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## Havanese Nationals!

What do the names Napoleon, Bruno, Perdita, Bodger, Copper and Duke have in common? They are some of the dog characters featured in the many movies produced by The Walt Disney Company. "Disney Dogs" forms the theme for the Havanese Rescue Inc. (HRI) dinner and reception put together by Chairman Joan Ambrose. The event occurs, appropriately enough, this year in Orlando Florida, near Disney World, in conjunction with the 2016 Havanese Club of America Nationals running August 1- 6, 2016.

The Rescue Parade on Friday, August 5th at 11 a.m. starts out some of the festivities for HRI. The first Rescue Parade occurred in 2007 when four dogs participated. Lucinda Treat is continuing the tradition in Orlando. Rescued dogs will be introduced by their owners along with a biography of each of their lives to remind us all of the reason for HRI. Owners wishing to participate in the event should email [Lucinda Treat](mailto:Lucinda.Treat).

The HRI reception and dinner include a live auction and a raffle of various items to benefit the group. The party is 6 p.m., Friday, August 5th. There will be themed baskets to bid on: a grooming, dog, toy, gourmet and traveler's baskets. Oil paintings by prominent artist, [Sally Rosenbaum](#), have also been donated to the HRI auction, making this event the opportunity of a lifetime. Bidding for the paintings can also be done from home. The information is on the [HRI](#) website.

At this year's event you have another opportunity to bid on one of the outstanding quilts. These are works of



Sally Rosenbaum's "Lady" donated by Jean Nagel



Monochrome Splash

art, and raffle tickets for them may be purchased at the venue ahead of time by clicking on the link on the [Havanese Rescue Facebook page](#), or going to [Havanese Rescue Inc.](#) The drawing will be held August 6, 2016.

The quilts are made by two groups of very talented quilter volunteers, The Havanese Quilters, chaired by Donna Rotoloni, and the HRI Quilters, headed by Julie Jorgensen. Their quilts are titled "Monochrome Splash" and "Dog Days of Summer."

Each square of the quilts was assembled with love by a volunteer. Another set of 12 inch individual mini/art quilt squares is being made for display and raffle/donation at the reception by Doreen DeBenedictis and her volunteers. These art quilts will augment the number of quilts to satisfy the demand by attendees, and those at home, who desire one of

these magnificent quilts". As a result there will be ample opportunity to obtain a quilt or square at the event and a chance to increase donations for HRI. Last year the quilts raised \$8,000 dollars. The money raised is for the dogs we rescue so you can have fun, shop, spend, and do lots of good at the same time!

## Want more information?

Please check Havanese Club of America's [website](#) or our own Havanese Rescue Inc [website](#)



Dog Days of Summer



## HRI Needs You!

### Who Makes Up HRI?

If you're reading this newsletter, you already have a soft spot in your heart for Havanese. Could you make more room in your heart-and maybe your home - to help these dogs?

As Donna Rotoloni, president of HRI, put it in a recent board report: "We are a busy rescue with many needs. We always need more active volunteers to help. We are only as strong as our membership."

One of the biggest needs right now is to add more State Contacts. Currently, several states are served by a single volunteer, and eight states are without any official State Contact. In order to serve as State Contact, you don't have to live in the state you're covering. Eight states are without any "official" State Contact at all: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nevada and New Mexico.

Angela Eglinger, State Contact Coordinator, explains that while those eight states are being covered by other State Contacts for now, they really need their own designated person. "And some states like California really need more than one State Contact to cover the entire state" she says.



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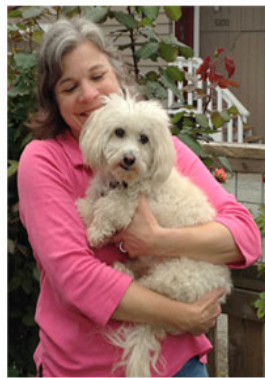
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So, what's involved in being a State Contact? Jane Hohne, HRI's past president, puts it in a nutshell:

1. Check their State Contact email account for new adoption applications at the very least a weekly basis and respond personally to those.
2. Answer emails from HRI's Intake team when when an approved dog comes into the program from your state.
3. Locate an approved foster home for the new dog entering HRI.
4. Help arrange transport of the dog from the surrendering family to the foster home.
5. Once the dog is placed in foster care, forward appropriate adoption applications to the foster home and support each foster family until the dog is in its forever home.

"Finding more foster homes is VERY important for our State Contacts," Jane said, "as without them, our Intake team has no alternative but to tell families we cannot accept their Havanese into our adoption program."

Angela adds that even if HRI has foster homes listed for a state, they may be full - as is the case in California, one of HRI's busiest states. "Also, foster homes may be in need of a break and therefore aren't able to take a dog when we are desperate for a home. Then we have to start the process of finding a foster home in another state and moving the dog." Angela says that there also is a need for people to help State Contacts with reference checks, transport, and home evaluations.

