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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Understanding how a dog feels about a hug
- Give a Dog a Home Gala Fund-raiser to help build a shelter
- The truth about euthanasia in Garland
- Highlights of CCHS dogs in their forever home

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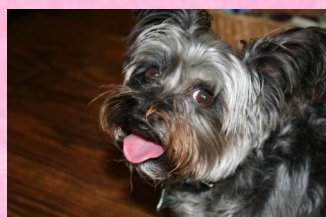
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CCHS VP ADOPTS PETLAND DOG BY TRESSA BROADHEAD

I have purchased a dog at Petland. There. Wow, I hate to admit that. As difficult as this is to say, this fact is what led me to rescue, and without that purchase, I don't know if I would be here. Seven and a half years ago, I was looking for a puppy for my family. We had all agreed we would get a new dog. I grew up in a family that always had shelter dogs. Not because it was the right thing to do, but because we couldn't afford to purchase a breeder dog. Up until Max, all my animals have always been from the shelter, and there was never anything wrong with them. I decided that I wanted one of those 'designer breeds' and I couldn't find one on petfinder.

Max was very cute. An 8

week old, 3 lb black yorkie-poo. I fell in love with him instantly, and called my husband to let him know I had just purchased a puppy. Max



Picture Above: Max Broadhead

was sick. He had kennel cough that lasted for two months, worms, and an ear infection. I came to find, those were the least of my worries. We took Max to puppy training at about four months, and he performed beautifully. However, when he got angry, he seemed to

take it a *bit* too far. We neutered him at five months, partly because we knew that was right, but also to try and keep that 'temper' of his at bay. Ignorantly, we didn't take his temper tantrums too seriously at first. Little dog syndrome, right? But it got much worse as time went on. At about two years old, he was trying to bite us when we would make Max do something he didn't want to do (move him off a spot we wanted on the couch, or take a toy away from him he wanted). He developed food aggression. He could never fully be potty trained, and his marking was getting worse. I spoke to my vet, and we ran test after test. Nothing was physically wrong with him. I was told I needed to be a (continued on page 3...)

CAN A HUG BE BAD?

BY SHARON MCGUIRE

To humans a hug means love and affection. When a human receives a welcomed hug from a person it makes us feel good. But what does a hug mean to a dog?

Humans are always hugging their dogs and when we do, we are sharing our affection and love. However, what

most people do not realize is that to a dog, a hug is not showing affection at all. Rather, to a dog a hug represents dominance and an invasion of space. Lower members of the pack give space to higher members as a show of respect. The position of a body is also mean-

ingful to a dog. The one on top represents a higher status ranking. Therefore, when you bend down to wrap your arms around a dog you are not only showing them dominance, but you are also invading their space. Keeping this logic in mind, it makes (continued on page 2)

CAN A HUG BE BAD? (CONTINUED FROM COVER PAGE)

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perfect sense not to run up and hug a strange dog. Many children are bitten every day for running up and hugging a dog, and from the dog's perspective, who would blame them? When a stranger approaches a dog with a hug, it is perceived by the dog as an assertion of dominance, and the dog's reaction is to communicate back to the human that they do not wish to be dominated. Unlike horses and deer who are "flight animals," dogs are "fight animals" and will communicate this displeasure with

a growl, snap or a bite.

That being said, it is not bad to hug a dog that is familiar with you as long as the dog is in a calm and submissive state of mind, so long as you are hugging him/her at a time that you are happy/relaxed. As a matter of fact, the emotional state that a person is in when hugging a dog can be felt by the dog, and that emotion radiating from a human can be calming to the dog. Not because the dog is enjoying the physical hug, but because the dog is enjoying the emotions they are sensing from

you.

When allowing your children to hug a strange dog, you are taking a gamble on the reaction from the dog. Not even the owner can always predict what the dog's reaction will be. The proper way to greet a dog is to turn your body sideways, no eye to eye contact, and allow the dog to smell you. That is greeting the dog in dog language, in a non confrontational way.

~by Sharon Maguire
(DogBreedInfo.com)



Picture above of the ever tolerant Cooper, a CCHS dog in his foster home.

