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Adoption Corner

Hello there. My name is Kate, I am almost seven years old, weigh a sturdy eight pounds, and I lived my whole life in a puppy mill until I was rescued by HRI. I have a "designer" panda-type face which gives me lots of character.

Speaking of being a character, I am also called Little Monkey because I can climb just about anything. I can also stand on

2010 By The Numbers -- 2011 Annual Appeal

Sometimes we forget that rescue is not simply a matter of taking dogs and finding a new place for them to live. 162 dogs were taken into rescue during 2010. 140 of those have now found permanent homes.

Each dog received at least a veterinary check-up (vaccines, heartworm, etc.).

- 27 were neutered
- 26 were spayed
- 7 received eye surgeries (cataract, cherry eye repairs)
- 45 dental procedures (cleanings, extractions, etc.) were performed

Some needed extensive care:

- Popi: double patella surgery (\$3,169.23)
- Pablo: double patella surgery (\$2,160.69)
- Vivi: neurology & ophthalmology checks and exams, spay, surgery for pyloric sphincter defect, MRI, ultrasound, bloodwork, meds (\$4,844.81)
- Junie: removal of mammary tumors, spay, cherry eye repair, dental. (\$2,796.80)

Total spent on the dogs: \$118,706.45

anything. I can also stand on my back legs and walk for a long time. My foster mom tells people I am expressive with my ears, mostly because I know how to control them by making them stick straight out like The Flying Nun, or moving one or both up and down -- so well that my foster mom thinks I could be a flagpup on an aircraft carrier.

All I really want to be is someone's pet. Right now, I live in a place where the ground can be nice and green one day, then solid white the next. Green grass is much better than white. I love to roll around in the grass and scratch my back, especially when it's warm and sunny outside. I hope my furever home has mostly green grass, without the cold white stuff. Stairs are complicated, so I hope my furever home doesn't have any of those, and no little kids either -- they move so quickly and scare me. Going potty outside isn't a problem for me much anymore, and I willingly go to bed at night in my crate. I learn new stuff everyday and hope my furever family will be patient and enjoy teaching me how to be a great pet.

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Who We Are -- State Contacts

Havanese Rescue has a designated volunteer for each state, the State Contact, who is responsible for identifying dogs who come into rescue in their state, finding an available foster home for them, arranging transport and keeping in weekly touch with the foster families. When a foster dog is ready for adoption, our State Contact steps in once again to provide applications from potential families that are appropriate for this particular dog. The State Contact, the foster family and the HRI adoption

Jill Brecher, FL

committee all participate in selecting the most ideal family for each dog.

In addition, State Contacts receive volunteer and adoption applications for review and communicate with the applicants. The State Contact checks applicant references and arranges home visits for adoption preparation or for new foster volunteers becoming part of the HRI family.

Cindy Naylor, KS

Our State Contacts are vital for HRI to carry out its mission of rescuing Havanese in need and educating the public about responsible pet ownership. We salute our volunteers who keep watchful eyes on one or more states. Thank you, HRI State Contacts!

Kim Tufte, KY

Letter From Home

I just don't know where to start. This has been a match made in heaven, and I could write three pages on how much we adore this dog. She becomes more special

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every day, and I didn't think that was possible.

To get Pokita's weight down, we started walking, and that is her favorite time. We walk 1 1/2 miles, two times a day. She is now down under 12 lbs. and has toned up, so she has gone from a size large harness to a small. We all run and chase every afternoon, and she still loves to be petted. She drags all of her toys out every afternoon, and loves to lie outside by the pool when we are there (she has her own special "cool bed" so she doesn't get too warm).

We have taken several long trips to our house up north, and she loves to ride in her car seat. She goes to a "no-cage" groomer and loves play day, and also loves doggie day care.

Pokita and Myia (our good friends' Westie) have become BFF's. Whenever we're going out, they stay at one house or the other, and really enjoy playing together. We are all going on a pet-friendly trip in October.

Pokita is still very afraid of storms, so we purchased a "Thundershirt" which seems to really help her not be so scared.

Pokita is the most wonderful little dog, and we are spoiling her rotten - she's loving every minute of it. She has brought so much joy and laughter into our lives. The entire adoption process was wonderful, and we'd drive to Dallas again in a minute for this little sweetheart. She is truly the greatest little dog, and we love her dearly!!!!

Sally and Gordon Nelson in FL

In Memory of Katie

Once in a great while you meet a little soul that makes an impact on your life forever. I met that little soul about a month ago when I took in Katie, a four-month-old black and white Havi, as my latest foster dog. She had been rescued from a mill in Ohio by another rescue group. That rescue was looking for a home for Katie with someone who could cover the cost of surgery to repair a hole in her heart. With loving arms and paws, HRI voted to bring this little girl into our fold and provide the funds for surgery to repair her heart. Everyone was so excited -- we

Katie

had a chance to make a huge difference in the life of yet another of our dear pups.

Katie adapted quickly to my pack and ran around with them, learned to go up and down stairs, learned that the word "treat" meant something really good, and found out

the big bed in mom's room was much better than a crate, no matter how cozy I said it was.

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Linda Okimoto

Everyone who met or saw pictures of Katie fell head over heels immediately -- I already had a prospective home for her that had a little girl and two other pups!

I was quite excited to go to Katie's appointment with the cardiologist, and thought we were now on the way to getting her life on the right path to a furever home. I told her "from here on out, Katie, your life is golden!"

Sadly, that path was not open to Katie. Her heart problems went well beyond a mere hole, which sounds simple, doesn't it? She was in a life-threatening situation from the day she was born. There was no treatment, surgery or miracle that could have kept Katie with us.

With heavy hearts we agreed that the best and kindest route for Katie was to send her over the Rainbow Bridge. She left her pain and suffering behind -- we carry it for her now.

It was an honor and privilege for me to take care of Katie. Her last days were filled with everything a dog's life should be about -- love, kindness, safety and belly rubs.

Kim Tufte

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