For more information about becoming a State Contact, email [Angela.Eglinger](mailto:Angela.Eglinger).



## Foster Homes: A Necessity for Rescue

"The most frustrating thing for me as a State Contact is to not have any foster homes available when I need one," says Andrea Marsden, the State Contact for Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. "Luckily, I am my own best customer and have resolved never to say 'no' to fostering if I can."

So besides being a State Contact, Andrea began fostering in 2013. She has fostered five dogs so far, two of which she admits are "failed" fosters because Zoey and Baxter found their forever home with her and her husband Jeff in Seattle. "I feel like I've seen a lot of the challenges a foster home might see," she says. "Zack and Bella were a bonded pair, Baxter is a puppy mill survivor with the usual behavioral/temperament problems, and Nemo (still waiting for his forever home) has a serious medical issue."



Mae on right and foster pal Minnie

Flexibility is a key ingredient in becoming a successful foster home, Andrea says. "I'll accept any dog to foster and will work with its issues as they come along," she said. "We don't always receive absolutely perfect dogs in rescue, and so foster homes cannot be too rigid in what they will accept."

Andrea says the best part of being a foster home is when it comes time to choose an adopter. "It's the best feeling in the world to know that your foster dog is going to the exact, right, perfect home for it! When you know the home is ideal for the dog, it makes letting them go that much easier."

But no matter how many dogs you may foster and let go, they remain in your heart. That's obvious when talking to Lu Wyland, who has been fostering for several decades, longer than HRI has existed. "At one point I counted the number of foster dogs in my home over the years, and the number was in the 40s, though at least half those dogs were here for only a short time before moving onto long-term foster homes."

"That's the thing to remember about fostering," Lu says, "because often times fostering for just a few days or a week means a dog is able to come to rescue because there's time to arrange for transportation to a long term foster home. It's a really good way to help out even if you're only able to help for a short while".

A number of foster dogs shine very brightly in Lu's memory: Lola, one of HRI's very first dogs, and the first one in her home, with an ultra-curly coat that reminded Lu of a Koosh ball when touched; Desi, a "little pup of fluff and attitude and one very distorted leg" that made her heart sing and was the inspiration for "Desi's Diary" entries; Harriet, a starving puppy mill dog in the midst of a false pregnancy who came to Lu on an emergency basis before going to a foster home and being adopted by an HRI volunteer; and Rosie, another dog in horrible physical condition but very affectionate nonetheless, who may have once been somebody's pet before ending up in a puppy mill.

"My life is richer because of the dogs that have lived with my family," Lu says. "They've taught me compassion, they've made me laugh, and I find myself admiring the resilience of the canine spirit....It's a privilege to be part of their life's journey."

If you can foster an HRI dog, click on the "Applications, Adoption & Volunteer" box on our website, and fill out the "Volunteer Signup" form indicating you want to foster. A member of the Volunteer Committee will contact you to begin the process of being approved as a foster home. Be patient, as it may take a while to be contacted even though foster home applicants have a bit of a priority. The Volunteer Committee also is very short of help!



## Adoption Corner - Featuring Dea and Solo

As spring is in the air, new life is budding all around us, and our foster pups are searching for the perfect family to make their very own. Please meet Dea and Solo, two of our senior foster pups who are looking for a family to share their lives with. Dea and Solo have been raised together.

Dea is a calm, relaxed girl who enjoys the company of people and other dogs, although she isn't much for playing with dogs or toys. She loves snacks and enjoys lounging around and just being with you. Solo, on the other hand, suits his name. Solo loves attention! The world revolves around him and he loves to be the center of it by showing off his silly antics. He does not care much for the attention of other dogs, but loves people and Dea. Both are very good dogs who are easy to live with.

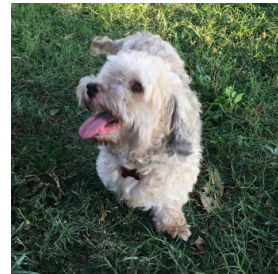


It would be best that Dea and Solo be placed together. They are looking for a calm, relaxed home where they can get lots of love and attention. Dea is very laid back, but Solo requires an owner who can help set boundaries for him. He does not act out in a naughty way, but does need limits when it comes to attention seeking and appropriate boundaries.

Solo has no special medical concerns. Dea is on a prescription diet for bladder stones and will need to remain on this food for the rest of her life. She has had two surgeries to remove stones. She is potty trained during the day and will let you know when she has to go out but she is not fully continent through the night.

Please consider welcoming Dea and Solo into your heart and home.

Dea and Solo are being fostered in Florida.



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