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# **President's Message**



Celebrate HRI's "Year of the Dog"! We are delighted you can join us at the 2018 HCA National Specialty Show and our Havanese Rescue events!

Since our last update, 30 dogs have come into HRI. We have spent \$22,600 on direct care of the dogs, averaging about \$753/dog, a slight increase from last year.

We are proud of the startup of our new Special Rescues Team which will focus on the marketing and adoptions of senior and special needs dogs. HRI is active on social media and networks with other rescue groups to ensure dogs in need find a safety net.

Be dazzled by our two beautiful quilts, "Calendar Dogs" and "Warhol Pop Art." The more tickets you buy, the better your chances of winning! The drawing will be Saturday, August 11 at the close of the show.

Our Hav To Hav It store will feature custom Tervis tumblers and water bottles, cozy sweatshirts and tees and other fun doggy items. Join us Tuesday, August 7 at Gail Czarnecki's Trick Dog Seminar. Sign up to have your dog tested for AKC Trick Dog titles.

Our gala "Year of the Dog" celebration is Friday, August 10 at 6:30pm. Beautiful themed favors await you. Bid on the handmade centerpiece tote bags, stuff the ticket boxes of your favorite baskets and raffle items then enjoy a delicious buffet. Exquisite items are available for our live auction. Bring your wad!! Revel in the fun and be touched by the stories and video of our beloved rescue dogs.

HRI could not be successful without the overwhelming generosity of our volunteers, donors and supporters. We are so grateful for your contribution to our mission of rescue. Changing lives, one Havanese at a time!

Many Thanks! Mary Richling, President Havanese Rescue Inc I can't begin to tell you how much we are loving Diamond and Dozer! My girls have been so great about learning about and caring for these two. These two are super smart and two distinct personalities. From the beginning I have referred to these two as my little ducklings because follow me everywhere. I can't imagine our life without them.

These two have been claimed by the entire neighborhood. Some of our neighbor kids are afraid of dogs. One of them, Annie, who is often at our house just melted as she met Diamond and Dozer. Needless to say, these kids are no longer afraid of dogs. Macey, Annie's four-year-old sister, was having a birthday party, and Macey decided that she wanted a dog party. Her mom got candy necklaces and made "dog tags" for each child. They also wore dog ears. They even ate cocoa puffs out of bowls on the floor. The party's highlight was a visit from two special visitors, Diamond and Dozer.

Dozer loves his bunny and he LOVES to play fetch with it. Diamond gets excited as well. Sometimes she runs to get the bunny, but she doesn't know what to do next, so she starts to wrestle with Dozer instead. We have also discovered that Dozer gets jealous if he thinks we are loving on Diamond more than him.

The two of them, Diamond and Dozer can really jump. There is no baby gate that can hold Dozer if he puts his mind to it. We are just finishing up a training class with them. Dozer is so quick to pick up the new concepts, and Diamond is always close behind.

We have found that certain duck jerky causes Dozer to lose all control; he will do ANYTHING for that treat. Close favorites for both are carrots and cheese. If they hear the crunch of a carrot, they think it is for them.

Bath day is so much fun! Their white hair is super bright once again, and they just tear through the house at 100 mph chasing each other.

We have loved Diamond's smile and happy demeanor from day one. Dozer has always been a sweet dog, but in the last few weeks we are seeing the real Dozer. His tail is now held just as high as Diamond's, and he has a happy little face all the time.

There was a time I did not want even ONE dog and now we have TWO. It has been an absolute joy to discover their unique personalities and make them part of our family. Thank you for this opportunity,

