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### 2011 Online Auction Results

HRI's 2011 online auction was a resounding success. Laura Cascino has outdone herself along with our donors and bidders. We had over 270 items donated. From the gorgeous handmade teddy bears made by Pat Casson to the surround sound system from Diana and Michael Brooks, there was

### Who We Are ...

#### Joyce McKennedy, Advisory Board Member



Let me begin with a bit of history:

My husband, Mike, and I are in our early sixties and have four grandchildren (two live next door). We love to read, I like to knit and we both enjoy walking and grooming our dogs. We have been married for over forty years, and dogs have always been a joyous part of our lives. We have been blessed!

We met Pam Wagner when we adopted Princess (CeCe) back in January of 2009. She

something to tempt everyone. Our rescued pups, both present and future, are the beneficiaries of over \$15,500!

Heartfelt thanks go to Laura and everyone who either donated or bid on an item in this year's online auction.

### HavToHavIt



### **Paws For A Cause by Sharon Fay**

Havanese Rescue was invited to "Paws for a Cause," a wonderful event sponsored by Hardeko Helping Paws, held on Saturday, May 7, in Cicero, New York.



The event was to benefit animal rescue groups and featured "Pitboss" Shorty Rossi and his beloved Pitbull, Hercules, and his crew from California. They hosted more than 30 rescues as well as many vendors including Pet Food

started planting the "fostering seed" almost immediately, but we felt we would not be good candidates because we would not be able to give a dog up. We already had a two-year old Havanese we had purchased from a breeder, and had clearly fallen in love with the breed.

In August of 2009 we got a phone call while we were on vacation asking if we could "please" help out and do a foster because the Midwest was overflowing with dogs. As a result, Buddy (Granger) was flown down from Iowa in September, and within 48-hours we told Pam we just had to keep him.

When two dogs (Ebony and Jam) came to Havanese Rescue from Arkansas, Pam was pretty certain we couldn't say "no" to fostering them, but she had to ask. We swore right from the start that they would be fosters, but Ebbie and Jam had other plans!

We now have four dogs full-time, five, every weekday when one counts my daughter's Havanese, who stays with us while they're at work. We are definitely out of the fostering business, but our love for the breed will never waver.

### **Letter From My Forever Home by Mulligan Barrett**



That's my brother Buddy, a Shih Tzu/Lhasa mix, in the photo with me. He was adopted after being rescued from a puppy mill and is quite shy and timid. We get along well and I think I'm starting to bring him out of his shell some.

I'm just loving my new home (although I still often dream about my wonderful foster mom and brothers). My name was Freddie but my new dad, being a golfer, thought Mulligan was more suitable since this is my second "do-over." I knew I had to adjust when he bought me a name tag with my new name.

My name tag has a Phillies logo on the other side as my dad is

Manufacturing Animal Experts, awesome bird rescues and much more. They also had prizes, raffles and giveaways. Over 1000 raffle tickets were sold!



We set up our HRI table with pamphlets, a DVD showing off many of our fosters, and we even had a few items to sell.

Judy Watson's Hav, Gabriel, was offering kisses for \$1 and folks loved him! Our very own Eddie was there and was interviewed, he is such a ham.

The bake sale was very successful, we sold homemade brownies, M&M chocolate chip cookies, chocolate mousse squares and people puppy chow. We had a few items from the Christmas Tree Shoppe, which sold quickly, and our local Home Depot donated a beautiful hanging plant for the raffle. We made \$148 for Havanese Rescue!



We had a great day and couldn't have done it without the help of Judy Watson, Michele Pigula, Kristen Albright and my husband Pat, who are always there to lend a helping hand. Special thanks go to Eddie's family,

real sports nut. We watch a lot of sports on TV, and I'm starting to learn not only the rules, but also when Dad is likely to let out a yell when something good happens for our teams.

I love getting out and about. Most days I take Dad for a walk (he thinks he is walking me) and I get to ride shotgun with him when we go on errands or get take-out food.

One of my favorite mischievous tricks is to get up on the sofa or loveseat and knock the pillows off. Aren't they called throw pillows?

Well I need to close this letter now as it is time for obedience training practice. Dad wants us to become a Therapy Dog team. I know I have the personality for it and sure do love all the treats I get when practicing. The trainer says that I'm very bright -- which is true. Most times, I just fake that I don't get a new command so I can get more treats. Clever isn't it?

Thank you HRI for finding the perfect home for me!

### It Started Out Simple Enough ... by Diana and Michael Brooks

It started out simple enough ... I asked my husband if we could take in a Havanese rescue dog, get it fixed up, and on to its new home. His response was what I have come to enjoy about him, "Sure, be happy to help out."

Three years and four adopted Havanese later, I don't get quite the same response as before, but he is still willing to find homes for our beloved breed.



Two brothers, Hunter and Clyde, came first ... How do you break up a couple of brothers? Answer: You don't! So I drove down to Florida to adopt both of them from Michelle Burke, who was fostering them for HRI.

A couple of pretty calm guys who just like to hang around, eat, sleep and do their business. Hunter is a bit odd in that he will corner a ball and stare it down until it moves, then attack. How does the ball move if it's just sitting there one might ask? It's magic, but it happens.