*"Garland
Animal Shelter
has a history
of dumping
partially
euthanized
animals in the
city landfill."
~2005 WFAA
TV news story*

THE HOLOCAUST IN GARLAND BY NANCY UNDERWOOD POLLARD

More than 300,000 animals die in North Texas animal shelters each year, based on U.S. census and euthanasia statistics. What you may not be aware of is that, while the sheer volume of unwanted pets (and lack of adoptive homes) makes euthanasia a necessary evil in most of these places for now at least, there are actually Texas animal shelters that actively choose to perform this euthanasia via proven inhumane methods. Specifically, they kill by gassing the animals in a gas chamber. And one of these shelters is in your backyard: Garland, where two-thirds of animals that enter the shelter die (nearly 6,000 each year).

Yes, euthanasia by gas chamber is exactly what it sounds like. One or more animals are placed in an airtight chamber and a high concentra-

tion of carbon monoxide ("CO") gas is released. Cats and dogs are rendered unconscious and eventually die from lack of oxygen -- in other words, they suffocate. The whole process can take 20-30 minutes. If you have ever had to euthanize a beloved pet at your vet's office, you know that this is much longer than the average 1-2 minutes it takes to euthanize by injection. It also should be noted here that gas euthanasia is a process highly dependent upon the skill of the technician. If the technician does not perform the gassing to protocol, alive but seriously harmed animals may remain in the chamber at the end of the process. Not only are there stories about animals miraculously surviving presumably properly performed gassing, but the Garland Animal Shelter has a history of dumping partially euthanized animals in the city landfill. Furthermore, a 2005 National Geographic article on the backlash against shelters

like Garland noted that, "according to Doug Fakkema, an animal-euthanasia expert, in theory, the gas chamber doesn't sound bad, but in reality it's awful. 'The animal is in a warm or hot box, usually with other animals. They don't know what's going on. The hiss of the gas is going on inside. They get dizzy, and they panic,' he said. Fights can break out, and animals' calls can sometimes be heard."

The alternative to carbon monoxide gassing is the use of injectable sodium pentobarbital. The majority of Texas animal shelters, as well as your family vet, use this method. More significantly, Garland is the only city in Texas with a population of more than 35,000 people that still gasses its animals - all of the others have switched to injectable euthanasia. Yet the individuals who manage the City of Garland have opted to continue this practice despite being presented with evidence that CO (continued on page 3...)

RESCUE HELP NEEDED ASAP!

Please help! After two long years of being on a waiting list for an exotic rare breed dog, we were finally notified by the breeder that at long last, our number has come up, and... WE'RE HAVING A PUPPY!

We must IMMEDIATELY get rid of our children now, because we just KNOW how time consuming our new little puppy is going to be! Since our puppy will be arriving on Monday, we MUST place the children in new homes this weekend!!!

They are described as:

One male, white, blonde hair, blue eyes. Four years old. Excellent disposition. He doesn't bite. Name is Tommy. Temperament tested. Current on all shots. Tonsils removed already and very healthy condition! Tommy eats everything, is very clean, house trained and gets along well with others. Does not run with scissors and with a little time and training, he will do well in a new home

One female, strawberry blonde hair, green eyes. Three years old. Can be surly at times. Non-biter, thumb sucker. Her name is Mary. Temperament tested, but needs a little attitude adjusting occasionally. She is current on all shots, tonsils out, and is very healthy and happy (mostly.) Gets along well with little boys, but does not like to share toys. She is house trained, and would do best in a one child household.

We really LOVE our children, and want to do what is best for them. I hope you understand, that ours is a UNIQUE situation, and we have a real emergency here! They MUST be placed by Sunday night at the latest.

-- Author Unknown



CCHS VP ADOPTS PETLAND DOG

(...continued from cover page) better doggie mommie, and train my dog. I read training books, and I called a LOT of trainers. Few called me back, and even less wanted to meet with me after I explained Max and his full array of 'behaviors'. We found a fabulous trainer that did agree to meet with us, Karen Deeds. She came to evaluate Max, gave us some pointers on training, but also explained that

this is just how Max is wired, and truth is, he was probably never going to get fully better. You see...Max isn't your typical 'aggressive' dog. He doesn't fall into any real category. He loves to be with us and follows us around the house. He loves to be held. He doesn't want to be 'the alpha' and he's actually afraid of most things. Max just isn't completely *right*. There are many theories, but Max isn't truly a

training issue...it's a psychological issue.

We had choices: Euthanize him (not an option for us), or learn how to deal with him.

