I use my existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile? Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

Which products on AmazonSmile are eligible for charitable donations? Tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages.

How do I select Bichon FurKids to support when shopping on AmazonSmile? On your very first visit to AmazonSmile <https://org.amazon.com/> (and you only need to do this once!) just select Bichon FurKids as your charity before you begin shopping. The system will remember your selection, and every eligible purchase you make on AmazonSmile will result in a donation.

We, all current and future FurKids thank you. You will help us to smile even broader when you purchase on Amazon (Smile, that is!) **Thanks!**

Ralph's Rewards Program

Ralphs is committed to helping communities grow and prosper. Bichon FurKids Rescue is a member of this program and we encourage you to register your Ralphs Rewards Card so that you can help the FurKids when you shop.



Please register your Ralphs Club card with the Ralphs Community Contribution Program using our "Non-Profit Organization Number (NPO)" of 91702. For those of you already in the program, you must re-register your card every September. 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 - up to 4% of your purchase. On your receipt you will see "At your Request, Ralphs is donating to Bichon FurKids Rescue" within 7 business days of online registration.

Some items cannot be included in the program, such as alcohol, tobacco, pharmacy, postage stamps, gift cards, gift certificates, lottery and promotional tickets, milk and milk products, fuel, CRV and Sales Tax. For more information, visit <http://www.bichonfurkids.org/fundraising>.

Blankets for FurKids

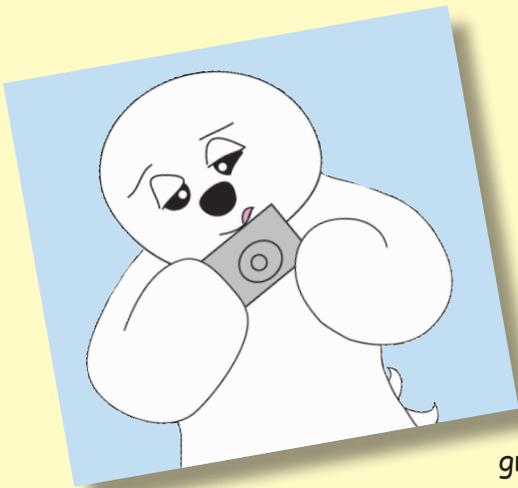
It's a fact that our FurKids love the blankets made by our Junior (and Senior) Volunteers.

We have had a lot of adoptions this year (that's the good news) however our supply of blankets is almost gone (that's the bad news). Some amazing volunteers under the guidance of Mary Alice West made 62 blankets, and some pretty sweet nephews of Jennifer Wilcox in Colorado made eight more. So we are definitely replenishing our stock of blankies for FurKids - but we still need more. If you, or someone you know, would like to make the no-sew blankets, our FurKids would be overjoyed! And we would be very grateful.



Please let us know if you can contribute some 'supreme blanket-makers.' It is a great any-time project for people of all ages - and we have great easy-to-understand directions and a video we can share. And we are happy to write letters regarding community service for those children who make blankets.

Please email info@bichonfurkids.org and say " I'd like to make blankets for a furkid" - and we'll be in touch. Thanks from all the FurKids!



Photos for FurKids

Do you like to take pictures? Are you good with a camera? We need people who can take photos of our new FurKids to accompany their bios on the adoption pages of our website. The photographer plays a very important role in getting our FurKids adopted. As they say, a picture is worth a thousand words - and as clever as our FurKid profiles are, nothing clinches an adoption application like a few engaging photographs of cute little balls of fluff frolicking in the grass - or peeking out of a flower pot or bathtub.

Another of the photographer's roles is taking pictures of the events that BFK participates in - such as adoption events, the Bichon Bash, and other activities. You never know where your masterpieces may end up - they could enhance a story on our website or in the newsletter...or even grace the BFK calendar. And like they say, a picture is worth...well you have the idea by now - we couldn't do our work without the work you do when you press the shutter button.

If you can frame a good picture and have a decent camera that takes high resolution photos (not a cell phone camera), you can help the FurKids by being their very own paparazzi! You never know when or where a FurKid may need to be photographed, so if you have "wheels"- and the time and flexibility -
WE NEED YOU!

Please email marti@bichonfurkids.org and say " I'd like to be a FurKid Paparazzi" - and we'll be in touch. Thank you for helping the FurKids!