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:: from our president ::

The 3rd quarter has been a very busy one! We have taken in 21 dogs this quarter. Several of these dogs were very sick. In fact we have taken in more sick dogs this year than any other year since our founding in 1999.

We have had several cases of mange which takes a minimum of two months treatment before they are released for adoption. We accepted a dog with Valley Fever, and two dogs with pneumonia. We have brought all these dogs to an adoptable condition and most have been adopted.

One of the pneumonia cases was a 10 week old pup named Clay who was treated at the CSU Vet Teaching Hospital. He was hospitalized for 11 days and is being adopted by his foster mom & dad this weekend. The CSU Vet found this family to foster the pup and it was a God send. This family took care of this pup for two

months. Try living with a Vizsla pup that you have to keep quiet with no exercise. These people are angels. Look for Clay's success story on our website.

As you can imagine, with all these sick dogs, the vet bills have been astronomical. Thank God we have a healthy bank account and we continue to be grateful for our donors and grant awards.

Ways you can help - We are looking into getting a banner to display at our reunions and other fund raising events. We want our logo to be on this banner and it should be at least 2-3' by 3 to 4'. If anyone can help on this, please let me know.

Thank you to all you wonderful volunteers and adopters. You should all be proud to be part of our rescue group. We save dogs that could have died if not for our group.

~ Rita



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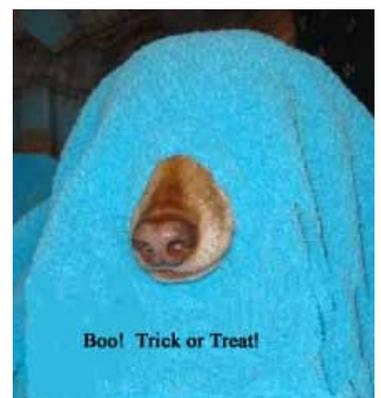
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Keeping Your Pets Safe on Halloween

by Karen Phillips

The sights and sounds of Halloween are almost upon us – brightly lit jack-o-lanterns, lots of eerie decorations with sound effects, the candy and sweets, and all those scary ghosts and goblins ringing the doorbell all evening long. While we may look forward to this spooky night it can become a very stressful and anxious time for your dog.

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Breaking News: Date line Kansas

OCTOBER 13, 2010

Our Kansas crew has been working diligently on reducing the number of breeder puppy mills and Teila has really done it this time. She spoke to a long time Vizsla breeder into his words, "donating" his breeding stock to rescue, along with an entire litter of 6 week old puppies. Rescue accepted three adult females and the stud dog who is an older male as well as all the puppies. These dogs have always been kennel dogs and were bred every time the bitches came into heat. We have received dogs from this breeder in the past, some of which had demodectic mange. Teila explained to him this is hereditary and told him he shouldn't be breeding his dogs. This gentleman is elderly and does, in his way, care about his dogs. Teila asked him if he knew what happened to the other puppies from the litters that had mange. Were they taken to the vet? Or were they taken out and shot?

That remark is what changed his mind. He really does care and he offered to relinquish all of his Vizslas to rescue. Teila remarked that she is basking in the warmth of the good thing that has happened and rightfully so! Three female Vizslas will no longer be having litter after litter and the three female puppies will never have to be more than someone's beloved pet. Three male puppies will never sire a litter, only chase tennis balls in someone's backyard. After the paperwork was all signed the gentleman told Teila thank you and gave her a hug.

With these ten dogs, Scott & Teila are now fostering twelve dogs at their home. If you have been thinking about fostering a rescue, now is the perfect opportunity to help rescue and help a dog in need. This is what rescue is all about folks, one dog at a time until there are none. The puppies all have ringworm so it will be a while before they can be adopted. If there is anything at all that you can do to help us here in Kansas please give me a call at 785-533-3647 or drop me an e-mail at polly@ruraltel.net. We need help with everything, volunteers, please get involved and let us know what you can do to help. A great big THAT 'A' GIRL to Teila and a THAT 'A' BOY goes to Scott who will be transporting ten dogs to me this coming Sunday.

Keeping Your Pet Safe on Halloween

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To your dog, this night is clearly not normal and routine, and how he reacts to these unusual circumstances may depend on how well you prepare him.

