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Most Successful HRI Auction Ever!

In this 10th Anniversary year of HRI, the annual auction to benefit the rescue dogs of HRI was the most successful ever! A total of \$19,520 was donated!



Our auctioneer, Laura Cascino, worked tirelessly again this year to make sure that our Rescue Havs will have what they need. Many of us aren't aware of it, but Laura tackles this project on her own, year after year. She works endless hours during the week of the auction to update the bids and to finalize the winners list for the entire week of the auction and beyond. It's a totally manual operation that she has done the same way since 2001. Thank you, Laura!

There were 392 wonderful items donated to the auction this year. From handmade Havanese ornaments and decorations, to dog and people luxuries, to the fabulous *Forever Home* quilt honoring the nearly 900 Hav pups served by HRI since it started, there was something for everyone on which to bid.



There were 143 winners! Whether you bid or not -- and hundreds of us did try our luck, the excitement was palpable in the last hours of the bidding. Eight hundred bids were received! The 143 winners were announced when the tallying was completed over the next few days.



As Jane Hohne, HRI Board of Directors' President said in an open letter:
A special thank you to Laura Cascino, our



Here's little Ms. miracle pup, Vivi... she will turn 5 on Dec. 15th and she came in to HRI at age 5 months. She just had her 6-month neurological check up and finally let Dr. McD pick her up!

Emme



Emme is another HRI success story. Despite multiple severe medical problems, she thrived under the loving care of foster, Lu Wyland, and is now in her forever home in WI.

auctioneer extraordinaire, who tackles this monumental task cheerfully year after year. This year, HRI's 10th anniversary, our talented quilters created the beautiful "Forever Home" quilt honoring the nearly 900 rescue pups HRI has helped since its inception. One most generous bid of \$5,000 not only speaks to the artistry of the quilt, but also to our donor's dedication to rescue. Thank you.

We thank all our donors and vendors for providing such a fun variety of wonderful items for bidding. Whether you quilted, donated, solicited, held a winning bid, shared auction publicity with your social media and friends or cheered from the sidelines, you all supported the 2014 HRI Annual Auction, and we are so grateful.

The beneficiaries of your generosity are the rescue pups we are helping today and those we will be able to assist in the future. A tail wagging thank you from them!



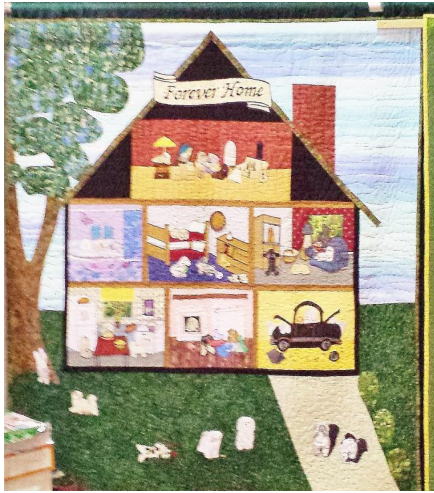
Now, we have a new goal to beat in 2015!
Planning for next fall's auction will start soon.

Mitzi



*Mitzi was rescued from a puppy mill in 2009 along with many other pups. She is a failed foster with Betty Iliff.
She's a beauty, isn't she?*

Charlie



Making Holidays Happy for Your Pets

Ho! Ho! Ho! Happy Holidays!

Well, *maybe* not so much for your furry family members. The holidays can present challenges and hidden dangers for your pets.

- If you spend long hours away from home shopping or partying, your dog could become overly anxious or misbehave. Consider using a pet sitter or doggie day care facility if you're going to be gone much longer than usual.
- Your dog may become excitable or scared when you have company. Providing a safe and quiet room with water, a familiar bed and toys can be comforting.
- Holiday decorations have their own special dangers. Christmas trees need to be secure so they won't fall over. Tinsel, ribbons and garlands, electrical wires, glass ornaments, candles, and potpourri should be placed out of reach of inquisitive mouths and paws. Holly, mistletoe, poinsettias, and amaryllis can cause moderate to severe stomach upset.
- To be on the safe side, keep *all* people food away from your dog. Rich, fatty foods can cause pancreatitis. Especially toxic are chocolate, Xylitol (an artificial sweetener found in some gum, candy and baked goods), grapes or raisins, onions and garlic, walnuts and macadamia nuts, and some varieties of mushrooms. And obviously, don't let your pets near alcoholic drinks!
- And finally, be aware that as guests come and go, there may be escape



This is Charlie, one of Judy Harkess' pups enjoying the holiday season in Minnesota!