Sherida



Diamond and mom Sherida

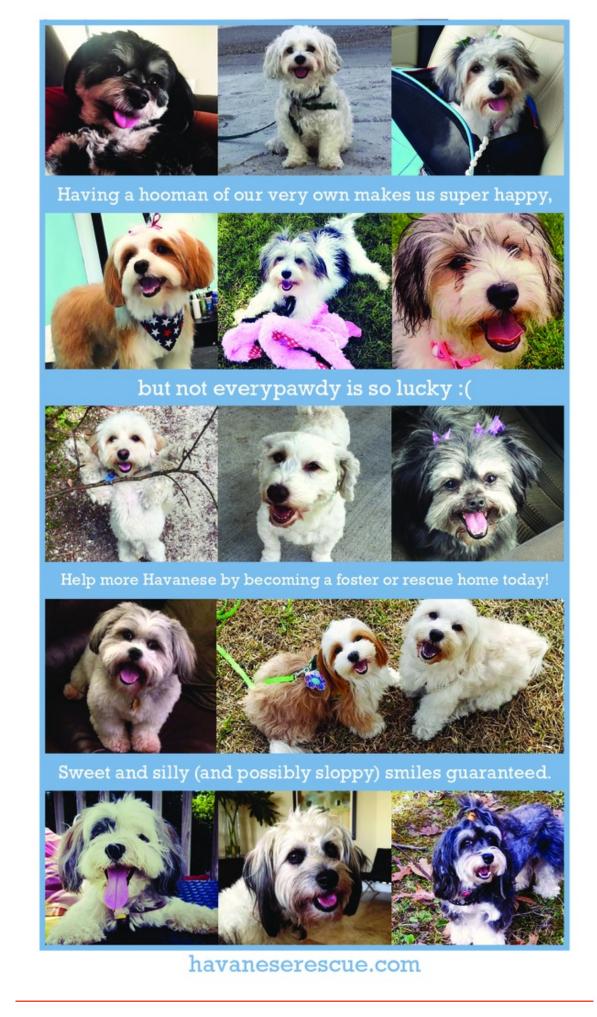


First day smiles.

Diamond and Dozer with new sisters.



Diamond and Dozer running through the grass.





The American Kennel Club (AKC) describes Havanese as cheerful little dogs with a spring in their step and a gleam in their big, brown eyes. Sadly, not every Havanese displays this joyful spirit and trusting nature.

Most of the dogs surrendered to Havanese Rescue, Inc. (HRI) begin to thrive in the loving care of their foster families but some require additional support to uncover their happy and playful personalities. Luckily for HRI, we have the expertise of our training, behavior and nutrition consultant Gail Czarnecki to help turn these little ones around.

HRI has been the beneficiary of Gail's wealth of knowledge for the past seven years. She is a member of our Board of Directors, our GPS coordinator and our go-to person for advice on dog training issues. Her expertise on dog training includes house training, dealing with aggression, extremely shy dogs and helping dogs that suffer from abuse, neglect or physical challenges. Gail also supports HRI's effort to help families keep their Havanese by working through training and behavioral issues and providing local training resources.

Gail's deep love of dogs and commitment to their well-being is a thread that runs through every aspect of her life. She is a Senior Research Nutritionist for Nestle Purina PetCare in Illinois. She is a proud grandmother to Bruce and dog mom to Havanese Sushi and former HRI dog Levi. Gail holds a B.S. in animal behavior and a PhD in animal nutrition. She is an instructor at the Karen Pryor Academy and a licensed trainer for Family Paws Parent Education Programs. These programs focus on supporting families with dogs as they navigate life with babies and toddlers. Through her work at Purina, she has had the opportunity to be involved in some unique projects including a pet-friendly apartment design in New York City with Paige Davis of Trading Spaces fame.

Gail's Trick Dog workshop and Trick Dog testing at the Havanese Specialty show last year was so well-received that she is back this year to teach and certify trick dogs. This is part of a program called "Do More with Your Dog". http://www.domorewithyourdog.com/trickdog/

It's easy to understand the popularity of this workshop, since the AKC website notes that Havanese are smart and trainable extroverts with the comic instincts of a born clown, making them natural trick dogs.

"Gail's willingness to listen to an owners' issues with their dogs allows her to zero in on what teaching tools and training support is needed to help that dog remain in its home. She always seems to know of a great trainer in the area," says HRI President Mary Richling. "Gail is truly a dog's advocate and a great resource for owners and HRI fosters." We couldn't agree more!



Gail and her dog Sushi



Gail's Trick Dog class at Nationals in 2

### Nemo

Five year-old Nemo is cuddly and sweet. His ideal spot is right next to you on the couch or on your lap if you give him the okay. (The household cat is a little miffed about that since he thinks he owns his mom's lap!)

Nemo enjoys daily walks. He's hoping that his forever home will take him for walks regularly even if he has a fenced yard.

Nemo takes medication several times a day to control seizures. With his medical regimen, he now has a seizure about once a month.

Nemo gets along well with the other dogs in the household and also does fine around the cat but would be fine as an only dog. Nemo likes people as well, including children. He would do best in a quiet home with someone who is around most of the time.

#### Ollie

Five-year-old Ollie is a big boy (16 pounds) who is very shy and submissive, but he is gaining some confidence. He is super sweet and loves to sleep on the couch snuggled up to the person right next to him. Being picked up, however, is stressful for him and prompts him to roll over or pee submissively. He is learning though, and is already doing better.

Ollie has some health issues. He gets biweekly baths, sprays and a monthly oil bath for his sebaceous adenitis, and he is currently being evaluated for some issue with his eyes. He is easy to care for. He is house, leash and crate trained, comes when called, gets along with other dogs, eats and travels well and likes going for walks.

Ollie would do best in a not-so-busy household, preferably with no young children and another dog that can teach him how to be more confident.



Nemo



Ollie

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