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**Happy Mothers Day**

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*Spring is upon us, flowers are blooming and the weather is getting warmer. Time for spring cleaning, planting our gardens and planning our vacations . It is a time for all the little critters to give birth to their young. The year just seems to be flying by. We would love to hear what you have planned this spring. Drop the Editor a note at [nadinejoaquin@live.com](mailto:nadinejoaquin@live.com) with stories and pictures you would like to share with other members. Remember this a news letter for you and about you.!*

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**HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!!!**

*Whether they are your mothers, mother-in-laws, daughters, sisters, aunts, or friends don't forget to wish all of the special women in your lives a Happy Mothers Day. Weather it is a gift, a card, an email, or a quick phone call, it will surely be appreciated.*

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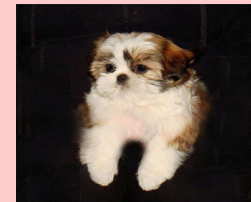


## Welcome New Members

*We have several new members that we would like to welcome. Come join in the fun with our group chat at "imperialplayhouse @yahoogroups.com " It is a great place to meet new friends and catch up with old friends. Need advise or have stories of your own? Have pictures you would like to share? Want to submit your dogs picture for the "Photo Contest" or share something for the "Show and Tell" article in the ISIS Gazette? Are you or a friend looking for an Imperial puppy? Check the "Puppy of the Month". Have a friend or relative who would like to join? Log in today or contact one of the Trusted Breeders at [www.imperialshihztuinformationsociety.com](http://www.imperialshihztuinformationsociety.com) . We look forward to hearing from all of you! We welcome any suggestions you may have.*

*The first new member we would like to welcome is **Lucy** and her darling little fur baby "Charlie" from California. This gorgeous little guy is Lucy's first Chinese Imperial and was adopted from Nadine Joaquin at Oh La La Imperial Shih Tzu*

*[www.ohlalaimperialshihztu.com](http://www.ohlalaimperialshihztu.com)*





Next we would like to welcome **Pam** and her tiny Imperial girl "Sophie". Pam and Sophie live in California also. Pam also has a small standard Shih Tzu named Izzy. Sophie was also adopted from Nadine at Oh La La Imperial Shih Tzu .



Please help us welcome one of our newest members **Ann** . We look forward to learning more about Ann and her dogs.

Let's welcome **Louise** and her new little fur baby KoKo who came from Linda Duncan at Whimsical Shih Tzu.

([www.whimsicalshihitsu.com](http://www.whimsicalshihitsu.com))



Hokulani

A huge welcome to new member **Jane** and her precious little Hokulani who also came from Linda Duncan at Whimsical Shih Tzu.

What a great month for new members! It's a pleasure to welcome **Jeri** , Uno and Sapphire. Jeri is from Arizona! We are happy to have you with us Jeri.

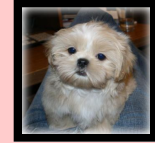


Our next new member is **Michelle** . Michele just got her new girl "Jenny" from Karen Christensen at Eaglegate

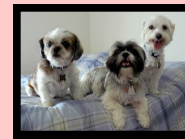


Shih Tzu ([www.eaglegateshihtzu.com](http://www.eaglegateshihtzu.com))

Please welcome new member, **Anna Knight** and her precious little Mylee . Read this months "Society Gal" and learn more about Anna and Mylee . This is a monthly article to spotlight our members and give everyone a change to get to know them a little better.



And last, but definitely not least, please welcome new member Jenelle and her three kids Blossom, Muffins and her Maltese Max.



## Photo Contest Winner!

May 2009

Jenelle Collins



What a great photo contest this month!!! Due to the growth of the club and the great participation, starting next month we will have to limit it to one entry per person. But remember this is like "Dancing with the Stars", anyone can vote. They don't have to be a member! Call all your friends and family and ask them to log on and vote for YOUR photo!

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## ISIS RAFFLE

We would all like to thank everyone who worked so hard to raise money on this raffle. We would like to especially thank Marcia Hedrick for all of her and her sisters hard work and for donating this beautiful quilt. Without Marcia it would not have happened! We would also like to thank everyone who purchased tickets for the Raffle and wish everyone Good Luck!!!



