

## MAX'S PET CONNECTION

### Adoptions Report

MPC has adopted out 69 dogs in the third quarter but 94 new dogs were added to our rolls.

### Facebook Update

Our Facebook page shows many of our currently available dogs.

Find us on Facebook and share your stories and photos of your rescue dog. Click on Facebook and then search maxspetconnection to reach us.

### MPC Website

Go to our Website for our history, goals, applications, and available dogs.

Click on  
maxspetconnection.com

## Garage Sale Fundraiser in November

Max's Pet Connection is holding a major fundraising effort with an extensive garage sale on November 2-3, 2017 from 8:am-2:00 pm. All proceeds from the garage sale will go for veterinary bills and other care of the dogs in order to help the dogs find their "forever" homes. The sale is so large that it will take place in two locations: 1) furniture and other large items will be at Southern Self Storage, 4150 E CR 466 near the Hwy. 301 intersection, Oxford, FL and 2) everything from like-new bikes to kitchenware, beautiful home décor items, and wonderful accessories will be at 2469 Tartan Lane, the Village of Tamarind Grove, in The Villages. A bake sale also will be included.

An "Early Bird" sale over Labor Day, which featured a small portion of donated items, brought in \$4700. If someone wanted to make additional donations, we would accept nice items that are very clean, and in working condition. We would welcome homemade bake sale items to be delivered November 2, 2017. Please plan to come and support this effort and take the opportunity to find treasures you can't live without. Max's Pet Connection depends heavily on these fundraisers to keep the organization able to rescue and care for our dogs.

Please contact the event organizer, Maggi Mastalka at 352-396-9109, for details on donations. We want to thank Southern Self Storage which stored all the donated items and provided transportation to move them.

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## VILLAGE-WIDE GARAGE SALE IN 2 PLACES

## Max's Pet Connection

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## Did You Know ?

### **Normal Heart and Pulse Rates**

Puppy (less than a year): 120-160 beats a minute

Small, miniature or toy (30 lbs or less: 100-140 beats per minute

Medium to large breed (greater than 30 lbs. 60-100 beats per minute

### **Normal Temperatures for Dogs**

A temperature of 100°-102.5°F is normal.

## **BUILDING A DOG'S FIRST AID KIT**

In the last newsletter we described what an ideal Dog's Emergency Kit would include. One of the items was a first aid kit. While you can buy basic first aid kits from various pet stores, you can also put together your own which might be more complete. These items were drawn from *Dog First Aid, Safety Series, Vol. 2* published by the American Red Cross. If your pet has special medical conditions, ask your veterinarian what additional items to include. Check your kit periodically to replace expired medicines and replenish used supplies. The pet first aid kit can be stored in a small, sturdy box (preferably waterproof.) Consider carrying a smaller version in your car.

A pet first aid kit should include:

- Absorbent compresses (gauze sponges) in assorted sizes
- Adhesive tape, hypoallergenic
- Antibiotic ointment (triple, available at pharmacies)
- Blanket (emergency or "space" blanket)
- Clean cloth
- Cold compress
- Diphenhydramine (Benadryl)® in an appropriate dose for your pet's size for allergic reactions if approved by your vet. Make sure the product contains diphenhydramine ONLY and no other cold or allergy remedies.
- Tweezers
- Wire Cutters, small (to cut barb off embedded hooks if you take your dog fishing)
- Emergency phone numbers, including your vet, an after-hours emergency vet hospital and ASPCA poison control center (1-888-426-4435)

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## Building A First Aid Kit continued

