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A Dog With a Passport

HRI just completed its first ever international adoption! One of our sweet puppy mill dogs left foster care to move to an island

Greetings!

As I reflect on this past year, I am continually humbled by the generosity and support I see in our organization. No matter what the need, there always seems to be a raised hand or an offer to help, and to say we couldn't do it without you is an understatement.

Our on-line auction was a huge success. Thank you Laura Cascino for another amazing year and for running it like only you can do. You are the best. And it looks like our proceeds so far will be a little over \$14,000. Now that is impressive!

To everyone who donated, spent countless hours

paradise in the Caribbean. This is a story best told in pictures, so please view the slideshow ["From Puppy Mill to Paradise."](#)

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designing and creating one-of-a-kind masterpieces for the auction ... thank you.

This auction is only as successful as the people who participate and because I'm afraid I'd miss someone, this is a Thank You to everyone.

We are grateful for everyone's participation within HRI in every capacity imaginable, and for making our corner of the world just a little bit better place.

And last, I quietly reflect on the families we've helped throughout the year and the dogs we've helped find loving homes. I pray for those families who through no fault of their own, have had to surrender their most beloved family member. May they find comfort in knowing we gave them that warm lap, plenty of kisses, and a soft place to fall.

To each of you, have a wonderful holiday and a safe, prosperous New Year.

Pam Wagner
President

Shelby's Story



Shelby came into HRI a skinny, scared and cowering little

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girl. She had multiple health problems, but her ears were the absolute worst. She was diagnosed with cauliflower ear, which meant her ear canals were filled with angry growths. This often results in a foul odor, irritation, bleeding and hearing loss.

After seeing two surgeons, it was decided Shelby was to have invasive surgery to correct her sad ears. The prognosis was likely that Shelby's hearing would be even worse than before surgery. Even with the risk, this girl's ears had to be fixed.

Shelby came a long way in the short time she was in foster care. She truly enjoyed being part of an accepting pack of two other Havi's. They'd run and chase each other in the backyard. With regular meals and walks, Shelby was definitely getting a taste of the good life!

As far as her ears go, it's true that her hearing is worse than before surgery, but she has adapted quickly and understands simple hand motions. She'll even come running to the sound of a loud bell in the backyard. There's no doubt this smart girl will continue to learn and communicate in her own way.

Shelby won over one of the vets at the hospital, so she now has a home to call her very own. As with so many of our rescues, Shelby has been given a chance at an amazing life. Thanks to HRI for taking her in and showing her how life is supposed to wag!

Pat Casson



Pat, Lilly-Rose, Poppy & Blossom

My introduction to Havanese started ten years ago when I wanted to do therapy dog work at the local hospitals. I took an online quiz to find the perfect dog for me and Havanese was referenced. Never having heard of the breed, I started to do some research and decided Havanese would be the perfect breed. After waiting (and saving up) almost a year, I finally brought home my Lilly-Rose. After a year of training, she became a therapy dog and worked for two years until she no longer enjoyed the visits.

Lilly-Rose often went to school with me and we would visit the special education classrooms. I retired from teaching five years ago and was given money (from a great staff) towards a new puppy. I obtained Blossom Mae Bumble from what I am sure must have been a puppy mill. I saw that sweet little frightened face and I knew she had to be my dog. I am much smarter now and better informed! A Havichon, Blossom, is indeed my little clown. With retirement came my volunteer work at the local humane society. I started fostering last year and have fostered and found wonderful homes for two HRI

dogs. I now have a puppy mill dog who is learning from my girls that being a dog can be terrific .

I have always done crafts -- you name it, I've probably tried it. When the mood strikes, I make artist mohair teddy bears that I sell online under the name Casson Creations. I have quilted for years and this is now my third year to work on the HRI quilt project. About two years ago after seeing the online Hav auction, I wrote to the Havanese store and asked the online Hav auction to create a craft section where people could donate items to be sold. Needless to say, I now know how to make belly bands to bow ties and whatever else seems like a good idea to raise money for HRI.

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