

## **Cruelty Case: Burnie's Story**

I want to share one story that I know will touch your heart! PAWS received a phone call this summer from a concerned citizen who had found a little Shihtzu on fire on the south end of Peoria. This concerned citizen told the responding Animal Control Officer from PAWS, that she had seen a little dog running around in a field with a group of kids. The next thing she knew the dog was running across the field on fire. Appearing to be the victim of a horrible crime, the little dog was badly burned. The Peoria Humane Society stepped in to secure treatment for this poor little dog as soon as possible. Upon examination by a veterinarian, it was determined that he had third degree burns over 40 % of his body. His skin was blistered, necrotic, and infection was setting in. The first few weeks of his treatment involved clearing the infection and daily surgeries to debride necrotic skin in an attempt to save viable skin. His body had to be completely bandaged with wet wraps for the first three weeks. Once the infection was eliminated he underwent numerous skin grafts to repair the damaged areas. After more than two months, little "Burnie" as he was affectionately named by the vet clinic treating him, went to his new adoptive home. He is now safe and happy and doesn't have to worry about his abusive past. His new owners report that they love him and are so happy they adopted this little sweetheart! He enjoys going for car rides and sleeping in bed with his new mom and dad!! Watch for updates on Burnie on our web site and future newsletters.

Thanks to the Peoria Humane Society and supporters like you, Burnie is alive and well!! Please help us to continue the important work of providing emergency care for other innocent victims like Burnie. To make a donation in honor of Burnie, visit our web site at [www.peoriahs.org](http://www.peoriahs.org) or call 309-682-9015.