I was so confused...how could this be? We spent a LOT of money on what was supposed to be a dog from an excellent breeder. So I started doing some internet research to find out who this breeder was. My heart sank as I read a (continued on page 8...)

"On average, 225 dogs and cats are euthanized per day in North Texas's large city run shelters."
~Eric Asen,
Dallas Morning News

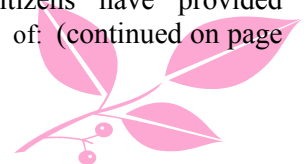


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THE HOLOCAUST IN GARLAND (STORY CONTINUED ...)

(...continued from page 2) gassing is dangerous to the health of shelter employees and not deemed to be a humane treatment of animals. More specifically, a diverse body of evidence has been supplied to the powers that be in Garland, detailing for them how replacing carbon monoxide euthanasia with injectable sodium pentobarbital would result in much more humane euthanasia with minimal suffering of animals during the process, would prevent employee exposures to toxic CO gas, would eliminate risks for exposure-related symptoms and adverse effects

including cardiovascular disease and birth defects, would conform with progressive euthanasia standards in Texas municipalities, would mitigate city liability regarding employee CO exposures, and would be commensurate with the wishes of Garland citizens regarding humane euthanasia. Numerous presentations to the Garland City Council and managers by concerned citizens have provided documentation of: (continued on page 7...)



Give a Dog a Home

CCHS Fundraiser Gala



The event will be held at the city Place Atrium on the 46th floor. A cocktail hour with live music performed by Jolie Holliday, served appetizers, drink and a silent auction will kick off the event prior to dinner. Guests will be seated and enjoy a delicious, vegetarian, three course meal served to them with wine service throughout the dinner portion of the event. Presentations during dinner include Guest speakers Fred Sanderson and Arthur Benjamin along with a slide show about CCHS. Closing of the silent auction precedes the evening. Guest will receive parting gifts as they leave the event filled with complimentary items from sponsors and donors for the Gala.

All guests must pre-register for the event. Seating is limited so act fast! Tickets are \$100 and include two drink tickets for beer/wine, appetizers, three course meal, validated parking, a parting gift, and a chance to win one of many wonderful items in the silent auction.

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- September 11, 2010
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BY THE WALNS**



**SADIE AND CODY
ADOPTED MARCH
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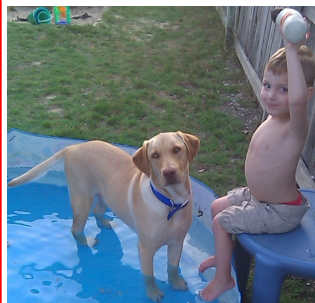
**SADIE AND MISSY
ADOPTED 2009
BY THE HENRY-
WEAVERS**



**BOBBY
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ADOPTED 2009
BY THE PAPES**



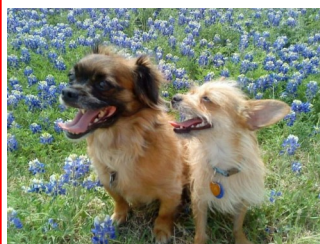
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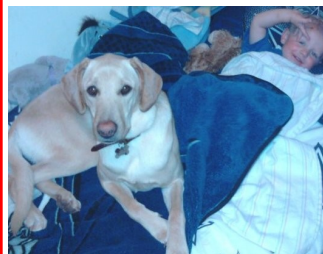
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ADOPTED APRIL
BY THE MILLERS**



**SKIPPY
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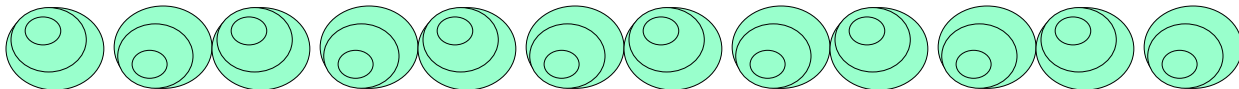
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"I am only one... but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do something I can do."