Riley



*Florida 2011
Riley was fostered by Jill Brecher. Looks like he got into the eggnog, doesn't it?*

opportunities for your pets. Make sure they're wearing ID tags and are microchipped.

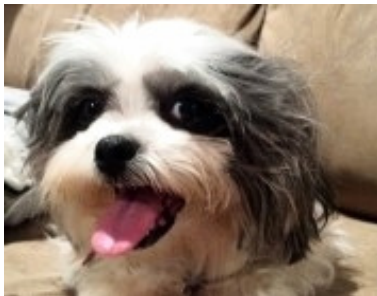
There *are* ways, however, to make the holidays special for your pet. Extra walks, wholesome pet treats, a new chew toy and, especially, cuddle-time with you will leave your dog happy and healthy well into the New Year!

Adoption Corner



Amber and Onyx are very sweet and happy 8-year-old *Havanese-Shih Tzu* mix sisters. The two are good companions for each other and also get along well with the other dogs in their foster family. They each weigh only 9 1/2 pounds.

Amber and Onyx get along with both children and adults. They love snuggling with their foster mom. The sisters are house trained and crate trained. Onyx loves playing and is energetic. She enjoys exploring the yard. Amber is content to watch the world go by, especially if she's next to you! The two sisters are bonded to each other and they need to stay together after they are adopted. They need a fenced yard in their forever home. They're being fostered in New Jersey.



In Memory of Louie

Junie



Karen Horne fostered Junie through mammary gland surgery, then cherry eye surgery. She was with Karen for over six months and a real sweetie. She spent Christmas in the cone (on the right).

Rockie



The little Havanese in the center is Rockie (aka Bad Seed) that Jill Brecher adopted through HRI five years ago. The other Havanese is Boomer and the cocker spaniel is Bailey.

Morgan



Some lucky HRI foster dogs will be going to their forever homes with a very special gift, courtesy of Tracy and Mackenzie Kinol and Brownie Troop #3629 in Maryland.

In August, Tracy and her family fostered Louie. He was a very sick dog who died a few weeks after coming into the care of HRI. Tracy and her daughter, Mackenzie, wanted to honor Louie by helping other HRI foster dogs. They decided to make no-sew blankets in his memory and enlisted Mackenzie's Brownie Troop to help. Each dog that comes into HRI foster care receives a no-sew blanket to have at their foster home and to take with them to their "forever" home. They held a bake sale to raise money to purchase supplies and worked hard to make these beautiful blankets that will be sent to HRI. They plan to continue this project in Louie's memory.

Thank you Tracy, Mackenzie and Brownie Troop #3629-you are amazing!

HavToHavIt
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This year's ornament features Havies in hand embellished blue or red beaded mittens (no two are alike). Each polyfil Hav is made from German Mohair with glass eyes, an embroidered nose and is hung with a monofilament and a bead. This is a limited edition of 38 ornaments.



Morgan was fostered by Nancy Bloodgood in NJ. This is a picture of Morgan with her new family, her first Christmas with them. This is the infamous Morgan who escaped from her new family the first day and is the reason for the "Morgan Amendment" in our Adoption Contract.

Missy



Missy, the shiny black Hav on the right, was fostered by Jill Brecher. The other two pups are Jill's.

Cody



Havs & Mittens Door/Wall Decoration. These very special mittens are made from recycled wool sweaters and wool felted by Suzy McQuown. The havies, made by Pat Casson, are made from German mohair, polyfil, have glass eyes and an embroidered nose. Each Hav with mitten measures 8 1/2" and is attached with beaded yarn.

Shopping for a Havanese lover? Check out the
HavToHavit General Store.

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Adoption Updates

The DMT (Dog Management Team) is now publishing *Adoption Updates* every other month! It is separate from the Newsletter.

Please encourage people who are considering getting a dog to check our [website](#) to see all the Havs available for adoption.



Karen Horne fostered Cody from December 2009 through February 2010, during which time this liver shunt boy underwent and recovered from bladder stone surgery. He's a sweet, sweet boy.

Mika



This is Mika with her new Mom at Christmas in 2011. She had been fostered by Yoonmee Chang. What a smile!

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah,
Happy Kwanza or just a wintry time of year,
we wish you all the joys of the season and the best of everything in 2015!

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