

# ChiChis And Me

## Newsletter



FEBRUARY 2017

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AMAZING LITTLE CREATURES!

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AND  
MUCH MORE!

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Hello Everyone,

I'm so happy to present our all new Newsletter!

A new layout, new features and even videos! I included only one video this month, but there will be more in the future. (you must have Adobe Acrobat Reader or a similar program to see the video)

Since this is the first issue of our new and improved newsletter, I took the liberty of featuring my little Chi, Pebbles on the cover. Want to know more about her and my other two? [CLICK HERE](#)

I hope you enjoy the new Newsletter and I would LOVE to hear from you. Please send me your comments, concerns or suggestions to: [linda@chichisandme.com](mailto:linda@chichisandme.com)

Thank you so much for subscribing and please, if you like us, tell your friends (you don't have to own a Chi to love them!) The more, the merrier!

## FEBRUARY EVENTS

- Feb. 13-14, 2017: Westminster Kennel Club Annual Dog Show. Held at New York City's Madison Square Garden, this event is televised 2nd week in Feb.
- February is National Spay-Neuter Awareness Month
- Feb. 14: Pet Theft Awareness Day
- Feb. 20: Love Your Pet Day
- Feb. 28, 2017: World Spay Day. Annual campaign by the Humane Society International and The Humane Society of the United States; held the last Tuesday of February.
- February is Pet Dental Health Month
- February is Responsible Pet Owners Month

# 6 WAYS TO KEEP YOUR DOG(S) SAFE FROM THIEVES

February 14th is Pet Theft Awareness Day (and you thought it was just Valentines day).

1. My number one tip is to be sure they are **MICROCHIPPED** or at the very least have a current I.D. TAG. Although this won't guarantee that they will be safe, it's a step in the right direction.

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2. Don't leave your dog unattended in the yard even if you are home. If you can't be home, then check your fence regularly to make sure there is no escape route. There are many stories of dogs being stolen out of yards, so if you can't always be with them in the yard make sure you have a **LOCK** on your gate.

3. Don't just tie your dog outside a store. If you need to leave them, you can buy a **LOCKING DOG LEASH** so no one can untie them.

Keep a close eye on your dog at the dog park. Thieves have been known to work in twos. One will distract you while the other snatches your dog.

4. While traveling, never ever leave your dog alone in the car,

not even for a second. When we travel with our Chis we either stop at a drive thru or one of us stays in the car with them. This is not only to prevent someone coming along and stealing them, it is also for their safety, especially on warm days. The outside temperature doesn't have to be very high for the inside of the car to get dangerously hot, even with the windows down.

5. Get them spayed or neutered. An altered dog is less appealing to dog thieves because they can't sell them to unscrupulous dog breeders or dog ring fighters or owners, as in the case of the American Pitbull Terrier.

6. To you, your dog is priceless, but not so for would-be thieves. Never tell people what they are worth or how much you paid for them. Never let your dog roam, not even if they come every time you call them. They are vulnerable to dog nappers (yes, I said nappers-guess I've been reading too many mysteries).

Is the Chihuahua one of the most commonly stolen breeds?

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# PET DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

February is "Pet Dental Health Month", so there's no better time than now to be reminded of how important dental care is for dogs, but even more so for Chi's and other small breed dogs. As a general rule, they have small mouths and the same number of teeth as other dogs, so it can get pretty crowded in there. According to the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) 80% of adult dogs develop gum disease by the time they are three years old. That is just outrageous and unnecessary!

If you brush your dogs teeth just three or four times a week, (yes, I said week), you can keep plaque (which causes gum disease) under control. They now have toothpaste in all kinds of mouth watering flavors that dogs love and I'm sure you can find one that your dog will actually look forward to. It is also very important to have your dog's teeth checked by a veterinarian at least once a year (twice is better).

There are things to look for if you suspect your dog may be getting gum disease, they are:

- Bad Breath
- Swollen, bright red, or bleeding gums
- Tartar against the gum line
- Loose or infected teeth

If your dog appears to be a picky or finicky eater, they may actually be hungry, but their mouths are sore and they eat only enough to survive. How sad that would be!

**VIDEO: HOW TO BRUSH YOUR DOG'S TEETH:**

You must have Adobe Acrobat Reader or Similar Software to See This Video.

[IF YOU CAN'T SEE IT  
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## LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE



A Chihuahua was shopping at the mall

Shopper: Didn't I see you in a TV commercial?

Chihuahua: How am I supposed to know what you watch on TV?

