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President's Letter

With great pleasure I announce that our recent Annual Appeal netted \$18,176 in donations. On behalf of the board of Havanese Rescue and all our rescue dogs I want to thank all of you for your generous contributions. HRI relies on donations from individuals, and your donations make up approximately 30% of our operating funds. A report on our 2009 financials is below.

Your generosity is appreciated by the hundreds of dogs we have helped to date and the thousands we will help in the future.

Jenny French

Hava-Mug, Anyone?

Porcelain mug for 16 ounces of hot drinks, cold libations, or pencils if you prefer.

Hand-thrown and glazed in Idaho by a potter who loves to paint poochies. Each is a work of art, each a bit different. Some have their tongue out, others don't.

Choose white, black and white, cream, or black Hav.

4 3/4" tall.

Letter From Home



Hello, my name is Cha-Cha and I am a Havanese Rescue dog!

My new parents, Walt and Marlene, picked me up at my foster mom Charlene's house in Minnesota. On our way home we stayed in a motel in Toledo. I was scared because everything seemed very strange. I spent the night on the couch and I didn't get down or move around all that much. When I had to go potty, I mostly walked in circles and when I stepped on a dried leaf I jumped as if it had poked me. It was very hard for me to relax enough

Treasurer's Report

Havanese Rescue Inc is very proud to report that in 2009, **92% of every dollar raised directly benefited our rescue dogs**. We all work very diligently to keep our non dog-related expenses as low as possible.

Total 2009 expenditures = \$107,000

- \$70,000 - veterinary care, transport, grooming and dog supplies
- \$9,000 - administrative (website, Legal/CPA, insurance)
- \$28,000 - store merchandise

Total 2009 Income - \$105,000 (the deficit was covered by a balance from 2008)

- \$42,000 - HavToHavIt Store sales (resulting in \$14,000 profit)
- \$25,000 - adoption donations
- \$28,000 - donations from individuals, special fund raising efforts, Quilt project, and silent auction at national specialty reception
- \$2,300 - Havanese club donations
- \$7,700 - online auction proceeds

*Dollar amounts have been rounded for purposes of this report.

Adoption Corner



Hi! My name is Raphael - Raffy for short. I'm only ten months old, so I have lots of energy! I am the cutest lil' thing you will ever see. Everyone loves me -- the boy down the street who walks me sometimes, my foster sister who shares her toys with me and my foster dad

to do my business but my new mom and dad were very patient with me and my needs overcame my fear. Early next morning we met another dog called Kirby, who became a member of our family too.

There have been lots of changes since we came to our new home; I am now much more at ease. I love to sit on the furniture, and choose where I want to sit, but my favorite place is next to my Dad! Dad spends all day with Kirby and me. He feeds, walks and grooms us, so we are best friends and I curl up next to him every night when we go to sleep.

I love my treats and make a really loud bark so they'll know that I want one! For sometime now I have been taking treats from their hand which is a big change from when I arrived and wouldn't eat if they were in the room. Besides barking, my best trick is to walk on my hind legs and I'll do that whenever I think there is the possibility of a treat.

My hair is very pretty now and both my mom and dad say my tail is gorgeous. Kirby, my dog brother, would like me to play with pull and squeaky toys but I'm waiting until I am good and ready because I know once I start I am going to be better than he is.

Walks are one of my favorite activities. The winter walks were fine but now that the snow has melted I am really into checking out all the outdoor smells. Besides cats, there are turkeys, rabbits,

(maybe my favorite person in the whole entire world).

As far as I know, I have no enemies whatsoever. I love to be outside and playing. I even know how to ride on a boat! I love life and all people and I give kisses freely in exchange for belly rubs. I tricked my foster family into letting me sleep in bed with them, so I hope my forever home keeps letting me sleep in bed.

I have short hair but I'm still a Havanese. I just got a special gene that keeps my hair short and easy to care for, which is a good thing! So look me up. I'm on the [HRI website](#). Send in your applications, I'll take a look at them and get back to you. Headed out to play.

Kisses, Raffy

The Great Haul

How eight rescued dogs found their way from a shut-down puppy mill in Missouri to their foster homes in Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Have you ever wondered about the decision-making and logistics that go on behind the scenes before a dog arrives at its foster home? Meet some of the people who were involved in getting the "Missouri Eight" to their foster homes where they will learn what it means to be safe, free and loved.