Congratulations!!!

*~Chris Young~*

We Sold Twenty (20) tickets

Trusted Breeders \$120.00

Puppy Owners \$145.00

Friends & Family \$76.00

CIDCA Member \$10.00

Total: \$ 351.00



Jemma Owned and Loved by Marcia Hedrick of Double Diamond H Shih



Autumn - Owned and Loved by Karen Christensen of Eaglegate

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## Society Gals

May we introduce you to little Mylee.

Mylee is the newest member to the Knight family and is the "Cream"



Of the crop! How does one come to Love Imperials? Well in Washington State it's done by a whim.

In the summer of 2007 Anna and her husband Lawrence purchased their first house in Arlington. After a few months of settling in they knew it was time for a family pet. They just couldn't decide on whether it should be a cat or a dog. After watching the movie "Evan Almighty" Lawrence was inspired to get our sons Jake age 8 and Dylan age 5 a dog from the shelter. Anna ended up adopting from N.O.A.H Animal Adoption Ctr. a female mini-schnauzer named Athena and her schnoodle son Henry. She just didn't have the heart to separate them .

One day at the groomers, Anna saw a woman holding the most precious little creature she had ever seen. "My heart just melted," claimed Anna. Before the lady had left, Anna asked her what kind of dog it

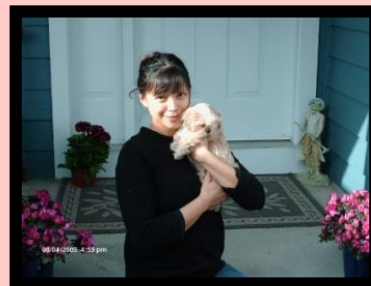


was. As soon as Anna got home she went online and read everything she could on Imperial Shih Tzu. She just knew this was the breed for her. It was like love at first sight. After three months of visiting dozens of websites Anna was READY to contact a reputable breeder.

She was very interested in Marcia's site, [www.doublediamedhchineseimperialshihtzu.com](http://www.doublediamedhchineseimperialshihtzu.com). She thought Emmy was just gorgeous. She emailed Marcia and was pleasantly surprised by her quick response and felt that Marcia was very friendly and informative. Anna was so excited to be on a waiting list for Emmy's litter. A few weeks later Anna received an email from Marcia learning that Emmy was not expecting. Marcia knew that Anna preferred a light colored dog just like her Emmy, so she recommended a couple breeders.

Then it happened. Anne saw a photo of an Imperial and knew this was the one. She contacted the breeder, who has been absolutely wonderful and three weeks later precious little Mylee was with her new family.

Mylee (Muffin Top) was so tiny, calm and beautiful. She was MORE than Anna expected. She's already sleeping with Athena and Henry. The entire family just loves her.



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Thank you and Good "Knight" Sweet Mylee Good "Knight"

**PUPPY OF THE MONTH**

Available \$500.00

Please contact Cindy at  
[www.tinypawzimperialshihtzus.com](http://www.tinypawzimperialshihtzus.com)



Chica~ owned and loved by Barb and Russ



Boggie Woggie ~ Owned and loved by Linda Johnson

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## What Causes Tear Staining?

### *Excessive Tearing & Blocked Tear Ducts*

Excessive tearing can be caused by blockage in the tear ducts. When the tears produced are not able to drain properly this causes the tears to overflow onto the muzzle. It is important to keep the muzzle area around the eyes dry because this moisture can cause the eye area to get infected. Moisture creates a perfect breeding ground for bacteria and/or yeast. Yeast infections can cause a deep reddish-brown stain. Bacteria infections can also cause excessive tearing and staining.

To determine if your dog has blocked tear ducts you will need to set an appointment with your veterinarian ophthalmologist. They can evaluate your dog and see if it would be necessary to flush open the tear ducts.