Here are some easy safety tips that can provide an incident-free night in which all the scary stuff is in the name of good fun for everyone, including your dog:

- A tired dog is a well behaved dog! Walk or play with your dog for at least 30 minutes before party guests or trick-or-treaters start arriving. Following exercise, most dogs will be more relaxed and ready to take a nap.
- Give your dog his own private space. Avoid making your dog overly excited with the arrival of trick- or-treaters. Providing a quiet room with his crate, familiar bedding and toys will make the flurry of activity less anxiety provoking.
- Start "door bell" training right away. Training your dog to sit quietly near the front door when the doorbell rings will help ease any excitement and anxiety. Practice every day to reinforce the behavior.
- Distracting your dog with new toys will keep him occupied for a long period of time and much less interested in the activities you have going on. Long-lasting chew toys that are nearly indestructible will challenge him mentally and physically keeping him relaxed and tired.
- Halloween costumes can be threatening to your dog, even if the dog knows the child well. Never leave your dog alone with small children. If you think your dog is becoming too anxious, put him in a quiet room or his crate away from the activities.
- Keep the treats away from Pets who like to counter surf! Many of the sweets, especially chocolate, can be life-threatening to dogs.
- Lighted candles in jack-o-lanterns create dancing shadows which may entice dogs to swat or paw at them, especially if they are low and at eye level. Keep them up higher, within view and away from those curious paws.

Happy Halloween Everyone!
MAKE IT A SAFE ONE FOR YOUR PETS!

7TH ANNUAL RESCUE ADOPTION REUNION

WOW!!! What a great reunion. The 7th Annual Vizsla Rescue reunion was held on Sunday September 12th at Community Park in Louisville this year. The location was beautiful and we had a great turn-out. The food was great; fried chicken, three different kinds of salad, beverages, and a big yummy cake. The weather was made to order.

The park had wonderful amenities for our red dogs including two fenced off areas for the dogs to be off-leash, one of which had a swimming pond. Our red dogs thoroughly enjoyed that

part of the picnic. In fact, most of them spent more time there instead of at the picnic tables. For those of you who were not able to attend, we hope you will be able to attend next year; it is a fun and relaxing way to spend the day.

I'm sorry I was not able to take a group picture this year; I just wasn't able to gather everyone together. Next year I will! I will plan on posting a schedule so people know when to stop playing, gather for lunch and schedule time for photos.

I want to extend a very special thank you to everyone who made a contribution to Vizsla Rescue. We received \$620.00 in donations and we are very grateful for the ongoing generosity and support of everyone who attended this year's reunion.

Thank you to Alyssa Krissen for all her hard work organizing this successful event. I am already looking forward to our 8th reunion next year and I hope to see everyone there!

~ Rita



7TH ANNUAL RESCUE ADOPTION REUNION

photo gallery



the meet and greet



which way did he go?



Where is that bone?



Did you say treats?

FOOD AGGRESSION & RESOURCE GUARDING • by Polly Mahlman



Does your dog growl as you walk by his food dish while he is eating? If so, you have a dog with food aggression which can lead to a more serious problem known as resource guarding. In a Vizsla, that characteristic may include

you.

Too often, rescue dogs are surrendered for no other reason than food aggression that has become a safety concern for family members. The story is all too common; we got our dog as a puppy and she would growl when we passed by her while eating. We started putting her into the laundry room to eat, letting her out when finished. This small mistake has cost many dogs their lives. You have heard of the expression "give them an inch and they will take a mile." Unfortunately, that is the inch that leads to resource guarding. Here are some training tips to stop food aggression before it becomes a bigger problem -resource guarding.

The first and most important tip to remember: You are the alpha in your household. ALL of the food is yours and your dog needs to understand this very early on. Give your dog his food dish, but continue to stand there. If he growls, give a firm NO, and take the dish away. If you think he may bite, use a foot to slide the dish away. If your dog is in a crate, put your foot (wearing shoes) over the top of the dish, tell the dog to sit and remove the food. If your Vizsla is a rescue, call either Rita or myself before attempting correction. If you feed your dog



in the kitchen, block the dog from the dish, put him in a sit-stay and stand in front of the dish. Slowly, let the dog begin to eat and then step towards him. If there is no response, praise the dog and let him eat in peace. If you feed your dogs in their crates, and either you or another animal walks by eliciting aggressive behavior such as growling or barking, address the problem right away. Using a spray bottle with a diluted solution of vinegar water (2 parts water to 1 part white vinegar only) can also be used to help correct the dog's behavior. Verbally correct the dog, tell him to sit and IF safe, reach in and take the dish. When

the dog is calm, praise him and give the food back petting and talking softly to him while he eats. If he refuses to eat while petting him, remove the food again with a firm correction.

Prevention is of course, the best way to take care of food aggression. If you get a puppy, start the training right away. Give the puppy his food and pet them while they eat. If they growl, give a firm NO and remove the food.

The key to correction in training or retraining your dog is the use of firm, consistent commands. If your dog is resource guarding or you think they maybe starting to show signs of this behavior, please give me a call or drop me an e-mail. Resource guarding is a potentially serious problem and it can lead to your dog being labeled a bitter.

Remember, you are the alpha and you have to be firm and consistent with all training. If your dog is exhibiting signs of resource guarding or you think she may be starting to lean towards that behavior feel free to give me a call or drop me an e-mail at polly@ruraltel.net.