- *Dog First Aid Book* (This book is available at [www.redcross.org/store](http://www.redcross.org/store).) Others may be available on-line or at pet stores.
- Expired credit card (to scrape away stingers)
- Epsom salts (to make saline solution)
- Gloves (disposable, nonlatex)
- Glucose paste or corn syrup (if your pet is diabetic or has a history of low blood sugar)
- Grooming clippers
- Hydrogen peroxide, 3 percent (check expiration dates)
- Muzzle-a cage muzzle is best but a soft collapsible one may be more convenient. Make sure it fits your pet. Roll gauze can create a makeshift muzzle in a pinch.
- Nail clippers appropriate for your dog's nails
- Needle-nose pliers
- Nylon leash (at least one)
- Petroleum jelly
- Penlight
- Rectal thermometer (non-mercury/non-glass)
- Roll cohesive wrap, 3 inch width (stretches and clings to itself)
- Roll gauze, 2 inch width, cotton
- Rubbing alcohol (isopropyl)
- Scissors, small, with blunt end
- Sterile gauze pads, non-adherent (assorted sizes)
- Sterile, water-based lubricant (such as KY®Jelly) that washes off easily (to keep fur away from a wound you are treating)
- Syringe (baby dose size)
- Sterile eye lubricant (available at pharmacies)
- Sterile saline eye wash (available at pharmacies)
- Styptic powder (to stop bleeding from broken nails, available at pet stores)
- Towel

## Finding your Dog — What Breed is Right for you

Every Saturday, Max's Pet Connection displays our dogs in Pet Smart and other pet stores, so people can see the dogs they have seen on-line or enable them to look for a particular breed. We often hear the comment, "You have a lot of chihuahuas!" And it is true—Chihuahuas have been very popular, there has been a lot of over breeding, and thus, many of them, unfortunately, end up in shelters. The following table on the elements of the Chihuahua will help you discover whether this type of dog will fit into your family lifestyle.

### COMPATIBILITY

ENERGY	2
EXERCISE REQUIREMENTS	1
PLAYFULNESS	3
AFFECTION LEVEL	3
FRIENDLINESS TOWARDS OTHER PETS	1
FRIENDLINESS TOWARD STRANGERS	2
FRIENDLINESS TOWARD CHILDREN	2
EASE OF TRAINING	3
GROOMING REQUIREMENTS	1
SHEDDING	1
SPACE REQUIREMENTS	1
OK FOR BEGINNERS	4

*4 = highest rating*

The most common behavioral problems with this breed are house-training issues, excessive barking, and aggression ranging from fearful to dominant. All three can easily be prevented through training and socialization.



We call **Patches** and **Bobo** the Odd Couple because they have been together forever, even though they are completely separate breeds. **Patches** is a 10 year old female dachshund and **Bobo** is a male rat terrier, also 10 years old. This bonded pair is social, very playful, and enjoy car rides. They are crate and house trained. They can keep each other amused and entertained and will do the same for their new owner. Please find it in your hearts to consider these two friends.

Next on the roster is **Tirk**, a 4 year old hound/ retriever mix, 42 lbs., who was saved from a kill shelter. He is good around most other dogs. He can walk on a leash and is house-trained. He has the capacity to be a loyal friend if given a chance. If you have room for a slightly larger dog, **Tirk** may be the dog for you.



### Future Events:

**Pet Smart National Charities Long Weekend, November 10-11, 2017**





**Lexi** is short coat female chihuahua mix, almost 8 years old. A sweet dog, she has very pretty grey and white markings that resemble a mini Siberian husky. She is reserved with strangers and other dogs, until she warms up to you and then can become very playful. She is house-trained using peepads. She knows some commands and is not too high energy so a less active person would find no difficulty taking care of her.



**Chico** is 9+ year old male chihuahua mix with black and tan markings. He is sweet, good-natured and playful. He loves to snuggle on a lap, and thinks car rides are fun. He is house-trained and crate-trained. He is a happy boy wanting to enter your heart in search of a permanent home.

**Come see our dogs at Pet Smart from 10 am—2 pm on Saturday.**

We are looking for a volunteer to lead our fundraising efforts. Please contact Jean Welch ([jwelch1@embarqmail.com](mailto:jwelch1@embarqmail.com)) if you are interested. We continue to need volunteers to help get the dogs ready for adoption and to assist at the pet store on Saturdays.