



Bichon and Little Buddies Rescue

December & January 2010

Upcoming Events

- Saturday, December 4th from 4:00 to 9:00 pm - Mukwonago's Midnight Magic Event at Bichon and Little Buddies Rescue
- Saturday, February 5th from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm - Great Lakes Pet Expo at State Fair Park
- Saturday, February 19th at 6:00 pm - Bichon and Little Buddies Rescue Mystery Wedding fundraiser at For Pet's Sake Dog Training in Mukwonago

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A True Classic: Merlot

Merlot is an extra adorable little dog that never stops wagging his tail. He was a lost dog who is now looking for a family to love him. We believe he is about a year old, and looks a lot like a Sheltie mixed with Papillon, but we have no way of knowing his actual breed. He has a warm, friendly personality and does well on a leash. He weighs around 8 pounds and does have a coat that will shed. But his grooming needs won't be too intense, just some



brushing on a regular basis. All of Merlot's medical care has been taken care of so he is just waiting for the right person to come along and take him home. His adoption fee is \$315, which includes WI sales tax. In addition, Merlot is neutered, vet checked, updated on vaccines, heartworm tested, micro-chipped, and dewormed. To help you and Merlot adjust to life together, you will receive a 7 to 8 week, age appropriate, obedience training course at For Pet's Sake Dog Training (www.forpetsake.cc) at no charge.



B&LB Happy Tails

The last few months have been busy for Bichon and Little Buddies Rescue and we've been very fortunate to place many of our furry friends into their forever homes. In addition to Sylvia, John Lennon, Paul McCartney, Queenie, Romeo and Conan, Habanero, a terrier mix, had been waiting for a home for quite awhile, but her special someone came and adopted her in mid-November. We knew someone would appreciate her scruffy terrier look and quiet personality.



Habanero

Good luck to Habanero and all of our newly adopted Little Buddies!

Our Featured Friend: The Magic of Maggie

As the rescue continues to grow, Tammie and I were finding it very hard to stay on top of applications, house visits, vet runs, special events and cleaning. Maggie, one of our new volunteers, was also looking for a part-time job. She came to us at a time when we really needed someone just like her. Maggie had experience working at a humane society, some medical education, and a heart of gold. Maggie works weekdays taking care of all of the dogs' needs. She loves the dogs and they love her back. She has a magical touch that brings out the best out in each one.



Annabelle's story truly illustrates this. An adult Chihuahua from a puppy mill, Annabelle was terrified when she came to us. She only knew a cage and having litter after litter. When she arrived, we put her in a small room by herself to let her slowly acclimate. For a week, she only came out of her crate to eliminate. After two weeks, we needed the room for another dog, so we put her on the main floor. She was in an exercise pen with her crate (so she could hide) and a bed. She lay in the bed rather than her crate, which was a big accomplishment, but she would readily snap if anyone tried to touch her. I always say there is a fine line between rehabilitating a dog and torturing it, and we were wondering if she would ever come around or if her bad past had scarred her for life. Maggie started to open her pen door so she could walk around with her as she cleaned. Within a week, the transformation was miraculous. Maggie slowly started to pet her without Annabelle snapping out in fear, and soon she was able to pick her up. Within a short period of time, Annabelle thought "if you are a friend of Maggie's, you are a friend of mine", and now, Annabelle is a highly adoptable dog who loves her life with us. But, she will really feel like a princess when she finds a loving home!

You paused outside to look into my cage. I tried to play it right, wanting to catch your eye with a shy glint in my own, a soft bark, that said, "Choose me," in a canine grammar I hoped you'd understand.

R.S. Jones, his account of his dog Scout's adoption from a shelter

Volunteer Opportunities

At Bichon and Little Buddies Rescue, we currently have the following volunteer needs:

- Hands-on volunteers -- taking the dogs for walks, feeding, playing with pups, cleaning kennels, transporting dogs from the release site to the vet, etc., as well as conducting home visits for people interested in adopting.
- Special events volunteers -- manning the rescue's booth at events.
- Foster volunteers -- fostering dogs in your home.

To apply, visit <http://www.bichonrescues.com/wishlist.html>.