Karen Grant, HRI dog wrangler:

"On June 4, a rescue organization contacted the HRI Intake Committee about eight Havanese/Havanese mixes out of Missouri after a 'breeder' mill closing. Because of the number of dogs, BOD approval was necessary. It was given immediately, pending available foster homes. Since the other rescue group had already planned a transport of 30 dogs from the mill to a no-kill shelter in Grayslake, IL, the Intake Committee contacted the state contacts in IL, WI and MN to secure the necessary foster homes."

Sue Magan, Lu Wyland and Charlene Renslow went to work and were able to find foster homes for all eight dogs by Sunday, June 6 and arrange transport from Illinois to their final destination.

Sue Magan, Illinois state contact:

"I picked up the eight dogs from the shelter at about 3:30 on Monday afternoon, June 7. We had to sort out

squirrels and even a woodchuck.

Hope you've enjoyed hearing from me and I'll keep in touch. Cha-Cha in Rochester, NY

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all of their paperwork before I could get on the road. I finally arrived at my vet clinic, Park Wise Animal Hospital, at 6 p.m., with eight pretty smelly dogs. They had agreed to stay open after hours to receive the rescues. Over the next few days, with my vets working overtime, the dogs were examined and treated, then spayed and neutered - and even got their teeth cleaned.

On Friday, June 11, I went to the vet clinic early in the morning, hoping to get to Milwaukee by noon. Well, this did not happen. Debbie Diamond, Penny's foster mom, helped to sort out paperwork, medications and tags for all of the dogs. It was almost noon before I got on the road to Milwaukee with six dogs in my car. (Hawk, the youngest of the dogs stays with me in IL.) Of course, summer in the Midwest is known as 'road construction season' so the trip was slow going in spots. We had almost reached Lu Wyland's home when Rosie got car sick all over poor Luna who was in a crate with her.

Once we got them cleaned up, had Rosie settled in at Lu's place and Luna's foster dad arrived to pick her up, we transferred the four MN-bound dogs to Lu's car and they traveled on."

Lu Wyland, WI state contact:

"The four dogs, all still quite odoriferous!, each in their own crate in a very tightly packed Honda Civic, and I made our way to Tomah, WI to meet up with Lori, the driver of the last leg of their journey. The trip was mercifully uneventful. Nobody got sick, nobody cried and Dobby, in a crate in the front seat next to me, actually ate a few treats from my fingers and let me pet him through the crate.

I have a Rod Stewart CD, which I often play when I'm transporting dogs. I don't know what it says about me that the songs are in my vocal range, but many a dog has come or gone to their foster home or family with me singing 'As Time Goes By'. Despite this, the dogs are no worse for wear."

Lori Brostrom, HRI volunteer driver:

"Mary Ellen Vickery stopped by that morning with three crates that she was donating - a life and money-saver! After we determined that her three crates and my larger crate fit (barely) in my car, I awaited a phone call from Lu to say she was on her way to our Tomah, WI rendezvous.

After a minor SNAFU -- I was at the appointed gas station, but Lu wasn't, and I found that my cell phone

didn't have network coverage in Tomah (how does that happen?!) and the station didn't have a pay phone (so passe, apparently) -- I drove down the street and used the pay phone at another station. I got Lu's VM -- arghh! After leaving a message saying I was returning to the station, I drove back, slightly panicked. Just as I was informing the mystified clerk that she might be getting a call for me, Lu walked through the door - hooray! We swapped four scared little dogs in the hot, humid air. Nobody had peed, pooped or puked, which was a huge relief. We gave them some water and treats and hit the road again.

They were very quiet and very smelly. Margaret, in the front seat, would look at me every once in a while. Ginny, in the middle cage in the back seat, would return my inquisitive looks when I peered back every once in a while, and I just knew they were all going to be okay. We listened to WPR for a while, and nobody howled when I slipped in an 80s compilation CD and sang along to 'Tears for Fears'.

We finally pulled into Char's driveway. Judy Harkess and her husband waited to take Margaret for themselves and Dobby for Dawn Schlee, but we pottied the dogs first in a confined area in back of Char's house. Everyone was very curious and very skittish. Char, who had a finger in a splint from an accident earlier that day, ran interference while I got the three, who had one more car trip ahead, back into their crates. Minnie had arrived at her destination at Char's. Last stop - dropping Ginny off at Gisela and Ferdinand Peters's house in my neighborhood, and then home at 10:30 pm to my very curious boys and a nice glass of wine."

Update on the "Missouri Eight": Minnie, Ginny and Rosie are enjoying life in their new adoptive homes. Penny, Margaret, Luna and Dobby are conducting interviews for their ideal homes. Hawk is making great progress in becoming a wonderful companion.

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