Marathon Adoption Weekend

By Polly Mahlman



Let me tell you all a story about a very busy weekend, and I do mean busy! Teila and I got up early on the 26th of August to get the dogs fed and watered before we loaded up a van for the drive to Fort Collins. We had 7 rescue dogs that we were taking to Colorado from Kansas for adoption to their forever homes. Jerry had it organized so all the families would meet us that afternoon and the adoptions would commence. We were transporting three German Wirehair/Vizsla mix puppies born to Mustang Sally, a rescue we accepted from South Dakota, Sassy who is a Vizsla/Greyhound mix; Zero a dog from a Nebraska shelter; and Murray and Weaver, 2 young Vizslas who had been kept in Kansas due to mange. Now that is a lot of dogs! We packed plenty of food for everyone, water, dog bedding, and clothes. I'm not sure, but I think the kitchen sink was in there someplace, extra dog bedding, bowls and of course.

We headed out at 7:30 am in hopes of getting to our destination a little early. We headed on to CO, stopping more times for us than we needed to for the dogs, who rode very well even the 10 week old puppies.

Teila took the helm and I was the passenger. We arrived at Jerry's ahead of schedule. Jerry was ready with the adoption contracts and a place all set up for pictures. We didn't have long to catch our breath before excited families started showing up.

The first adoptee was Chocolate. His new owner was so thrilled to get him; she changed his name to Argus and wouldn't put him down. Cookie was next. Her new family was really thrilled and they decided the given name was perfect. The adoption that proved most difficult for Teila was Sassy. She was the girl who captured her heart. Though she knew this was the perfect family for her special girl. Now it was Murray's turn. He was adopted by a family who had previously adopted from us so Murray went home with a complete family; kids and a Vizsla brother. Tigger became his more fitting name as he tends to bounce everywhere. I had told Tigger's family before that V's are like potato chips, you can't have just one. Oreo got adopted on Sunday as did Bridger. Zero



now named Banjo, was adopted on Monday. That's a lot of adoptions in a short period of time, but there was a lot of leg work done in the months before.



The home visits and telephone interviews had all been completed and Jerry did an amazing job scheduling everyone to make this event happen so smoothly. We took lots of pictures and it was quite a

memorable day and we celebrated with pizza afterwards. On a post script note: All the dogs are doing very well in their homes and we give a heartfelt thank you to all the adopters who opened their hearts and their homes to these wonderful dogs.



Dollars & Cents



CWVRG, INC.
FINANCIAL REPORT

3RD QUARTER
2010

CASH BALANCE: Guaranty Bank · Checking/Savings \$14,859.00

REVENUE:

ADOPTIONS \$6,650.00
PERSONAL \$2,849.00
PAY PAL \$0.00

FUND RAISERS \$557.00
GRANTS \$399.00
TOTAL \$10,455.00

EXPENSES:

DIRECT SERVICES -\$9,220.00
GENERAL OPERATING -\$3,389.00
TOTAL -\$12,609.00



Did you know?

The word Vizsla, was first documented in early writings dating back to 1350 as the name of a village on the Danube indicating that the dog may have been found in the area. Paired with the meaning “dog” toward the end of the 14th Century, Vizsla is supposed to have come from the oldest layer of the Hungarian language, from a root -Vis- which means “to search.”

people of cwvrg

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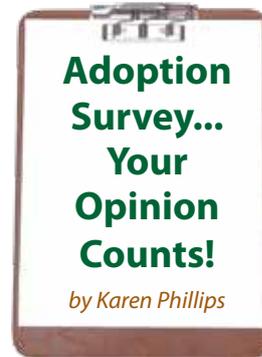
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Vizsla rescue is committed to improving our adoption process and our ongoing communication with everyone who has adopted a Vizsla recently or in the past.

We now have an Adoption Satisfaction Survey that is available on-line and only takes a few minutes of your time. Our goal is to collect valuable feedback from our adopters concerning the ease of the adoption process and to use the information to improve our efficiency and effectiveness as a rescue organization.

We need your input! If you have adopted a Vizsla from us, we encourage you to complete the survey. It is electronic and offers a place to submit additional comments regarding your experiences with the volunteers and the adoption process. Your participation is anonymous and all feedback is welcomed and valued. The data will be compiled automatically through a computer generated system and reviewed on a quarterly basis. We look forward to sharing the feedback and announcing our new and improved adoption processes based on your input!

We are excited about this opportunity to hear from you and to ensure our adoption processes are meeting your needs and expectations. To take the survey, please go to www.dencosurvey.com/vizsla. Your participation is important and we appreciate your time and your ongoing support.

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We are now on Facebook! **Come be our Fan!** Visit: www.Facebook.com
We are listed as **Colorado Wyoming Vizsla Rescue Group** (CWVRG, Inc.).