



Southern Texas Small Paws Rescue



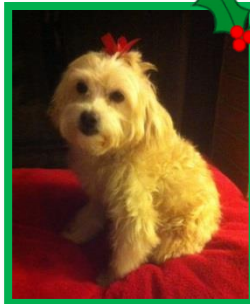
Help Us Find Homes for these wonderful Bichons!
Adoption and Fostering Volunteers needed

We need a Forever Home!!

Smoothie



Maggie



Maggie and Smoothie were owner turn ins at the Harris County shelter. We were told the family could not keep them any longer. It was obvious they had not had the best of care. Both were Heartworm positive but have successfully completed treatment. Maggie is 5 years old and weighs about 13 lbs. She will give you a "High Five" if you hold out your hand. Smoothie is 3 years old and weighs about 12 lbs and is as sweet as sugar!! They are a bonded pair, love to go on walks, house trained and obey commands! They need to get in a FOREVER HOME and get 2014 started off on a good paw!!

Betsy



Betsy is a 1 year old little girl with a lot of energy and love to share and weighs about 15 lbs. She came to us in pretty good condition from the shelter but with a very short hair cut, however, a thick coat is growing out nicely. Betsy is house trained, has all her vaccines and has been spayed and is ready to go to her forever home. She walks well on a leash, sits on command, loves her crate, blanket and toys! She would love to be the only dog because she is an alpha pup, but is adapting well to three other pups in her foster home.



December 2013 News

Featured Bichons:

- Smoothie & Maggie
- Betsy
- Grayson
- Casey
- Savannah
- Hunter
- Sky
- Misty & Monroe
- Libby
- Sugar Plum
- Nicholas & Noel
- Brody
- Laddy



Adoption FAQ

Our goal is to adopt loving Bichons, to responsible, loving, permanent homes.

- For dogs under eight years old The Small Paws® Rescue's Adoption Fee is \$150.00. This adoption fee includes vaccinations, heartworm check, teeth cleaning (if needed) and altering (if over 6 months of age.) For dogs over eight years old the adoption fee is reduced to \$75.00.
- Bonded pairs may be adopted together for the single adoption fee outlined above.
- If shipping your new Bichon to you is required, there will be these additional fees: \$175.00 for air fare, \$40.00 for an airline approved crate, and \$35.00 for an FAA required veterinary health certificate.(The crate, health certificate and airfare are not refundable.)



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Greyson



Greyson was an owner turn in that was picked up on the streets. He is 3 years old and weighs 14 pounds. He has completed HW treatment and has thrived in his foster home. Greyson is house trained and walks on leash. Our boy has been neutered, teeth cleaned, vaccines given and is ready for "forever" home.



Casey



Casey is a sweet boy who loves to be with his human. He does well with small dogs and loves his one on one time with foster mom and dad. He's potty trained and learns fast. He sits, comes, jumps up, speaks, and rolls over on command.. Casey is uneasy with larger dogs and needs a little extra attention for introduction. Casey has lots of energy to go for long walks or just play in the back yard with a ball! Casey would do well with someone that wants a dog to dote on, pet him, brush him, hold him like a baby and he's mush in your arms. He is 3 years old and weighs 14 lbs. and his coat is growing out after having to be shaved down.



Savannah



Savannah was picked up at the shelter and quite matted. She was clipped pretty close, but is now growing a nice coat. She was also Heartworm positive. She is finishing up her second round of treatment and will be available for adoption in about 30 days. Savannah is only 1.5 years old and evidently had a rough road to travel to be so young. She weighs about 12 lbs. and has blossomed in her Foster home!! Won't you consider adopting Savannah?



Hunter



Hunter is our 2 yr boy weighing about 17 pounds. You can see we had to cut some very matted areas from his legs but were able to save most of his beautiful coat. He is a fun loving boy that has been neutered and up to date on vaccines. He is ready for a forever home. Please consider Hunter. Will you help him find his "forever" home?



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Sky



Sky is a sweet little girl weighing in at 13.4 pounds and about 1.5 years old. She is a very sweet little girl. Sky has been spayed and up to date on vaccines and ready for her forever home . Consider giving Sky a loving home for the new year. She will be a delight to have in your family.



Misty



Monroe



Misty and Monroe are a bonded pair that family turned into shelter when the owner died. They are 3 yrs old with Monroe weighing 21 lbs and Misty 14 lbs. They had to be shaved down and are just now growing out. Misty is being treated form Heart Worm and the two pups should be ready to go in about 30 days. Foster tells us they are well behaved and social pups.



Libby is a sweet little girl we picked up the first part of December. While cleaning her up and vetting her, we found she was pregnant with 3-5 pups and due within a couple of weeks. We found a Foster in Dallas and she has been kept in a warm, loving and safe environment. We are happy to announce the birth of **TEN... yes, 10** healthy pups!!! Father unknown, one white pup in the bunch! Momma and pups doing great!!

Sugar Plum



In Boarding, needs a Foster Home soon!!

Sugar Plum also came to us right before Christmas and is 1.5-2 years weighing in at 10.5 pounds. She has upper respiratory infection so will be 10 days before we can spay her. Sugar Plum will be looking for a foster in about 20 days after she is groomed.



