

# Max's Pet Connection

## Quarterly Report

What a great year so far, MPC has found loving homes for about 250 dogs, but we still have many others in our listings.

## FACEBOOK Update

We have a Facebook page which shows many of the adoptable dogs that MCP currently has available.

Join us on Facebook and share your stories and photos regarding your rescue dog.

## MPC Website

MPC has a Website which outlines our story and goals with lots of interesting information.

Go to [maxspetconnection.com](http://maxspetconnection.com)

## Seasons Greetings To All



Maxine Hirsch, president of Max's Pet Connection Inc., and the Board of Directors, would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the supporters, foster givers and volunteers of MPC, and wish them all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

MPC has had a very successful and fulfilling year, where homes have been found for over 250 lovely and



needing dogs in our community. Furthermore, some of the dogs adopted had been with us for extended periods of time. Some were even vision impaired and we

were able to find kind and caring people to step up and save the animal. What special people we meet during our endeavors.

## Max's Pet Connection, Inc.

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## How can I Help MPC?

We need Volunteers, Fosters and Donors. Not everyone has the time or skills required to Volunteer or Foster dogs. So financial support for the group could be right for you. [There is a donation button on the website maxspetconnection.com or a gofundme.com on our Facebook page.](#)



Day Z and Leo are 7 and 8 years old and have been together 7 years. They are low energy and very easy to care for. They sleep in a crate together and run to the door first thing when their crate is opened to be let out to go to the bathroom. They are quick to find their pee and poop spots and ready to return to indoor living until their next potty break. Inside you will usually find them on a lap, in a chair waiting for a lap or snuggled up together on a dog bed. Day Z gets along with everyone, Leo will growl when he feels threatened by a bigger dog. They do not bark often. They are great company for anyone wanting to snuggle up with two warm bodies.

## Planning A Trust for The Family Pet

MPC is often contacted to take in what we term “Owner Surrender” dogs. These are dogs that are basically being made homeless because of circumstances either financial, or health related or even death of their previous owners.

John Marshall, Esq., of Bogan, Munns and Munns in The Villages, asks “have you ever wondered how your pet would handle life without you?” In many cases, pet’s are put up for adoption because no one in the decedent’s family wants them.

So what can you do to ensure that your pet is looked after properly if you are not there to do so? Marshall suggests that “a “Pet Trust” may be just the thing you and your pet are looking for.”

Marshall states that Florida Statutes allows for the creation of a trust that can be used to provide for the care of one or more pets. A trustee can be appointed by you to manage the custody of the pets.

If the appointed trustee fails their duties, any person with an interest in the pets welfare can petition the court to remove and appoint a new trustee.

So obviously the trust needs to be funded and the trustee would supervise any payments required for the care of the pet. The trustee would request receipts for food and vet bills, and arrange prompt payment. There are numerous sensible procedures that are included to re-direct any trust funds that are left after the pet itself passes. So for further information of these you should contact your lawyer to explain and help clarify.

Marshall states “ a Pet Trust does not guarantee your pet will not go through trying or difficult times, but it can guarantee a quicker resolution to issues that arise and a better quality of life for your pet(s).”

## Things Your Dog should NOT Eat!!

Thousands of animals are accidentally poisoned every year. Pets can be exposed to poisons in many odd ways, such as chewing the leaves of a household plant, licking pesticide or anti-freeze from the garage floor or eating human medications. Pet owners need to be vigilant and attempt to keep possible sources of potentially lethal substances, out of the reach of pets. Also be prepared and have the telephone numbers for your vet, the nearest emergency clinic, and the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (1-888-426-4435)

The following, lists 5 common things to restrict from your pet. This could be a much larger list and may be covered in future newsletters.

### 1. Candy and Gum containing Xylitol

Candy, gum, toothpaste, baked goods, and some diet foods are sweetened with xylitol. If dogs ingest a lot of this substance they can experience a sudden drop in blood sugar. This can result in depression, loss of coordination, seizures, and possible liver failure. Make sure to put your sweet treats in a location your pup cannot get to them.

### 2. Avocados

Avocados can cause serious problems with dogs. Avocados contain persin, which is a toxin that causes vomiting and diarrhea in dogs. Also keep the pit away from your dog, because if they swallow it, it could block their digestive tract.

### 3. Grapes/Raisins

Although veterinarians are still not sure what the toxin is in grapes and raisins, there is a toxin that can cause kidney failure in dogs. Even a few grapes or raisins is enough to cause significant kidney damage. Repeated vomiting is an early sign. Within a day the dog can become lethargic and depressed.

#### 4. Onions and Garlic

Onions can irritate a dog's gastrointestinal tract, which can lead to very unsightly results. They also contain compounds that are toxic to red blood cells leading to anemia. Some meats (like hamburgers and steaks) can have traces of onions on/in them. Symptoms of anemia include weakness, vomiting, little interest in food, dullness and breathlessness.

#### 5. Chocolate

Most people know that chocolate is not a good food for dogs. The toxic agent in chocolate is theobromine. Chocolate, especially dark chocolate and unsweetened cocoa contains a lot of this chemical.. Chocolate can cause vomiting, diarrhea, tremors and rapid heart rate. This happens when a lot of chocolate is consumed.

#### What if a poisoning occurs?

- remove the poison away from the pet. Brush or wash off the snout and fur to remove the poison if needed. Suck out the mouth if it can be done safely.
- call the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Hotline at 1-888-426-4435. There may be a charge for this call of over \$50. Veterinary Specialists are available for advice.

## Some Currently Available Dogs



Gretchen is a German Pincher about 7-8 years old. She is a dog who not only loves longer walks at a brisk pace, but requires walking, this is when she goes potty. She is loving, good with some other dogs and all people. She enjoys toys and nylabones and will entertain herself for hours as long as she has them. She is well behaved indoors so there is no need to crate her. She would make a great companion.



ABBY is a 9 yr. old, female, Long Haired Jack Russell Terrier. She is very smart and wants to be with people. She is very active and is a good walker, but also likes to sit and be patted.

Come and see her and other dogs at Pet Smart on Saturday morning.