### *Ear Related Tearing Problems*

When a dog has an ear infection this will cause the excessive tearing accompanied by red stains. Ear infections can be caused by several factors:

- Improper drying after bathing will cause water to buildup inside of the ear canal causing a yeast and/or bacterial infection. Always make sure to dry your dog's ears with some type of drying agent. Talk to your veterinarian about what they would recommend.
- Ear mites are tiny infectious organisms that look like tiny ticks. To the naked eye the mite looks like a small white dot. Infection usually produces a characteristic dry black ear discharge commonly said to resemble coffee grounds. This type of infestation will also cause excessive tearing and staining.
- Excessive hair in the ears can cause both water retention and wax build up. Both of which are ideal reproducing grounds for yeast and/or bacteria. Make sure to keep the ears free of excess hair. You can remove the hair by gently pulling them out with your fingers. Consult your vet if you require help removing the ear hairs.



### *Cutting Adult Teeth*

When puppies loose their baby teeth, commonly referred to as "cutting teeth" – they experience a change in their development that physically affects their tear ducts. When puppies are cutting teeth their gums will be swollen and inflamed and sometimes sore to the touch. This inflammation sometimes puts pressure on the sinus cavity causing the tear ducts to be agitated. Your puppy will require a lot of chew toys during this development period.

### *Environmental Factors*

*Fleas & ticks* are not only undesirable to have in your home but they are also very problematic for your dog. These parasites carry mites that will embed themselves in your dog.

Certain foods contain *dyes, additives and preservatives* that many breeders believe perpetuate the tearing and staining problems. Try to find a food that is holistic and does not have ingredients that can cause allergies.

Distilled *water* contains no minerals and is ideal for trying to prevent tear staining. Some areas have very high mineral counts in the water. Minerals like iron can also stain the facial hair on your dog. Always keep your dog's muzzle clean and dry.

*Smoking* around your dog is not only unhealthy for him but the smoke will irritate the eyes and will cause excessive tearing and staining.

*Hair or debris* in the eyes will cause irritations and/or infections. Eye irritation will cause the eyes to produce more tears as a lubricant. In cases where an infection develops the tearing will increase as well as the staining.

### *Genetics*

Many breeders believe that tear staining can be genetic. There have been breeders that have reported that adults with little or no tear staining produced puppies with little or no tear staining and vice versa. Many breeders from all different breeds agree that *there appear to be a genetic predisposition to tear staining*.



## How to reduce or eliminate tear staining

When trying to whiten your dogs face keep in mind that without discovering the source(s) you will continue to struggle with this problem. That being said there are many different things you can do to help reduce and/or eliminate tear staining. Here are a few suggestions:

### *Topical Daily Care*

1<sup>st</sup> Clean the stained areas with [Pure Paws Ultra No Rinse Shampoo](#) mixed with 50% distilled water. Work this into the coat with you fingers avoiding the eyes, nose and mouth. Once the stained area is saturated take a cotton swab, soak it with **3%** hydrogen peroxide, **WHITE AREAS ONLY!**, and squeeze the hydrogen peroxide over the bridge of the nose taking care not to get into the eyes, nose or mouth. This is the hydrogen peroxide in the brown bottles purchased at locations like Walgreens. Towel off the excess and let stand a few minutes. (Be careful not to get these items in the eyes; if you do, flush eyes with cool water.)

2<sup>nd</sup> Gently rinse the areas you treated with warm water in a sprayer, rinse the face area by holding the sprayer to the bridge of the nose and gently squeezing the water onto the bridge of the nose. Then blow dry the area until **COMPLETELY** dry.

3<sup>rd</sup> Once the coat is dry. Take a make up brush and apply Whitening Powder or Corn Starch to the stained areas. These powders will help keep moisture out of the coat. (Some breeders/handlers us a mixture of 50% Boric Acid and 50% Cornstarch)

4<sup>th</sup> Make sure to clean the face once a day and make sure the eye area is free of moisture. Always give extra attention A to this area when conditioning your dog.



## SHOW AND TELL

LOTS OF NEW PUPS THIS MONTH!!!