~Edward Everett Hale

GASSING IN GARLAND BY NANCY UNDERWOOD

(...continued from page 3)

*Unanimous support for injection euthanasia from the American Veterinary Medical Association, the Association of Shelter Veterinarians, and the National Animal Control Association;

*Petitions with more than 50 Dallas-Ft. Worth area veterinarians' signatures, calling for elimination of CO gassing and the exclusive use of injection euthanasia;

*Letters from local veterinarians describing and decrying gas euthanasia, including a member of the Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners;

*Letter from a Garland veterinarian detailing that she was asked

numerous times over several years to euthanize animals that had been gassed but not killed in the Garland gas chambers (which the city says does not happen);

*A WFAA TV news story from 2005 documenting eyewitness accounts of live animals being dumped at the city landfill after gassing. The city's response was to put the animals in black garbage bags before dumping them.

*Letter from the head of the Small Animal Clinical Sciences Dept. at Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine (who teaches euthanasia medicine to A&M vet students), stating that injection is more humane than gassing and that the "standard of care" for shelter euthanasia is what other comparable

communities are doing;

*Documentation that no DFW city other than Garland does CO gassing (relevant to the "standard of care" issue);

*Documentation that the neighboring cities of Sachse and Murphy ended their agreements to bring their animals to Garland for euthanasia because those cities consider gassing inhumane, and they now take their animals to Rowlett, which uses injection only;

*Recommendation that Garland adopt the shelter euthanasia policy of the City of Rockwall: "If the decision is made to euthanize an animal, a trained staff person who possesses a state certification to perform the procedure will work with an assistant and administer a lethal injection of sodium (continued on page 9...)"

"Mystery meat can sometimes include euthanized pets and meat from sick animals."

WHAT'S IN THE BAG?!

BY KATE CAPEHART

Deciphering a bag of dog food can be tricky. So what's really in your dog's food? Corn and soy (corn meal, corn gluten meal, ground corn, maize): Common fillers found in most commercial dog foods. It's cheap and plentiful and has little to no smell or taste which makes it ideal for dog food. However, it is not digestible. Dogs who have corn in their diet consume up to two times as much dog food than those who eat a corn-free food. This also means twice as much waste. Beet Pulp (with or without sugar extracted): Another filler common in commercial dog foods. This ingredient hardens feces giving the appearance of a dog getting more nutrition from their diet. This

can lead to digestive issues going undiagnosed because of "normal" stools.

Meat and bone meal, meat by-products (including poultry by-products), animal digests, poultry and animal fat: There is nothing worse than "mystery meat". Unless the label specifies what animal it came from (chicken, lamb, turkey, venison, fish, etc) it's a mystery meat. Mystery meats can sometimes include euthanized pets and meat from sick animals. "Animal digest" is a term used to refer to any portion of an animal that is not normally digestible. It is subjected to a chemical bath to soften the by-products making it easier to digest and safe for processing. Some animals are very allergic to the chemicals used in this process.

Wheat (wheat middlings, sweepings, gluten): A very common filler that nearly 8 out of 10 dogs are allergic to. Signs of a wheat allergy include chronic ear infections, chewing and licking on the rear end above and on the tail (with or without hair loss), licking and chewing on paws, and tear stains.

Food coloring, BHA, BHT, and Ethoxyquin: Being color blind means dogs don't need food coloring in their diet. BHA, BHT, and Ethoxyquin are all preservatives used to slow down the deterioration of oils and fats in dog foods. They are also known carcinogens. Bottom line, inspect those food labels and find out what you're really putting in Fido's dish! Our fall issue will highlight what to look for in a bag of food and more into about pet nutrition. So stay tuned!



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**CCHS VP ADOPTS PETLAND DOG
(STORY CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3)**

(....continued from page 3) about the horrors of Petland, Hunte Corp, and how Max spent the first 8 weeks of his life. I was mortified that I didn't do my research FIRST, and I walked right into this mess....credit card in hand.

I felt immense guilt. Not just for buying a dog, but because other dogs died because of my ignorance. Max wouldn't be in the situation he is in, if there weren't people like me who had supported the mills with our purchases.

I had to do something.... I had to right my wrong. I began my search for a rescue I could work with. I started volunteering at Operation Kindness, and while I loved spending time socializing the dogs, I wanted to do more. After much negotiation and begging, my husband agreed we could take in our first foster dog. I soon found my way to fostering with Tassie's Hope, an all breed foster-based rescue group out of Carrollton. I decided to name my fosters in alphabetical order, so I could keep track. Alvin, my first

foster dog, was a stray purebred dachshund that was found in the country. He had Demodectic mange. I had NO idea what that was. He was the most fabulous first foster ever. I happily adopted him out to a wonderful family. Second was Alvin's brother whom I called Ballpark, and adopted him out to Alvin's grandmother! Chili, a dobie mix puppy was third, (we nicknamed her Chompers because she NEVER stopped chewing), and Dolce the Basset hound was fourth. I soon found my way to Collin County Humane Society, starting as a foster. I had found my rescue home.

