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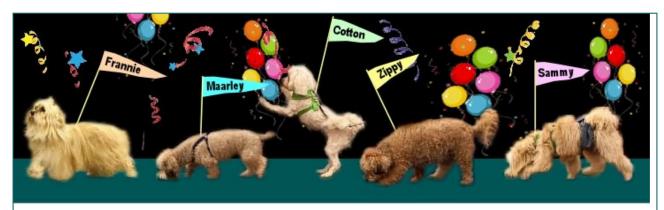
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President's Letter

Dear friends and volunteers,

Havanese Rescue Inc. officially began its mission on August 1, 2004, to save, heal, nurture and find loving homes for rescued Havanese. Little did anyone know how many dogs would end up needing HRI's help.

So far, our foster families have helped 412 Havanese overcome obstacles, both large and small, before they went on to wonderful forever homes. Some only needed a new home. Others needed surgeries (heart defects, orthopedic or eye problems, liver shunts, bladder stones), or training to overcome behavioral problems, or just the loving care and time to overcome internal fears.

In its first full year, HRI took in 33 Havanese -- this year, HRI has already accepted 101 dogs.

They come from families whose circumstances changed or who felt they didn't have what it took to raise a puppy, who didn't have the financial means to provide

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Letter From Home



Hi Everybody,

It's me, Eddie. Let me tell you how awesome my life has been in my furever home (it's been a year on May 29). Who would have thought that things could get even better for me since I came to live with my foster parents? You see, they put me on a pedestal, but my new family literally puts me on a pedestal: I have my own chair at the dinner table. How come? I wanted attention all the time, and my poor mom could not eat because I would sit next to her and bark and bark Oh yes, I am not spoiled at all, hehehe.

I still get to see my foster parents who, for some reason, are now my grandparents. I love going to see them because they always have something for me, and my doggie brothers love to play with me, except Max gets mad at me on occasion, but that's because I try to steal my grandma away from him.

On June 5, my mom and dad got married, and they insisted I be in the wedding and wear a stupid penguin suit. In the end, I didn't really mind because I got so much attention! And I didn't try to pee on my mom, as I did with my grandma when she got remarried -- but this is a different story. There I was, standing with my dad's best friend and my grandpa, looking handsome (just look at my picture) and waiting ... but where was my mom or my grandma? So I kept

necessary surgery or maybe the training their pup needed. Some were saved just hours before euthanasia at animal shelters, others were rescued from horrendous puppy mill conditions.

With 60 dogs in foster care, our need for more foster homes is bigger than ever. We all realize that without available foster homes we can not accept every dog that needs us. Without sufficient funding we can not provide treatments some dogs need so desperately. I am so grateful for your support in every area -- for your love of these babies that need HRI and for your ideas that make HRI the organization we are all so proud of.

I welcome new board members who are already working tirelessly to change lives ... one Havanese at a time ... and are preparing to support many more in the future. I'd like to thank Jen, Jane, Terri and Suzy for their service and devotion this past year. Their efforts have strengthened our organization and made a huge impact in so many ways.

I know I can count on your continued support for our dogs. We are their voices and their path to new beginnings. They need each and every one of us and we must all continue to be there for them. I am so proud to be a part of such a caring and hard-working organization.

Karen

New Feature in HRI Newsletter

The Newsletter is adding an events calendar to each issue. We would love to feature your HRI fund raising or educational event. We need to know of your event at least one month in advance. If it is taking place before the 20th of the month, please give us two months' notice. Please supply the date, time and other pertinent information to: newsletter@havaneserescue.com with the word "event" included in the subject line.

We would also love to do a follow-up with a short article and pictures about your event. We hope to give our readers ideas on how they too can help HRI and our wonderful Havanese breed.