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Nicholas



Noel



Nicholas and Noel our bonded pair that came to us matted from head to end of tails. They had to be sheared like little sheep then developed upper respiratory infection and are being neutered and spayed today. Noel is heartworm positive so the pups will need to stay in driving distance since Noel cannot fly while undergoing heart worm treatment. Their coats are just beginning to grow out and we will have them groomed in about 10 days then they both will be ready for foster home. Both of the pups are 1 yr and weigh about 15 lbs. each. They are a little thin due to the road they had been traveling. Truly hard to see who they are since we have their coats on them for protection and warmth. They are going to be fine looking pups once they are groomed and their coats grow out.

Brody



Brody is a young pup of 7 months that came to us right before Christmas. He is healthy very happy little boy weighing in at 11 pounds. He will be looking for a foster home in about 10 days after he is groomed.



Laddy



Laddy also came to us right before Christmas! Laddy looked MUCH bigger with all of the matted fur attached to his body but he actually only weighs about 8 lbs. He needs to gain a little weight, but he should do great now. We got him neutered and completely shaved down! He looks so cute! His blood work all looked good too. No parasites, so that is a bonus!





Ask Dr. Duncan...



Food Allergies... No goodies for you!

Since this is the time of enjoying food the good girls at Small Paws ask that I give my professional opinion regarding food allergies in dogs. In our SP group of S Texas we have had 3 dogs this year of 2013 that have had food allergies and what a difference it made when the Dr's were able to help these pups. Stain on mouth, feet and ear infections cleared.

Food allergy is the third most common cause of allergic itching and scratching in dogs. It occurs in dogs of all ages. Unlike canine atopy, food allergy is not seasonal. Dogs can develop allergies to chicken, milk, eggs, fish, beef, pork, horse meat, grains, potatoes, soy products, or dietary additives. A dog must have been exposed to the allergen one or more times to become allergic. Typically, the dog has been on the same diet for at least two years. In rescue we can see some signs within months of their arrival.

The principal sign is severe itching, sometimes accompanied by the appearance of small red bumps, pustules, and raised patches of skin. Characteristically, the rash involves the ears, feet, backs of the legs, and underside of the body.. Many dogs will start by showing signs just in their ears, with a red, moist rash.

Treatment: The diagnosis is made by placing the dog on a hypoallergenic test diet and watching for a definite reduction in itching and scratching. A hypoallergenic diet is one that has a very limited number of ingredients. It should contain no added coloring, preservatives, or flavorings. Most important, it should contain ingredients that the dog is unlikely to have encountered in the past. Your veterinarian can prescribe an appropriate hypoallergenic diet after carefully reviewing the composition of the dog's current diet. Switching from one commercial food to another is not an adequate test, as these nonprescription diets contain too many ingredients and the dog is likely to have eaten some of them in the past.

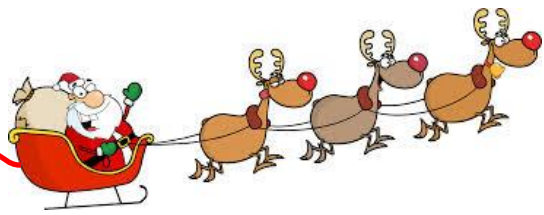
The test diet usually consists of a commercial hypoallergenic prescription diet such as salmon and rice or duck and potato, available through Hill's Pet Products, Purina, and Waltham. Once a good commercial hypoallergenic diet is found, the dog can be left on that diet indefinitely. Eliminate all treats and chews, and switch from a chewable tablet heartworm preventive to one that comes in a different form.

A reduction in itching may occur within a few days of starting the test diet, but in many cases it takes several weeks. The test diet should be continued for at least 10 weeks. Once improvement is noted, various foods can be added one by one until the offending allergen is identified by noting that it causes an increase in the amount of itching and scratching.

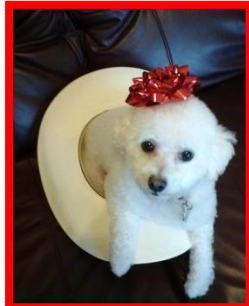
Be sure to contact your vet if you feel your pup might have some food allergies and of course follow their instructions in caring for and treating your pup.

Dr. "D" Duncan

We've been Adopted!!



Sawyer



Macie



Buttercup



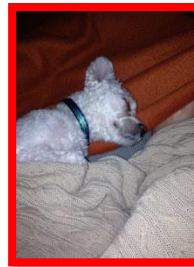
Mollie



Hobo and Rascal



Carlee



Arly



Budgie and Bumper

Our Mission

The mission of Small Paws® Rescue Inc., is to rescue and supply non-aggressive Bichons, nationwide, with love, shelter, food, human companionship, and medical care, until permanent placement is secured into a pre-screened loving home, as our resources allow.

We take responsibility for each Bichon rescued and placed through Small Paws® Rescue Inc. should they ever need to return to Small Paws during their lifetime.

Educating and informing the public about the commercial dog industry in America and about responsible pet ownership is also very important to us, as well as reviving the spirit of volunteerism across our country.

Our vision: We hope to see a day when there is no longer a market for puppies sold in the pet shops of America. Then and only then, will the suffering endured by thousands of companion animals in the puppy mills of America, cease.

**For information on how YOU can foster or adopt one of our featured Bichons, please contact
Sindy Parsons at 281-610-8276**

