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Have A Hav Play Date by Laurie Frangione

As much as we would all like to think that HRI can function on its own, without fund raising, we can't! Fund raising is a necessary function of any non-profit organization. HRI has a group of talented people who make beautiful quilts that are given away in a free drawing (donations requested) to raise funds each year. The drawing is typically held at the HCA National Specialty each year.



I have found a more personal way to help donate funds and supplies to Havanese Rescue - HAVE A HAV PLAY DATE! Not only does it help - it is loads of fun!!

Several times a year, I open my home to friends from HRI, the Havanese Forum and family and neighbors who own Havanese, for a play date. I provide the food, and the guests bring a donation - - and their Havs of course. Last April we had 42 Havanese at my house to play! Each play date is a fund raiser of some sort.

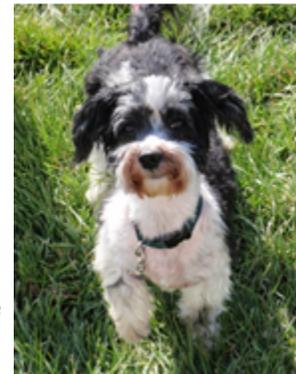
We have had a silent auction to raise money for a Havanese breeder whose house burned down. A request for supplies for my rescue supply cabinet yielded approximately a year's worth of supplies (see picture). We have held fundraisers for Operation Shoebox, the local animal shelter, and one to purchase pet oxygen mask kits for our fire department.

Adoption Corner by Ozzie

Hey there! My name is [Ozzie](#). I am the best Havanese in foster care. I am so special that I get a massage with oil every night, a bath every morning, special food and a little bit of medicine. I write so well because I have a hearing problem. One of my ears doesn't work AT ALL! I am friendly, always go potty outside, sleep in a crate, give the best kisses and love to cuddle. I also know doggy sign language!



I have a foster brother, [Spike](#), who is also the best Havanese in foster care. Spike has itchy skin too, but his has a big fancy name, Sebaceous Adenitis. He gets a bath with special shampoo each week, and a pill every day. He loves to play with squeaky toys and when nobody wants to play with him, he just throws them in the air and catches them himself. He also goes potty outside and sleeps in a crate.



Recently a friend had a holiday party with her local Havanese club. They charged an entrance fee, and sold tickets - all proceeds went to Havanese Rescue!

Please consider hosting a play date at your home, or at a park. Make it a fund raiser to help HRI. Bring items to auction off - ask for monetary donations - ask for supplies for HRI - not only will it help HRI - but the pups have a blast!!

I am always available to assist anyone who needs tips or ideas.

Letter from Home - Lizzie The Tamburro Family

It all started back in February 2009 with a simple, "I wonder if there is a Havanese Rescue?"

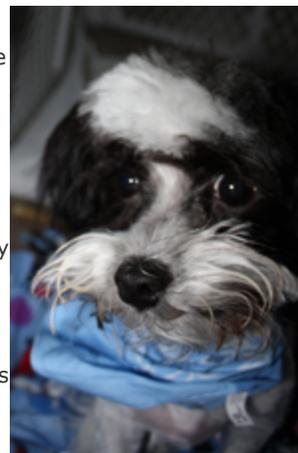


Our family lost our beloved 16 year old Havanese, Lexa, in February 2008. We knew that we wanted another Havanese - I have been involved with the Havanese breed since 1985 and am absolutely in love with these fun loving guys - and we decided that our next dog would come from a shelter. Quite frankly the cost was a contributing factor.

Lizzie was the first dog that I pulled up to look at on the Havanese Rescue Inc. web site. Fortunately, my 16 year old daughter walked in at the same time Lizzie's face popped up on the screen and she screamed, "Are we getting that dog!" I talked it over with my family and we decided to fill out the paper work and see where it would take us.

Well, two weeks later, my daughter and I drove 2 hours to the airport to pick up Lizzie. It was love at first sight. Lizzie was all wags and kisses for us. She instantly ingratiated herself into the family. She was house broken. Big plus!! The biggest selling point for my husband was the fact that the foster mom had said that Lizzie doesn't sleep on the bed. Boy was she wrong! Lizzie and I trip over each other nightly trying to get to the bed first. Though I have to say, she is not a bed hog.

Have you guys heard about [Sammy](#)? He's the other best Havanese in foster care. He's a little bit of an oddball. I'm not being mean, he's nice and he even loves to be rocked to sleep by his foster mom, but he's not so big on playing with toys or other dogs. He loves his bed and his special blanket. As a matter of fact, no other blanket will do. Sammy needs a special furever home that will love his little quirky ways.



[Cody](#) is another best Havanese. He has this complicated sounding situation called Hepatoportal micro vascular dysplasia (MVD). Do not be alarmed. He just gets special food and a little medicine. He also has to get his blood checked to make sure he's healthy. Cody is very handsome, fluffy and all white. He is crate-trained and even does those sit and stand tricks to show off.



All of us need special homes. Nothing super fancy, just a little extra TLC, maybe special food or medicine. We are the best Havanese and only the best will do.

A (Wagging) Tale of a Fundraiser Tracy Adamo

I am the founder of The San Francisco Bay Area Havanese Meet up Group. What began in early 2009 as a Havanese puppy playgroup suddenly grew as rapidly as our puppies grew in size. Clearly, we were doing well. Then I realized that



I have 4 children who ride the bus to school. Lizzie sits at the door anxiously waiting for the bus to drive up. She can't get out the door fast enough to greet them when they come home. She has gone on vacation with us to the Outer Banks and down the Jersey Shore. Lizzie even went to my brother-in-law's for Thanksgiving dinner. She was the perfect house guest. She sat quietly by herself in the kitchen while we ate in the dining room. It wasn't until after dinner we realized, the reason she was so good in the kitchen was because the turkey was dripping grease all over the floor and also all over her!!! She was covered in turkey grease!!! Needless to say, Lizzie earned herself a second bath that day. Life with Lizzie these past nine months has been amazing. She is just what this family needed!

Editorial Comment: Lizzie was one of our special needs dogs, as she has Sebaceous Adenitis (S.A.). You can sure tell, from reading her adoption story, that this has not been a negative issue nor hindered a happy ending for Lizzie and her new family!"

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our group had an opportunity to not only do well, but also to do good: Our holiday play date could also be an HRI fundraiser! The good news was that I had already booked a space for our party. The bad news was that I only had six weeks to pull it off. Could it be done? I quickly discovered the answer was YES!

Whether it was driven by confidence or naiveté, I started asking for help-and got it. Palma Dell agreed to come answer questions about fostering. When the daycare facility heard my play date was now a fundraiser, they donated the rental fee and set up an agility "playground." When I asked local businesses for donations (raffle prizes, supplies, anything!) virtually everyone said yes. In fact, when asked for a single bottle of wine, Mutt Lynch Winery offered to host a "Havie Hour."

I soon knew I had something worthy of more publicity than just an email to my members, but I had no marketing budget. Social Media to the rescue! A simple Tweet (I'm @SFHavanese) got re-tweeted and spread virally by my followers. I also posted on the Havanese Forum, posted on the walls of a few Havanese-oriented Facebook Pages, and asked group members to tell their friends. Before I knew it, we had more than 40 Havs in attendance and raised more than \$500 for HRI. It may not be much, but I intend to make this an annual event, and raise considerably more next time. I'm planning my marketing early this time, though: I posted a photo album on our Facebook Page, and made a YouTube video. I plan to link to these when I Tweet and Post next year. (Go to www.sfhavanese.com to find links to these, or to contact me if you would like help planning a fundraiser in your area.)

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