The Broadhead's haven't looked back. Or, I should say, we are so busy keeping track of all the puppies and dogs running around here, it's hard to find a chance, albeit a place, to sit down long enough to reminisce. I love to take in puppy mill dogs. I love to help them transform into actual 'pets' and not puppy machines. I suppose I am still trying to make up for a past mistake.

People often ask me how I do it...how do I walk into shelters and look into the eyes of animals and choose which ones to save, and walk away from the ones that will die? I say to them how can I not? I don't have the luxury of NOT knowing the truth, and I refuse to deny the reality of the mess we humans have created. I must do something. We must all do something.

How's Max you wonder? He has progressively continued to get worse. He is physically intolerant to most medications. We have tried a few mood altering medications, but he is currently on calming meds, to take the edge off...for all of us. He will never be 100%, but we adore him about 80% of the time, and about 20% of the time I shake my head and remind myself it's not his fault. Here's his picture....Adorable, isn't he? Just don't try and take a toy away from him. I warned ya!

~by Tressa Broadhead
VP CCHS

(...continued from page 7) pentobarbital. This method is widely considered the most humane and painless euthanasia procedure. The animal is held by the assistant who speaks to the animal in a gentle manner during the procedure."

You may have heard or read that Garland stopped gassing as of January 1, 2010. In fact, "The city never stopped gassing, and is still using two gas chambers. The city manager issued a policy statement changing to injection euthanasia in some but not all circumstances, effective January 1, 2010. The animals still to be gassed included ALL wildlife, ALL feral cats, and ALL other animals the staff feels are difficult or dangerous to handle. Jason Chessher stated that 80% of all shelter animals would receive injection euthanasia beginning January 1. There are several problems with this plan:

1. There is no need to kill any feral cats. Feral cat TNR groups have offered to take them all, but the shelter will not release them. They want them dead, not sterilized and released. And there is no reason those who are sick or injured shouldn't have injection euthanasia. The ferals are just a "throwaway" category for the shelter, to be killed as quickly and efficiently as possible.

2. There is no excuse for gassing wildlife. All other area shelters use injection through the capture cages for euthanasia.

3. The staff historically and currently considers most dogs dangerous, and certainly any who resemble pit bulls or other bully breeds. Safe and docile animals are still being gassed, such as the one who was gassed for a demonstration to *DMN* reporter Steve Blow the week after Christmas 2009. That was a clear violation of the city's own policy...

4. Puppies, kittens, other baby animals, aged and sick animals, and pregnant animals are gassed. These are all state law violations, but it continues. Nobody is keeping accurate records because nobody cares.

5. The statistics, which we think are cooked, nevertheless show that 34% of shelter animals were gassed from Jan 1-May 1, 2010. That is much more than 20% predicted.

6. Many if not most injections are heart sticks, which are quick and easy for the

staff but horrible if the animal is not unconscious. Heart sticks are supposed to be the last resort for animals who can't get IV or intraperitoneal injections, but it is the first choice at the [Garland] shelter. And at least two employees have told us that it is done on conscious animals. And nobody cares."

Stories of cruelty and neglect at the Garland shelter are rampant in the Texas animal rescue community. Yet there are many shelters of comparable size that manage to avoid such behavior. Similarly, the Garland shelter continues to euthanize its animals in the cruelest manner possible, despite ample evidence that there are more humane alternatives being employed by all other Texas shelters of its size.

Do you agree that the animals who end up in Garland's shelter deserve better? Do you agree that suffocating animals is cruel and that it is irresponsible to euthanize in this manner when there are better alternatives that are readily available? If so, you can call Garland City Hall (972.205.2000) and your city councilor to express your opinion. And, tell everyone you know, especially your friends in Garland.

~by Nancy Underwood Pollard
CCHS Volunteer

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Explanation by Dr. John J. Pippin, physician and founder of Garland CRASH – Citizens for Reform of the Animal Shelter



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