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## September PUPdate

"We are dedicated to helping dogs and cats find their forever homes."



### 2016 So Far...

PUP has already helped a total of 155 dogs and cats find forever homes in 2016.

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## **Enjoy a Safe and Happy Halloween!**

With Halloween quickly approaching, it's a good time for us dog owners to prepare for the ringing of the doorbell and the sight and sounds of the ghosts and goblins as the door is opened.

In a perfect world, our dogs would already be used to all we see and hear Halloween night. Unfortunately, we don't live in a perfect world and fear for dogs is no different than for us humans. They, too, move into fight, flight, or freeze mode when feeling afraid or threatened. It's worth taking some precautions than risking injury to your visitors or your dog.



We suggest to our adopters, when adopting a puppy, they introduce their new puppy to every race, size, age, and gender of people so the pup grows up well-socialized around everyone. Fortunately or unfortunately, we don't have a lot of ghosts and goblins walking around (or at least that we can see), which makes it difficult to socialize our dogs around them. How has your dog reacted to something they see as frightening or unknown to them? How does your dog react to the doorbell or to strangers coming to the door? Combine all of these strange sights and sounds and it could be the perfect storm.

Your dog may not enjoy being dressed up for the part either. I remember the first time I dressed Meka up in the cutest little outfit: she just stood there, stiff as a board. Her demeanor changed. Head down, ears back, hard eyes. She was no longer the "happy to go out for a walk" pup she'd been prior to the outfit. Her behavior reminded me exactly as if a dog was standing over her in a dominant manner. That was the end of her costume wearing days. I didn't want her negatively reacting to canine or human due to my need to make her look cute'er.

And then the Halloween candy. As much as we enjoy eating a candy bar... or five out of the Halloween bowl ourselves, it's not healthy for our dogs. And we all know they have much better smellers than we do so the candy needs to be out of reach, even for those counter surfing pups. Mine can

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#### **Honoring Pets**

In August 2016, <u>Companion</u>
<u>Animal Hospital</u> donated to **PUP** on behalf of the following pets:

Flickerina S, Ginger M, Heidi F, Hershey V, Mikey L, Patter S Tiko K, Winston C

# Thank You for Helping PUP Rescue More Cats and Dogs!

We are able to help more pets find their "forever homes" because of our generous donors.

#### **August Donors:**

Stephanie and Stephen C,
Companion Animal Hospital, John E,
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of our mom "Rosemary Benson"),
Cindy J (In memory of Dakota - a
very lucky dog!), Hung Jen J,
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Caroline Mormino and Brennan
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Sebastian P, Carroll and Edna Mae S
(In memory of our mom "Rosemary
Benson"), Amanda T,
Gayle W (To PUP on behalf of Levi),
and Elizabeth W

PUP sends a big thank you to all of

smell chocolate from outside the house as I take a bite. All come running as if they're going to get some. Chocolate is not good for dogs, can be lethal. And then we have to think of the weight we are adding to their tummies with any sugary candy and the upcoming dental they'll require due to the sweets.

If you have children that dress up for Halloween, let your dog see the progression of the costume, which includes the clothes, shoes, makeup, and wig. Introduce the dog to the items, let him smell them. Do so as naturally as you would when introducing him to a stranger. Let him watch as his kids are being adorned in their scary attire. The worst thing you can do is let the children scare the dog while wearing the costume. You want him to feel safe, unbothered. When you walk back in the house, remember that your dog may not remember that your ghost and goblin are his kids in costume.

I enjoy seeing all of the kids dressed up in their Halloween costumes along with some of the adults that come to the door, but my dogs are my priority. So, to keep all of us enjoying the holiday, instead of being exposed to the creatures of the night, they all get to hang out in a room that is secure and calm with either the TV or radio on as background noise, chewing on a bully stick or dental chew, wearing their own personal multicolored coats.

Wishing you a safe and enjoyable Halloween!

Laura Tonkin Director, PUP Dog Rescue

## Tips and a Game Plan When Adding a Second Dog to Your Family

Sean McDaniel of <u>The Dog's Way</u> answers questions about adding a second dog to your family. In this <u>podcast</u>, Sean covers how to decide whether it's a good idea to add a second dog, some items to think about in finding a good match with your current dog, and tips on your immediate game plan when bringing a second dog home.

## **PUP Nominated in King5 Contest**



Nominations are now open for Evening's 24th Annual Best of Western Washington! This is your opportunity to tell the world what is excellent about our area, to include PUP! That's right, PUP is nominated for Best Charity in the Where We Live category. Voting is easy! Click here to find the alphabetical list of all nominees for best charity. Voting ends at noon on October 30. Vote for PUP!

## An Update on Abby!

We absolutely love getting updates on former **PUP** dogs. Here's an update we received on former PUP dog Abby!

our August donors! Your generosity will help **PUP** rescue even more cats and dogs in 2016!

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All of the pets in this frame are currently available for adoption. Click on one of their adorable pictures to learn more about these pets in need.

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We are SOOO HAPPY with ABBY!!! She is the best dog and the kids are just loving her to pieces! Thank you so much for finding her forever home!

- Kristi W.

## **Calling All Happy Tails!**

Your companion has a special place in our hearts! We love to hear from our adopters and see photos of PUP alumni. How has your dog or cat settled into your family? We'd like to know! Send us your Happy Tail! Whether you adopted last month or years ago, please send us a quick email at info@pupdogrescue.org.

### **Become a Foster for PUP**

Click here to find out more about how to become a part of this great organization.

## **PUP's Amazon Wishlist**

This time of year is difficult for rescue organizations and PUP is in need of donations.

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