Adoption Corner

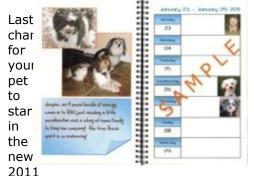
on barking until I saw my mom, at least I think it was she. She was so beautiful that I could only stare at her. She went up to my dad, and they said something some "official" told them to say. Since nobody paid attention to me (Grandma was busy taking pictures), I started to bark again. Finally Grandma came over to pet me and stayed right next to me.

I was really uncomfortable in this crazy penguin suit but, hey, it matched everyone else's and I got lots of kisses and hugs at the reception line. I was happy about that, but I made sure Grandma and my mom were in sight. We went outside to take pictures and I was in most of them. My dad told me he was sooo proud of me for being good, and my mom said that I completed her family and that she needed me in the wedding.

I can't believe how much of a part of the family I am. They just love me sooo much and I love them back. Grandma and Grandpa did an excellent job in finding me my furever home. You see, its Grandpa's son and daughter-in-law who adopted me, and they get to see me all the time. I LOVE LIFE. IT'S A DOG'S LIFE HERE AND I AM KING.

Love from Eddie.

Last Chance!



Rescue Calendar! Email your requested date (1st & 2nd choice please), pet name(s) and photo(s) to:



Hi! I'm Margaret and I'm already a lucky girl! I was rescued from a puppy mill -- dark, nasty places where there's no lovin', no play time and no treats. Now I live in a foster home and I get lots of special attention, and the best part of all -- I get to play in the grass! There are lots of toys here and I play with every one of them. I love cuddling with my foster mom and watching television. I sleep on the floor next to her bed at night.

I'm learning new things, like how to go potty outside. That seems to be very important when you live in a nice house instead of a nasty cage outside. I'm also learning to walk on a leash and to be more comfortable around people. Too many people and too much action scare me. I like it when things are quiet and calm. I like taking a bath, being groomed and having my teeth brushed. It's so nice to be clean!

Did I mention I only have three legs? Probably not because it's really no big deal. I think having a fourth leg would slow me down. I run fast! I can go up and down stairs without any trouble. I think I want to be an only dog, so I can have all the love and attention for myself. A furever home would prove that I'm the luckiest girl in the world!

Here's a video of me playing with my foster family.

Nationals

havfriends@gmail.com Deadline for reserving your date for a favorite pet photo is August 31st!

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We were up. We were down. Our heads were spinning around. Our week at the Havanese Club of America's National Specialty in San Mateo, CA, was a whirlwind of activity from the moment we arrived!

Friends of rescue, both old and new, gathered in guest rooms, hallways and at our tables outside of the show rings to share experiences and ideas for helping HRI grow to meet the needs of the ever-increasing number of dogs we're seeing each day.



Our highlight, of course, was our magnificent Havanese Rescue Reception, brilliantly hosted by Charlene and Bob Edwards. Thursday evening 175 guests of the Havanese world were welcomed with dinner, wine tasting and auction festivities in one of our largest fund-raising efforts of the year. Thanks to the yearlong effort of Charlene and the many HRI volunteers who

supported her, we were able to raise much-needed funds at our auction.

Throughout the event volunteers staffed our store tables helping to raise awareness of HRI's mission and the need for rescue care for our breed. Many people were shocked to learn that over 400 Havanese have been surrendered to HRI in our short history.



We had another opportunity to support our budget with our ever popular <u>HavToHavIt</u> <u>Store</u> merchandise. Thanks to Stacy Roussos, Marilyn Pozas and all of our willing participants for their tireless energy!

On Saturday morning, among a sea of misty eyes, HRI proudly presented to the show ring our 2010 Parade of Rescues, including 13-year old

Franny and 11-month old Cotton, who had just joined our rescue family several days before. Oh, how we wish you all had been there with us for this happy event!



HRI is grateful to the Havanese Club of America for sharing their National Specialty time and space with us, and for their generous support of our efforts.

Can you join us in Durham in 2011?? There's an extra chair at our table waiting for you!

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