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### Adoption Corner: Champ and Katie

Seniority is cool, indeed!

Have you ever considered welcoming an older dog into your home? There are some terrific Havanese seniors that are patiently waiting for their forever

### Letter from Home: Teddy, Denise & Rich

We can't believe how lucky we were to have found Teddy! When we read what his foster mom, Linda, wrote about him on HRI's website and watched the videos she posted over and over again, we had a feeling that he'd be the perfect fit for our family. We couldn't have been more right.

The first day we brought him home, Teddy

families. Could it be you they are looking for?

Take Champ as an example. Champ is a ten-year-old, cream-colored boy who weighs fourteen pounds. His temperament is a perfect example of the Havanese Senior Advantage program. He is such a good boy! He has an affectionate and sweet nature, behaves like a gentleman and is also happy to curl up on his foster mom's lap.



Champ loves to go for walks and has good leash manners. He is crate trained, but would love to sleep on the big bed with his family if given an opportunity. If you're busy, he will happily entertain himself by tossing his toys in the air and fetching them over and over again.

Champ fancies himself a watchdog, ever on the alert for the letter carrier's arrival. He also is very interested in the birds and neighborhood cats he sees while out on a walk.

Champ is being fostered in Northern California.

And then there is Katie. Katie has some special needs as a result of some former

and our Maltese, Bogie, became instant pals. It took our other Maltese, Lily, a few days, but Teddy was well behaved with her and now they're a great three-pack.

Teddy took to me right away, but his issues with men kept him a little nervous around my husband for the first few weeks. Rich was very patient and Teddy watched the other two dogs getting lots of love from him. Rich fed them most of their meals, which seemed to make a good impression. Now, Teddy is an equal opportunity lap sitter!

We've really enjoyed watching the clown in Teddy come out as he has become comfortable in his new home. He loves throwing his toys around and chasing them down in our fenced yard. He spins in circles when he's excited about a walk or bedtime. And, he's the best snuggler. He just melts in your arms!

We were careful introducing Teddy to our 18-month-old grandson, but Teddy thought he was the coolest thing ever and followed him everywhere he went. This last weekend was a big test when we had people over for a party. He was a bit of a Velcro-dog with me, but also seemed to enjoy all the attention. The next big step is a short trip to visit family. Given how he's done so far, I think Teddy's going to love the adventure!

health issues. Daily meds are required for her eyes and she needs to be on a special diet for her digestive system. She also needs a bath every week, but who doesn't?



She loves to sit in your lap or behind you in an office chair. She also loves to sit on the back of the couch and look out the window. And like Champ, she'll let you know if anyone enters the yard. Katie is "on patrol" you know. She enjoys going for walks and having her back massaged. What senior does not enjoy a good back massage? Katie is crate trained, leash trained, and potty trained-pretty much the whole package.

Katie is being fostered in MN.

So yes, Havanese seniors may need a bit more attention than their younger, less mature brethren, but they're worth the effort!



## Letter from Home: Coco and Leo

Last fall we suddenly lost our beloved Shih-Tzu to cancer. It left a huge hole in our hearts. In spite of our sweet hound dog, Jersey, every corner of the house was painfully empty. Jersey would have loved to fill the role of lap dog, but at 70lbs., she is a bit large. A friend suggested a Havanese. We never before considered any specific breed, always gathering our new doggie members from shelters, vets or taking in strays. We learned more about the breed and then checked out HRI. We were delighted to adopt a brother/sister duo, six years old, named Coco Chanel and Leo DiCaprio. Coco and Leo have taken over our hearts and home. They look nearly identical but they couldn't be more different in personality.

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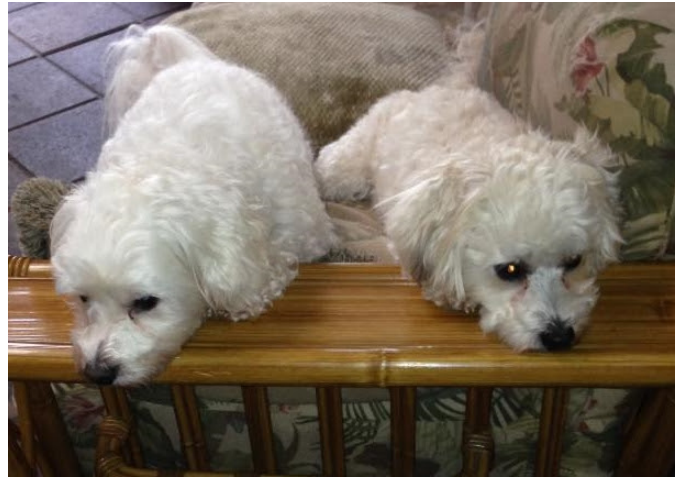
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A condition for final adoption was cataract surgery for Leo (courtesy of HRI). Leo had lost most of the sight in his left eye and was noticeably hesitant compared to his fearless sister. He would not venture far from the house into the yard and he had issues with the doggie door. We showed him how the door works countless times with cheerleader enthusiasm to no avail. After surgery, Leo's confidence grew greatly. He proudly mastered the doggie door, explored deep into the backyard and has slowly but steadily grown in confidence with life in general. It was heartwarming and fantastic! Living with blindness myself, I reveled in each step of progress he achieved.

We laugh at their spurts of exuberantly noisy play and racing around the yard like two crazies.

Sometimes they allow Jersey to join in, even though they think she's kind of clumsy. They are adorable and inseparable. My husband and I will be thankful forever to Jeanne Tennyson, Jill Brecher and Karen Horne - truly a dream team who made it all happen. You can sure we will revisit HRI in the future if we decide to expand our family!



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