Winter Grooming

The cold weather is upon us and many dogs dislike the cold just like their owners. Because of this, a common thought with pet owners is to skip the routine grooming over the winter to help the dog stay warmer. The opposite may be true. If a dog's coat becomes tangled and matted, the benefit of longer hair is negated. In order for the insulating effect of a dog's coat to take place, the hair must be tangle free. If you have a dog that generally gets short haircuts, keep them on their grooming schedule even if you don't have the groomer trim the dog's hair. By getting the coat cleaned, brushed and combed, the hair will remain tangle-free. Some people opt to continue with the usual haircut over winter and possibly put a sweater or jacket on the pup when the weather is extremely cold or the dog is outside for more than just a potty break. With some dogs, the shorter style is more appropriate because they like to play outside. If a dog has longer hair, the snow may stick and clump to the hair, making for a mess when the dog comes into the house. It can also result in a colder dog because the longer wet hair takes longer to dry than a shorter coat would. When your shoes and socks are wet, do you want to keep wearing them until they dry, or do you change into dry clothes? Dogs also still need their nails clipped. Trimming the pads and fuzzy feet help reduce the 'between the toes' snowballs that make the dog's feet cold. It also makes it easier to wipe off the dog's feet when they come in from outside if they walk in areas that have been treated with salt or other ice melt products. So the fact is, all dogs can benefit from getting groomed, even when the snow flies!



Tammie Riepe
Groom'n Time Pet Spa

We Need Your Help!

We are always in need of select items to help us care for our dogs. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

Newspaper and Potty Pads

Towels and Blankets

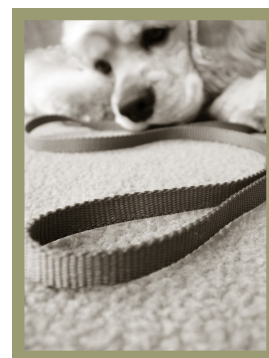
Leashes and Small Martingale Collars

Small Harnesses and Small Vest Harnesses

Training Tip

A Houeline: Simple but Effective

Whether introducing a new adult or a pup into the home, I highly recommend putting a house line or short leash on the dog. Let the dog drag it around when you are able to watch the dog. If the dog jumps, steals or isn't responsive to a command, you can control the situation. This keeps the new dog owner from getting frustrated. It is a way to speak clear communication to the dog and give the owner gentle control by grabbing the line when needed.



Upcoming Events - December

Meet some of our adoptable pets on Saturday December 4th from 4:00 - 9:00 pm at Bichon and Little Buddies Rescue at 828 Perkins Drive during Mukwonago's Midnight Magic Event. There will be a dog and human fashion show at 6:00 pm featuring dogs from Bichon and Little Buddies. Throughout the night you will be able to tour the rescue facility as well as enjoy all the other special events at For Pet's Sake Dog Training.



Upcoming Events - February

Bichon and Little Buddies Rescue will also have a booth at the Great Lakes Pet Expo in the Wisconsin Exposition Center at State Fair Park on Saturday, February 5th from 10:00 am - 6:00. pm. The Great Lakes Pet Expo attracts pet lovers from across Wisconsin and Illinois, offering an entire day full of fun for the entire family.

Visit us on Saturday, February 19th for the Bichon and Little Buddies Rescue Mystery Wedding fundraiser. We will have a mystery wedding of two of our special rescue pups at 6:00 pm with a reception to immediately follow. The event will be held at For Pet's Sake Dog Training at 828 Perkins Drive in Mukwonago.



Other than when we have open house hours or other special events, we do require a completed and approved pre-adoption application prior to setting up an appointment to meet a dog.

We are a volunteer organization and run our own businesses in addition to devoting hours to rescue work. Because of this, potential adopters are asked to return an application prior to contacting us about a pet. We are not able to 'hold' a pet, so please don't make an appointment until you are ready to adopt your new pet.



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Bichon and Little Buddies Rescue is committed to the rescue, care and adoption of bichons, shelties and other small breeds and mixes. We take in dogs surrendered by their owners, dogs found as strays and those rescued from puppy mills. We primarily serve Southeastern Wisconsin and Northwestern Illinois.

Our adoption fees cover the various needs of our dogs including spaying and neutering, complete veterinary check ups, vaccinations, heartworm testing, heartworm and fleatick prevention, deworming, micro-chipping and other necessary medical care, such as treatment for ear infections, mammary lumps, dental and other procedures. Grooming is donated by Tammie at Groom'n Time Pet Spa.

Looking to adopt?

If you are interested in adopting any of the dogs in our rescue, please fill out a pre-adoption application at www.bichonrescues.com and e-mail the completed form to BichonandLittleBuddies@gmail.com or send a signed copy to: For Pet's Sake, 828 Perkins Drive, #200, Mukwonago, WI 53149.

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