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# ISIS GAZZETTE



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## *Society Gals*

The **Imperial Shih Tzu Information Society** has proudly opened our puppy doors new puppy owners. Welcome to each and every one of you.

This month we would like to introduce to you Sandy Mair.

Sandy lives in Tooele, Utah with her husband and my two dogs. They have two children, one beautiful granddaughter who is the light of her life and is expecting a new grandbaby this August.

Diesel is their newest addition and they have an 8 year old Bichon named Shrek.

Sandy's sister Julie Deleeuw introduced her to imperials....as you all know Julie has 3 baby girl, all sweet as can be, each with special personalities. Sandy recently lost their 10 year old Bichon Max in March of last year, and Shrek has been pretty lonely since. Thinking maybe a playmate would be good for him, and of course with Julie's influence, felt that she was pretty sure they needed a Shih Tzu. So the hunt began... Sandy had been looking at lots of puppies for the last several months, looking for the one that just would steal her heart away when she saw him. There are so many varieties of the breed. Sandy really liked the black ones and was pretty set on having a male and that's how Diesel found her! Diesel is quite a ham, with a darling personality, so loving, and so eager to please his new adopted parents. Sandy and her husband are really enjoying him and thinking of maybe adopting another one.



Thank you again Sandy for becoming one of our own Society Gals!

For you as our adopted parents, we are offering fantastic opportunities for you and our babies.



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Thank you to all the Trusted Breeders for helping to better this breed.

# Puppy Proofing Your Home

When you get a puppy you may need to confine your dog or puppy in the house . To keep him/her safe when he's on his own, you'll need to do a little puppy-proofing. Puppy-proofing is the process of viewing your surroundings from Fido's point of view so you can predict and prevent destructive or unsafe behaviors that could put him at risk.

## Indoor Puppy Proofing

We need to be sure that if he is indoors, he can't eat anything that will hurt him.

We also need to be sure he can't hurt himself by chewing on electrical wires or by knocking a heavy object or piece of furniture over on himself. Here are some tips for making his indoor area safe.

- Try to keep him in an area with **flooring** that's easy to clean and hard to destroy. Tile, brick, linoleum or wood floors are preferable to carpet.
  - Pick up all **area rugs** until he is housebroken and he's been taught not to chew on stuff that does not belong to him.
  - If puppy is in an **exercise pen** that needs to be in a carpeted area, buy a linoleum remnant at a flooring store and use it as flooring in his exercise pen. Be sure the edges of the linoleum extend beyond the edges of the exercise pen on all sides so he can't chew them. I have used a heavy duty tarp which works well also.
  - **Remove valuable and irresistible items** from puppy's confinement area. Don't leave your wallet, photo albums, electronics or other expensive items where he can eat them. Be sure to remove all shoes, pillows, boxes of tissue, rolls of toilet paper and paper towels and other things Fido would love to chew from the area.
  - If there are **electrical cords** that puppy can reach, either unplug the cords and put them up high enough that he can't reach them or block the area with an exercise pen or other barrier so he can't get to them.
  - **Doors, baseboards and cabinet corners** are prime chewing targets, so be sure to block puppy's access to them or treat them with Boundary or another anti-chewing product.
  - Don't assume puppy can't open doors or cabinets. Keep **toxic products** out of cabinets that puppy can reach and use baby-proofing locks on cabinets, doors and on your refrigerator, if needed.
- Leave plenty of **safe chew bones and toys** to keep puppy occupied so he'll be less likely to chew items that aren't his.

# Congratulations



Bindi who is loved by Julie for  
winning the photo contest!

## Toxic Plants

The springtime plants that can result in gastrointestinal upset in dogs include:

- Amaryllis
- Ferns
- Caladium
- Calla lily
- Hyacinth
- Iris
- Tulip

Plants that are considered very toxic and can result in severe illness or even death include:

- Crocus
- Azalea
- Rhododendron
- Tiger Lily
- Easter Lily
- Bittersweet
- Clematis
- Daffodil
- Day lily
- Foxglove
- Lily of the Valley
- Narcissus
- Morning Glory
- Death Camas

The most important part of treating ingestion of a toxic plant is to determine if your pet actually ate the plant, how much was ingested and which part of the plant was eaten. The entire plant is not always toxic. Sometimes only the seeds, the leaves, stems or roots are toxic. Also, plant identification is crucial in diagnosis. Get a sample of the plant if you are unsure of the name. This information can help your veterinarian determine the best course of treatment.

Unfortunately, there are very few specific treatments or antidotes for toxic plant ingestion. Supportive care, including intravenous fluids, may be necessary. Without proper care, some plant toxicities can have devastating effects.

# Upcoming Dog Shows

Arizona

May 8 & 9

Magollon High School

3450 Mustang Arizona

Washington

May 8 & 9

Olympia Dog Fanciers

Elma Washington

Missouri

Shih Tzu Nationals

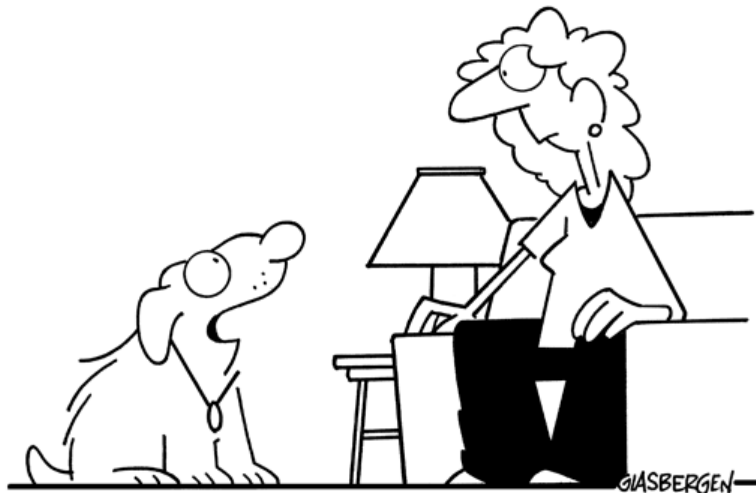
May 3rd through May 9th

St. Louis

Why didn't the dog speak to his foot?

Because it isn't polite to talk back to your paw.

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**"Instead of getting neutered, can you just  
give me a lecture on abstinence?"**

# ISIS April Puppy Of The Month 2010

*Livy*



## *The Shire Shih Tzu*

Beautiful Livy is just one of the fantastic puppies from  
The Shire Shih Tzu

Welcome to our newest members!  
Sally and her dogs Winston and Wiley  
Sandy and her dog Diesel

Welcome to our newest Trusted Breeders!  
Tina and Prodigy Imperial Shih Tzu  
Leanne and Phoenix Shih Tzu