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### 2012 Annual Appeal

#### Charlie's Lost and Found Adventures



What are some of the things our Havanese are known for? They are small, sturdy dogs of

immense charm, friendly, intelligent, playful, and they are Velcro companions.

Now throw that Havanese gene called Run Like Heck in with a newly placed and former puppy mill dog named Charlie and you have something called Escape.

Charlie spent his first five and a half years caged in a puppy mill in the Midwest, and when the puppy miller went out of business, Charlie was sent to auction. No one bid on him and he would have been euthanized or sent to a research facility if another rescue organization hadn't stepped up to pay \$25 for him.

Thanks to the rescue group, Charlie made his way from Nebraska to Kansas, and finally to Florida where Havanese Rescue happily accepted him. Charlie was loved and well cared for in his foster home, had another Havanese to learn from, mastered Housetraining 101, was thoroughly vetted and had a dental cleaning.

A family of his own was eventually found for Charlie, in fact Charlie gave them his own "paw" of approval when they came to meet him, and the following weekend he went home with his new family.

Twenty-four hours later the dreaded call came, "Charlie has run off!" HRI volunteers from around the US assisted in the search for Charlie, posting to craigslist in the area, on local rescue lists, faxing his missing dog poster to vets, shelters, the schools and churches in the area.

Charlie's new family hung his poster all over town, on light poles, in restaurants, at the golf course and to anyone walking in the streets. They enlisted the



### John Barrett and Mulligan Work Toward Therapy Dog International Certification



John Barrett's wife, who suffers from Alzheimer's, enjoyed visits by a therapy dog which was an important reason that John was inspired to adopt his Havanese, Mulligan, from HRI. The two of them are now on a journey to help other patients enjoy the benefits provided by these special dogs.

Mulligan loves everyone he meets, making him a perfect candidate for therapy work. His only challenge is

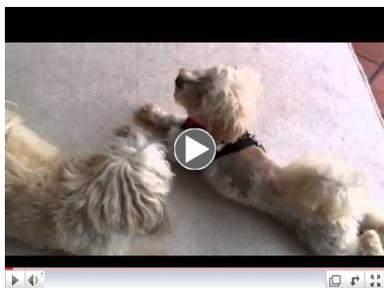
help of FindToto.com to call all neighbors with an alert about Charlie. HRI volunteers mapped out reported sightings over the next week and drove hours to help in the search.

On the eighth day, a homeowner spotted Charlie in his front yard as he was leaving for work that morning. As he was driving home that afternoon he saw a poster, recognized it as the dog he'd spotted earlier and called the contact number.

HRI volunteers raced to the area and found Charlie, exhausted and hurt badly by some sort of attack. They wrapped him up and rushed him to an emergency vet clinic where he was stitched up, given fluids and meds and kept overnight for observation.

For the next week, Charlie was cared for by HRI volunteer/vet tech Jill Brecher. He went to work with her so his drains could be flushed out daily. As Charlie's adoptive family decided they really couldn't guarantee that he wouldn't escape again, he is now relearning to trust and continuing the healing process in the home of another HRI volunteer.

We all know that HRI will find him a new home that will fit his needs when he is ready once again to start the next chapter in the Life of Charlie.



Callie plays with Charlie

being easily distracted, since he's a very curious and enthusiastic boy, but work with a professional trainer, and John's dedication to the process are helping him to focus on "his job." Now that Mulligan has mastered all the basic obedience commands, John and he are working to secure CGC (Canine Good Citizen) Certification, which is the first step for a prospective therapy dog.

HRI is very proud of John and Mulligan and we wish them great success in this worthy endeavor. Therapy dogs bring joy and comfort to many people who are struggling with various health challenges. More about the work of therapy teams and the journey of John and Mulligan can be found in the magazine [OutreachNC](#) on page 38. As a side benefit, John indicates he has lost weight and improved his cholesterol numbers due to the walking and training he's been doing with Mulligan. A win-win for everyone!

HRI sincerely thanks the staff at [Outreach NC](#) magazine for allowing us to link to their wonderful article!

### [HavToHavIt](#)

New from Casson Creations!



Pinks, powder blue and brown pair perfectly on this adorable doggie print cotton set. Pieced and sewn entirely by hand and ours alone. Machine washes like a charm for years and years of use. Can you say adorable?

Two standard-size cases. Quilted case size is 21" x 28" and accepts a standard -size pillow.

### Panda's New Friend



Panda, rescued from a puppy mill in Tennessee, came to HRI when her rescuers realized that she needed more extensive medical care than they could provide. After a

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harrowing journey through  
 torrential rain, Joyce Smith  
 arrived with Panda, shaking  
 and terrified, at our home in  
 Georgia where she was to be  
 fostered.

In the beginning, Panda was terribly fearful and shy, and she'd  
 back away at any attempt to touch her, but we gradually built  
 her trust by just sitting on the floor and waiting for her to  
 come to us. Our three Havanese are great ambassadors of the  
 breed and happily show any newbies in the house the ropes,  
 including the joy of toys, treats and snuggles! It wasn't long  
 before we noticed Panda hiding toys, coming for treats and  
 interacting, even playing a bit, with our dogs.

Panda is a smart and beautiful girl, and soon applications for  
 adoption came pouring in. When David and Nancy Shock came  
 to meet Panda, they immediately fell for her. However, they  
 were concerned that their elderly cat, Dixie, might not take to  
 her as they did, so we arranged a home visit with Panda.  
 Although Dixie remained hidden the entire time, David and  
 Nancy were smitten and decided that they could sort out any  
 possible problems. Panda, quickly renamed Bella because that  
 name suited her, had found her forever home but it took some  
 time before she began to trust her new family and surroundings  
 (sleeping on the bed, snuggling on the couch, a morning  
 massage and a daily walk around the block). Soon David and  
 Nancy started to notice that Dixie wanted to come along too!  
 Now Bella not only has a wonderful, loving home but also a  
 best friend to go on her daily walk. At first, the Shock clan got  
 a few funny looks, but now people in the neighborhood expect  
 to see them walking, with Bella on her leash and Dixie  
 following.

Who says that dogs and cats can't be friends? Certainly not  
 Bella and Dixie!



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