Then came Buddy.

Buddy was rescued from the median on an interstate. A real Pip, this



Kristine, Joey and Hannah Fay, and of course Eddie, a crowd favorite, who was brought out to center stage where we told everyone about his life from the puppy mill to where he is now.

Hardeko Helping Paws split their proceeds with all participating rescues, HRI received a check for \$316! We raised a total of \$464!!!

"Paws For A Cause" will be held again next year and we can't wait! We'll be there with pamphlets, photos and more!

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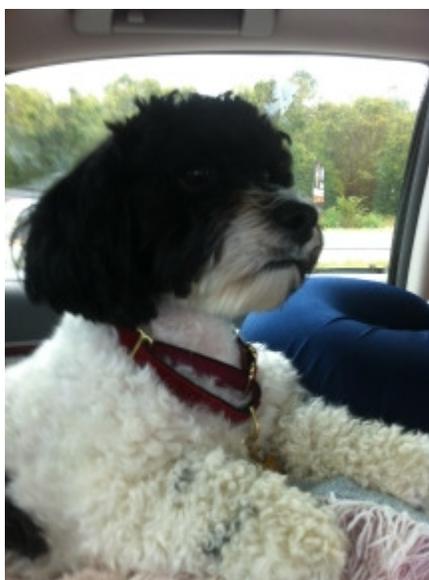
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one. He was supposed to be a quick stop-over in our house. However, he turned out to be quite the charmer, great with other rescue dogs, and lo and behold, we had three.

My husband said, "I think we should be done now." I agreed wholeheartedly, as three permanent woofstas and the constant parade of rescues was a lot of action around our house.

However, when a small, limping rescue had to have his right leg removed to stop his pain and suffering, a short stay at our house turned into a permanent one.

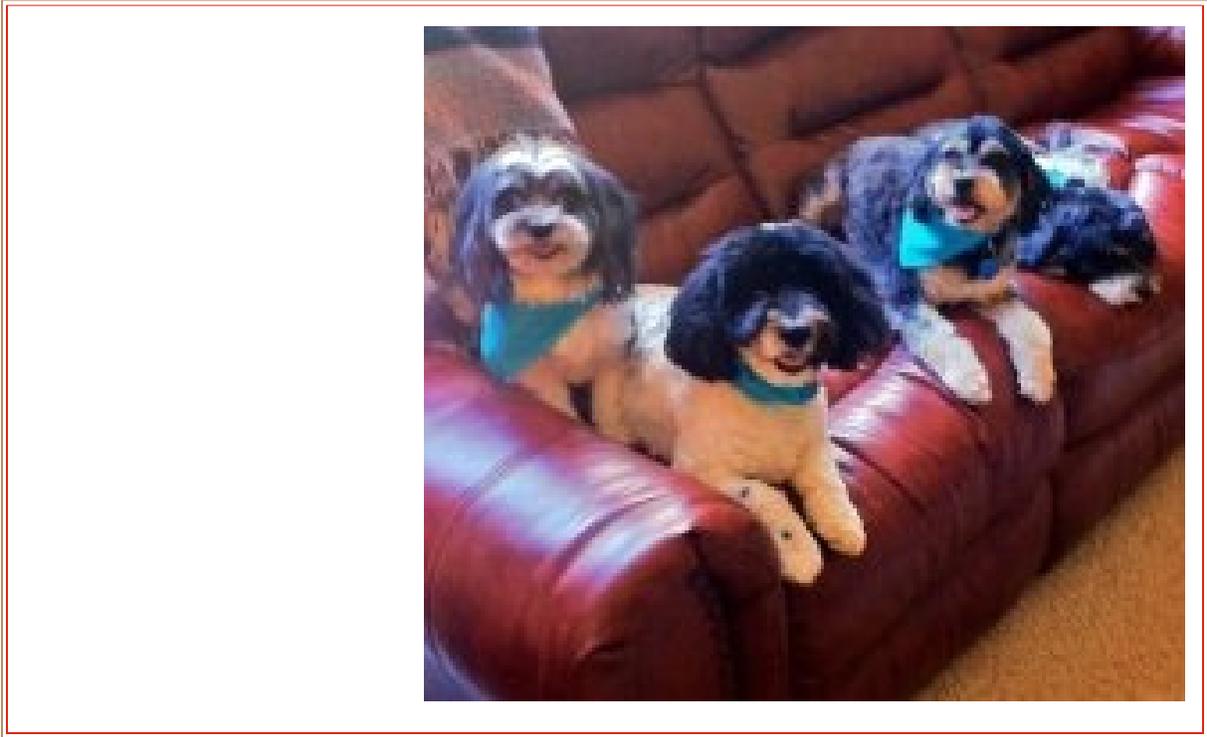


which now includes four Havanese. Each day makes us thankful for all of the wonderful experiences we have enjoyed as part of the Havanese rescue family.



Talk about a snuggler, Ernie will stay attached to anyone and everybody who ventures into our home. He's a super travel companion as well. You never realize he is missing a leg unless you look closely. He runs, jumps and has no trouble keeping up with the other three guys.

We are incredibly blessed to have been able to help so many dogs over the last few years and to expand our immediate family,



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