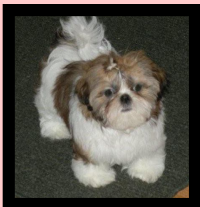
Congratulations Linda Northington of Riclyns Shih Tzu on your new litter of puppies born April 7th. They are gorgeous! We look forward to seeing more pictures of these little ones as they get bigger. For more information on these beautiful puppies please contact Linda at [www.Riclyns.webs.com](http://www.Riclyns.webs.com)



This is "Shires Double Diamond What You Do To Me Delila" aka Delila. She is co-owned by Marcia Hedrick of Double Diamond Shih Tzu and Bobbi Ranzier of The Shire Shih Tzu ([www.theshireshihtzu.com](http://www.theshireshihtzu.com)). What a beautiful color on this little girl!



This precious little girl is named "Enchanted" and is a new girl that Linda Northington of Riclyns Shih Tzu is getting in June. Thank you Linda for sharing pictures of your new fur baby.

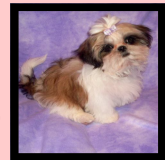
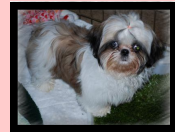


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*I (Nadine) would like to share a picture of my new little girl "Oh La La Imperial Miss Truffles ". Truffles is a beautiful dark , non-fading chocolate imperial who should be 6- 6 1/2lbs . I am SO excited to get her home! See more of her at .ohlalaimperialshihtzu.com*

*For those of you who had not seen him before, this handsome stud "Ruff" is co-owned by Marcia Hedrick from Double Diamond H Imperials and Bobbi Ranzier of The Shire Shih Tzu. He is a full brother to my little stud "Oh La La Whimsical Boss of Eaglegate". "Boss" and "Ruff" look like twins. What a pair! Thank You Karen Christensen and Linda Duncan for these beautiful boys!*



*Check out Karen Christensen of Eaglegate's beautiful baby girl "Autumn" She is from Cathie Owens at Bobcats Chinese Imperials [www.bobcatsworld.com](http://www.bobcatsworld.com) . Congratulations Karen!*

***We would all like to wish Bobbi and Pat Ranzier a Happy 20th Anniversary!!!***

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A Poem (untitled)

By Marcia Hedrick

'Twas the night before Fishing, when all through the house  
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;  
I placed next to the door, my fishing rod with care,  
In hopes that fishing with dad soon would be there;  
The furbabies were nestled all snug in their beds,  
While visions of Sauages danced in their heads;  
And I in my thong, and oh so such a sap,  
Had just settled down for a short Spring nap,  
When out in the kitchen there arose such a clatter,  
We sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.  
Away to the kitchen we flew like a flash,  
Tore through the house to see what made that bash.  
The moon on the breast of the new-fallen rain  
Gave the off beat sound of the Burlington Northern train.  
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,  
But an eighteen pound Himalayan cat, Oh dear.  
With a startled look, so lively and quick,  
I knew in a moment it must be my Otis P, just made me sick.  
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,  
And I shouted, and called them by name;  
"Now, ChaCheeng! now, Gandi! now, Dalila and Mo!  
Oh, Jemma! oh Chia! oh, Emmy and "Oh Let go of my Lego!"  
To the top of the table! and stepping on a ball!  
Now get out of my away! get out of my away! Furbabies and all!"



## **WARNING!!!**

# *Menu Foods earlier revealed it was the target of a federal probe*

By Lisa Wade McCormick  
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*April 20, 2009*

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has confirmed that the agency is investigating NUTRO pet food, following a series of unexplained illnesses and deaths. Consumers have been complaining for more than two years that their pets have become ill after eating NUTRO products; many have recovered when they were switched to other foods. The company has steadfastly denied that its food is to blame.

Until now, the FDA has been mum about whether it was actively investigating the company. Today, the FDA's Division of Freedom of Information confirmed the agency has an ongoing investigation into NUTRO - and said that investigation could be criminal or civil in nature. The office did not elaborate on the nature or focus of that investigation.

The investigation came to light when the FDA denied a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request by ConsumerAffairs.com seeking a list of complaints and lab results the agency has collected regarding NUTRO pet food. The agency denied the request and said that releasing the information could hamper "prospective or ongoing" action by law enforcement.

"The document(s) constitute record(s) compiled for law enforcement purposes, the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings," wrote the FDA's George A. Strait, Jr., assistant commissioner for public affairs.

Rest of article at

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