# PEANUT BUTTER BANANA DOG BUSCUITS



## INGREDIENTS:

1 egg  
1/3 C peanut butter  
1/2 C mashed banana  
1 TBS honey

1 C whole wheat flour  
1/2 C wheat germ  
1 egg white, lightly beaten, for brushing

## DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 300 degrees F (150 degrees C). Lightly grease a baking sheet.
2. Stir together the egg, peanut butter, banana, and honey in a medium bowl; blend thoroughly. Stir in the flour and wheat germ, mix well. Turn dough out onto a floured board and roll to 1/4 inch thick. Cut into desired shapes with a cookie cutter. Place on prepared baking sheet and brush tops with egg white.
3. Bake biscuits in preheated oven until dried and golden brown, about 30 minutes, depending on size. Remove from oven and cool on a wire rack.



# HERE'S A TIP

If you live on the 16th floor of a building or where the snow drifts as high as a Chihuahua's nose, you can try litter box training. Instead of filling it with cat litter, line the box with several thicknesses of newspaper (does anybody still get newspapers?) or try those **INDOOR POTTY PATCHES**. They have disposable ones that you can have automatically sent to you on a

regular basis, or they now have ones with synthetic grass with a tray underneath that holds the urine

You could also use **POTTY PADS**. They have those that are chemically treated that attract dogs and encourage them to go on them in the place you choose. Remember to follow the same routine that you would if they were going outside.

## MEET OUR "CHI OF THE MONTH"

Meet Charlie from down under. Charlie lives on a horse farm in Victoria, Australia. He belongs to Gail Harrison who also sent us his photo.

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Our "Chi of the Month" for March will be up to you! That's right, you get to choose next month's photo. ChiChis And Me presents our "winter" photo contest. You can enter your photo and you can vote for your favorite photo. Contests aren't any fun if no one enters, so tell everyone you know. Even if they don't enter a photo, they can vote for yours!

GET DETAILS AND ENTER OR VOTE ON:

**FACEBOOK**

**WEBSITE**

YOU DON'T HAVE TO OWN A CHIHUAHUA TO LOVE THEM!



**CHARLIE FROM DOWN UNDER**  
WHAT A HANDSOME BOY! THANK YOU, GAIL FOR SHARING CHARLIE'S PHOTO!



# MEET A BRAVE LITTLE CHI NAMED KIZZI

I recently came across a post on Facebook with a heartbreaking picture of a little Chihuahua with a leg that had a large tumor. It was so swollen and looked so painful, it just broke my heart. The person that posted it was Amanda Mould. She asked that everyone pray for her little Chi named Kizzi because she was having her leg amputated the next day. I thought about her

and her poor parents for the next week. Thankfully, Amanda posted an update stating that Kizzie was doing fine.

Kizzi's Story:

I reached out to Amanda, wondering what had happened to her poor pup and thought you, dear readers might like to know about this brave little Chihuahua and what great parents she has that took such good care of her. This is what Amanda told me.

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# MAKE EXERCISE A HABIT

## Chi Aerobics; Fun Fitness:

Chihuahuas are small and adapt well to apartment living and get a pretty good workout going from room to room, but that's not enough. They still need regular exercise. It doesn't (and shouldn't) be a rigorous exercise, or feel like work.

Many times, owners don't realize how much fun it can be for both of you, not to mention a great bonding experience.

## Make Exercise a Happy Habit:

Even young Chi's can become lazy. If Chihuahuas were people, they would spend their days basking in the sun on a hammock, not biking, canoeing or hiking.

## Why So Important?

Yes, obesity is definitely a health hazard for sedentary Chihuahuas (as it is for humans), but there are so many more reasons they need regular exercise.

Their muscles need to be strengthened and toned. We are reminded many times that our hearts are almost entirely muscle and that muscle needs to be strengthened regularly. But, exercise keeps the blood pumping to and nourishing other muscles in the body also.

With regular exercise, that destructive little Chi will become a much better behaved companion. Often times if they are bored they will entertain themselves with things you might not like. Chewing on those brand-new heels, for example. Or digging a hole in the couch. Most importantly, that bored, tired, pudgy little Chi will be happier AND live longer!

## Coming Next Month:

Next month, I'll have some tips on ways to have fun and get some exercise together. Some great suggestions to help you both stay healthy and happy.

# CONGRATULATIONS TO: TERRI B, FROM KANSAS

## TERRI WON THIS BEAUTIFUL NECKLACE



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