



HRI Volunteering—All You Need to Know

by Suzy McQuown

So, you're considering HRI membership...

So, you're a new HRI member...

So, you've been a member of HRI for a while...

Lots of questions arise before, during and after joining HRI. How much time is necessary? How quickly can I foster? What committees could use my assistance? Why haven't I been asked to transport or foster? What else can I do to help? So many questions and so little space to answer!

I've wanted to write this article for some time to address many of these questions, as I've had most of them since joining. I think the most important trait of every HRI member is a love of the Havanese breed. The HRI volunteer experience is unique for each of us, based on our talents and abilities. In my series of newsletter articles on HRI committees, I've attempted to provide a resource for those seeking their special "assignment," be it the newsletter, website, intake, fundraising, education, grant-writing, etc. I urge anyone interested in a committee assignment to jump right in and contact the HRI volunteer coordinator (see below). I admit that I did some committee-hopping before landing my current "gigs." Believe me, there is a niche for every volunteer, maybe two! The rewards are immeasurable, and reflected in the big brown eyes of each of our rescues.

Regarding fostering, it takes patience and an understanding of why you might not be immediately called upon to help. I wondered that, myself. The answer is simple—no need in my local area, *for now*. Even so, you may wonder why there are requests to foster if you

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Adoption Corner Double the Fun

by Lu Wyland

Energetic, acrobatic and fun-loving. Add charming and loving to the mix and you've described LuLu and Lucy!



volunteered to do so and have not yet been asked. The reason? The approval process to become a foster home is stringent, and may take some time. As approved homes take on fosters, more homes need to be found. A "waiting list" of foster homes has to be maintained and increased to meet what has, unfortunately, become a huge demand.

Having homes available across the country is important, too. When a dog is surrendered in Texas, for example, finding a foster closest to his location is in the best interest of the dog, the foster home and HRI. Why spend hundreds of dollars transporting a healthy dog to Maine when an available foster home is merely an hour or two away? Having numerous foster homes helps us make the best choices for *each* dog.

The HRI volunteer experience is certainly one of becoming a part of a group, but it is also intensely personal. It is reading and replying to posts on the list, encouraging others, sharing laughter and tears. It's designing a quilt, socializing at the Nationals, gathering items for the auction and formulating story ideas for the newsletter. But, it is also the solitary joy of a new foster Hav laying his head on your lap for the first time, feeling pleasure as you gaze upon a pile of dog toys and harnesses donated by friends when you told them of the need, or the tears that come from hearing that money you contributed toward surgery has enabled a dog to walk pain-free for the first time in her life. The best part is that it's *your* choice (like the old commercial, "Have it your way") and ultimately, it's what you make of it. The reward—truly priceless—is knowing that you are a part of something good and genuine, with friends and experiences to last a lifetime.

For questions about volunteering, or to find your special place within HRI, please contact havaneserescueincvolunteers@gmail.com and Ursula Bassolino and Pat Potter will help you.

FREE Water Bottles Courtesy of the [HavToHavIt General Store](#)

Well, it's sort of true! The latest sensation and hottest seller in the

Lulu (above)
Lucy (below)



These sisters love playing with each other. They race and tumble together in the backyard, even following a brisk 45-minute walk. If dogs were able to wear little bumper stickers, theirs would say, "We LOVE to Play!"

LuLu and Lucy are very treat motivated. Their ideal home will be an adult family or family with older children that want to spend time with the girls and would enjoy reinforcing potty training and tricks training with treats. Lucy and LuLu respond well to the positive approach.

Both girls sleep in crates at night. They've also been crated for the brief times when they're at home alone. This works well for them.

Though neither girl is a true sit-on-your-lap dog, both enjoy getting their ears scratched. Lucy has recently begun laying her head in her foster mom's lap and going belly up so her tummy can be rubbed. Remaining true to the "Velcro dog" label, both girls follow her from room to room.

If you think your life has room for the playful nature of this sister pair, please go [here](#)

to complete an adoption application.

Adoption Corner X2!

More Than Twice as Nice

store this week are the Sock Monkey Critter Crinkler (say that 5 times fast!) and the caterpillar and snake Water Bottle Crunchers. An ingenious invention for those



of us with dogs that love to demolish water bottles, but who are concerned with safety issues, these well-made toys fit over the bottle with Velcro or a gathered elastic tie. Easy to insert and remove, but impossible for our pups to retrieve, a free water bottle is included with every order!

What costs less than \$5 and can protect your beloved

Havs from harm? Check out our new KnobHavNots in the "For Havs Only" department.

Thank you for shopping the HavToHavIt General Store where every penny of profit is used for our rescue dogs!

Letters From Home

by Lori Brostrom

Hi!

I'm Filou (formerly Picasso) and I've been in my forever home for a year now. My mom says she failed Fostering 101, and I'm glad! My brother, Michon, is really nice and fun to play with, and so are the kitties. Everyone says how cute it is to see one boy who is all white (me!) and one who is all black. We get lots of smiles when we walk together, especially now that my hair has grown out more. Michon has taught me lots about how to be a good Havanese. I pay attention most of the time.



That doesn't stop my mom from telling me that I live up to my name almost every day. It's French for "little scamp, thief or rogue." Maybe

by Lu Wyland

It would be hard to find two Havanese any sweeter than Max and Abby. Affectionate and happy, both literally jump for joy. (They can spring as high as 4 feet in an attempt to give you a quick kiss!) Well-mannered, though, neither of them lick excessively. They truly give a quick kiss to let you know they care.



Max and Abby are devoted to each other. They snuggle on the same pillow or chair to sleep, or use each other as a pillow to rest their heads. When it comes down to a favorite spot, though, this cuddly duo is happiest when they're snuggled together in someone's lap. Max will lay against your chest, his head resting on your shoulder, while Abby rests her head in the crook of your arm. (It sounds like a perfect start to a nap for everyone, human included!)

Soft squeaky toys are a favorite of the two at playtime, as is that old Havanese standard, RunLikeHeck. Watching them play brings a smile to anyone's face.

Max and Abby are completely house-trained. Both have good manners and adore being with their person as well as each other.

This loving and special pair are ready to call your lap their new home. Anyone fortunate enough to adopt them will find their life enriched indeed.

it's because I steal kitty toys? Or because I LOVE to snatch napkins from people's laps during dinner parties? Or that I get up on the dining room table at my grandma's house when she's not looking? Or that I dash by and grab the newspaper when mom is reading it? It's really funny when she chases me, because I can run AND shred at the same time!

I wasn't always so Filou-like. At first, I was timid and afraid of men (especially in my second home). Now I'm happy, confident and I like men—they give me treats and ear rubs! In my first home, I got to go wherever I wanted in a really big house and nobody stopped me—or paid much attention to me. When I came here, I proved I could control myself, but I still get the urge sometimes. So, I wear something called a belly band. One of mom's friends called it a Speedo and everyone laughed! I have a whole wardrobe of them I wear at certain times at home and when we go visiting. Now, I also get lots of attention, and know that I'm loved—even when someone is yelling at me to bring back their napkin!

Life is really good. They say the third time is the charm—and HRI made it happen. Thank you!

Your friend,

Filou

Donate to HRI Without Spending a Penny!

by Suzy McQuown

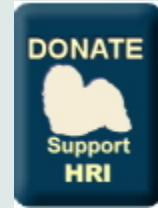
Here are two great, easy ways to donate money to HRI by just doing what you already do!

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and designate "Havanese Rescue - HRI" in the field by the "Verify" button. You can add the icon to your toolbar from there, too. For GoodShop, go to www.goodsearch.com/goodshop.aspx

and do the same thing.

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