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## Adoption Corner



### **Maggie Finds Her "Wag" By Lu Wyland**

Treats, a warm and clean place to sleep, someone to brush her coat and give her clean water several times a day—these were all new experiences for Maggie when she came to HRI. She was a breeder dog in a Wisconsin puppy mill before we were asked to take her by another rescue organization.

Maggie has learned a lot in her foster home. The most important thing she's learned



Make this a special Valentine's Day for your sweeties, both human and fur-covered. The answer to any and all gift needs can be found at our own [HavToHavIt General Store](http://www.havtohav.it).

How about some delectable canine confections, or a sweet charm to dangle from their collar or from a silk cord around a loved one's neck? Perhaps a t-shirt, new pupster bed or woof thank you notes might tickle their fancy.

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is to trust people. This is an ongoing lesson, but Maggie has made great strides. Since joining her foster family, Maggie has bonded to her foster mom and dad. She likes to follow them and greets them with a wag. She needs a loving adoptive family willing to give her the patience, time and experiences for this lesson to be learned and practiced in a new environment.

Maggie loves her walks on a leash each day almost as much as she loves playing with the other dogs in her foster home. She carries her head and her tail high as she walks. It's almost like she's proud of her pretty harness and her name tag. Before HRI, she had a number, not a name. Maggie thinks play time, including chase and wrestling, with the other dogs in the house is great fun. Both the walks and a canine companion need to be part of Maggie's "forever home."

A sweet and gentle soul who has learned to find joy in her days in this world, Maggie will be a wonderful addition to someone's family. She needs a quiet adult home without children. A fenced yard and a canine brother or sister are also important. If you think you have room in your home and your heart for Maggie, please contact us. For more information about her, see her [listing](#).

## President's Message

By Jane Hohne

### 7/9/08 – Email from today's HRI Intake volunteer:

“We've been contacted by a family who needs to place their dog due to financial hardship. She is loved by the family and has no behavior issues, but she has a heart murmur, pees in the house, has been diagnosed with bladder stones and stage 2 dental decay. She will need surgery, which the family can't afford—and, she's 10 years old! Can we take her?”

Nearly every week HRI is contacted about dogs with “special needs” and/or precious ones who are in their later years of life and need our help. We have seen dogs with hip dysplasia, cataracts, broken limbs, sebaceous adenitis, bladder stones, renal failure, mammary growths, cherry eye and seizures. While all are surely a drain on our budget, some are more easily repaired than others. On the other hand, some will have long-term or lifelong requirements involving diet change, physical therapy, regular vet visits and testing, and continuing medication. All will affect the security and trust our older and “special needs” dogs deserve for their future.

Frannie was one of the lucky ones. In spite of her need for ultrasounds, several surgeries, disappointing news requiring a very special diet and continuous evaluation, she has found a “forever” family who believe that her adoring eyes and the warm, unconditional love she brings to them is more than a fair trade for her medical needs. Even at 10 years old, Frannie knows she is “home,” and the years she has left will be filled with a love beyond description.



Won't you think about opening your lives to one of our very “special” HRI rescues? Frannie's mom would tell you it's she who receives the rewards, not her cherished Frannie.



## Delving Into the Development Committee

by Suzy McQuown

In this series of articles on HRI committees, I have tried to explain the functions of the groups, first to enlighten

and second, to awaken individual talents of those of you who might enjoy writing, computer geeking, editing or quilt-making. If you are a fund raiser extraordinaire, a budding grant writer, a wiz at inputting info, or a real people person, do we have a committee for you! The HRI Development Committee is an assembly of creative, caring and motivated members who, through fund raising, keep the monies flowing so that we can continue our work to rescue, rehabilitate, transport and place our beloved Havanese.

As you can imagine, notwithstanding the current economic situation, these folks are in constant motion to continue our programs such as the Annual Appeal, the Quilt Project, the HRI Calendar and the party at the National Specialty. There is nothing stagnant about fund raising and they are always searching for additional monies and avenues to continue our work for the dogs.

What does the Development Committee need? They can use help with all the events listed above; items for the auction at the Nationals; and writers to prepare grants, much like the Pedigree grant we were recently awarded.

Finally, there is something we can all do to greatly assist the efforts of the Development Committee. Do you have friends who might enjoy reading the HRI Newsletter? I know that a number of my friends and family members are curious about the work of HRI. Please e-mail them the link to our home page: [www.havaneserescue.com](http://www.havaneserescue.com). Let's get the word out about just what breed rescue does, warm their hearts a bit and provide HRI with an excellent opportunity to find new supporters. It's a great way to assist HRI from the warmth and comfort of our homes, with our special Hav or Havs on our lap or at our feet, of course!

If you have any questions, or are interested in joining the Development Committee, please e-mail [Joan Ambrose](mailto:Joan.Ambrose).



## Letters From Home

Hi!

This is Bentley, although for a short time I was called Chauncey. I don't have a lot of memories of my life before I met my foster dad, but I do remember being so hungry I was eating off a dead deer (yuck) when I was picked up and taken to the Humane Society. Luckily for me, they recognized me as a Havanese and called HRI here in Michigan to help find me a new home. My foster dad would gladly have kept me for himself because I am just that adorable, but he knew of a family I am perfect for.

You see, this family has a 19-year-old son, Greg, who recently became handicapped and is now confined to a wheelchair. I have a lot of new jobs around this house, but my favorite one is to sit on his lap and let him pet me. He doesn't have good use of his hands yet, and when he pets me or brushes me it is therapy for him. I'm so glad I can help! I have another pretty important job involving sleeping with Greg in his air bed and on top of his heated blanket. I really do help here, because if he calls for his mom in the night and she doesn't come as fast as we think she should, I start to howl—I can get the whole family up in no time. Once, Greg's mom was busy in another part of the house and Greg was trying to reach for something and almost fell out of his wheelchair; his seat belt was holding him, but just barely. I went crazy, barking and howling and running to get his mom, who immediately came to his rescue.



In my spare time, I sit on the laps of Greg's mom, step dad or sister, just so they don't get jealous. I have to keep everyone happy as they are the ones that feed and walk me. I can't wait for the snow to go away so Greg can go on walks with us again. I also have a dog companion, Ginger, a Border Collie, and there is a CAT in the house. Chloe and I don't get along very well, but we are learning more about each other. SHE likes to sit on Greg's lap, too! As you can see, I keep myself busy doing what I like best, being with the family. I just have to say I couldn't be happier here. They need me as much as I need them. I am so glad the Havanese Rescue came to the animal shelter and helped me find my Forever Home!

Love,  
Bentley



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