



Havanese Rescue, Inc. Newsletter September 2009

President's Letter by Jenny French



Havanese Rescue Inc. is five years old! I would like to thank all of you for supporting this magnificent effort through fostering dogs, sending financial support, donating your time to support rescue, or shopping with us at the HavtoHavit General Store.

As we move into fall, we continue to get more and more requests from people who want or need to surrender their dog. Happily, we are also still seeing a steady stream of volunteer applications. Hopefully, some of those new volunteers will be willing to foster dogs so we can accommodate the increasing number of dogs we are accepting into rescue.

We have welcomed new board members and I know that we will all work tirelessly to continue to serve the Havanese that need us. We have big shoes to fill, but I am sure that this year's board is up to the challenge. My hope is that we can find a foster home for each of the dogs that we accept into rescue - if we don't have an available foster home, we cannot take the dog. In addition to having a place for every Havanese who needs us, over the next year I want to continue to improve our communication to, and support of, our volunteers. You all make this possible!

Many of us attended the Havanese National Speciality in Chicago in August and it was a wonderful opportunity to meet and visit with a lot of you. As you can see from Charlene's report on the HRI reception, lots of fun was had at that event and of course who could miss the Rescue Dog Parade - always a tearjerker. Many thanks also to you who shopped - the HavtoHavit store was in full swing and we appreciate everyone who purchased the fabulous goods we had for sale. All profits go to HRI.

As many of you have heard, HRI mobilized the search for two runaway dogs in as many weeks. Happily, both were found unharmed. In next month's newsletter look for an article on how to safeguard your dogs from this hazard, be it a foster dog or not.

In closing, I would also like to thank Jane, Stacy, Ursula, and Bud for their service and devotion to our dogs. Our organization is so much stronger due to their efforts during the past year.

**Adoption Corner
by Lu Wyland**

Andy



Andy is a one year old wonder dog, happy to greet everyone and in love with life. He gets along well with other dogs and people and would enjoy the company of another dog in his forever home. Andy enjoys kids too and would be quite happy to have an older child to hang around with.

Playfulness is Andy's middle name! This little guy loves to play chase and tug games with his canine foster brother. He also enjoys playing with people.

Andy is crate-trained and has been doing well with potty training. If you are looking for a wonderful addition to your family, Andy might be just the (wonder) dog for you!

To learn more about Andy and the other dogs

**Changing Lives
by Suzy McQuown**

Charlene Edwards

Passionate about her interests is a statement that defines September's Changing Lives Angel, Charlene Edwards. Married for over 45 years to her husband, Bob; mother to Shawn, Lori, and Mark; and grandmother of 10, the Edwards' were involved in building the McDonald's restaurant organization and owned 22 facilities in the Omaha area for 30 years until their retirement in 2004. Her party planning, aesthetic, and organizational skills were honed as she arranged community events, fundraisers, and worked with the local Ronald McDonald organization. Also an accomplished equestrienne, Charlene showed and took a number of American Saddlebred horses to national championships.



After their beloved Shar-Pei, Chloe passed away, Charlene began the hunt for a dog that would sit in her lap and follow her everywhere. After a comprehensive search, she called Shawn, told her that she had located a perfect dog, and asked her to ride along to the breeder's home, at the same time suggesting Shawn bring her check book. As you can imagine, they both returned home with a Havanese for each of their laps! That was nine years ago and, in the interim Charlene and Shawn have joined forces to create C S Ta Havanese (pronounced "siesta").

HRI has also been the beneficiary of the same passion that Charlene pours into her family, career, and kennel. A love of the Havanese breed and a feeling of responsibility to all it's furry members, brought Charlene to us...what a fortunate day that was! When the call went out for a party planner for our auction evening at the national specialty in 2008 Charlene stepped up and created a magical event. She solicited auction items, designed and sent out invites to each attendee, decorated the hotel space, and chaired an unforgettable evening. Thousands of dollars poured into our coffers. This past August she did it again in Chicago. It was an enchanted evening, many claimed, the best of the entire week. Lovely and unique auction items, a pink and black motif, and delicious hors d'oeuvres in a beautiful room overlooking the hotel's fountains, all with Charlene's special touch and attention to every detail. Early in the evening when the need for additional food became

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HavToHavIt General Store



*Havy Birthday to Us,
Havy Birthday to Us!*

October 2nd marks the first anniversary of the HavToHavIt General Store.

Stop by anytime, there's always something new, (like a fantastic new line of exclusive Hav jewelry and some cool, new toys), but especially in October for specials, a drawing for a free portrait of your Havanese and other surprises!

Donations



apparent and our budget was depleted, few know that Charlene, along with another Hav angel, underwrote the additional expense. The evening was a tremendous success and it's profits used to benefit our wonderful rescue dogs. Charlene was officially crowned the HRI Events Coordinator in August and we remain in awe of her enthusiasm, ability, and commitment. Her efforts assure that we will continue to save our beloved Havanese...one at a time.

I think a thoughtful quote from good friend, Joan Ambrose best ends this piece. "Charlene Edwards puts her whole heart into whatever she does. How lucky HRI is to be a recipient! It has been a treat to watch her take on the HRI reception at the Specialty. Ursula and I did the first one. We know how much work it entails. All of you know how much those dollars mean to our rescue dogs. Most important: it is crucial for the Havanese community to see the videos and to know the dogs whose lives are protected under the HRI wing, and to understand better what Rescue does. HRI does amazing work. Charlene is someone who helps them enormously, with love."

From all in Havanese rescue, thank you, Charlene, for your heart, generosity, your passion and your compassion. We are most grateful.

The 2009 Havanese Rescue Reception, Inc. by Charlene Edwards

The evening of August 20, during the Havanese 2009 National Specialty, was an evening to remember! Once again, the Havanese Rescue Inc. reception was the place to be!

The people that attended the fabulously decorated room with never-ending, delicious hors d'oeuvres, found tables filled with approximately 125 items! There were plenty of choices to make including either silent auction bid sheets, or the opportunity to take a chance on a "must have" item from one of the many directed raffle boxes. There was something for everyone! Donations more than doubled from last year, as close to \$6000 was raised.

Thus far in 2009, HRI has taken in 77 dogs and calls are coming in weekly at a staggering pace. Every dollar of every donation that HRI receives is used with the utmost discretion. On average, it costs nearly \$775.00 in funds to bring one dog through an HRI foster home with the ultimate goal of placing them in a forever, safe, and loving home. During that process they are given the best physical

Everyone hears about the economy...few stop to think about what it means to pets. Pet relinquishment is increasing rapidly. Please help when you can.

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and emotional care possible by a 100% volunteer group and a board of directors who work tirelessly, 24/7. This is accomplished because of the love that we all have for these enchanting little dogs called the HAVANESE.

Not a Dry Eye by Terri Pike

2009 Rescue Parade

Perhaps the most poignant HRI event at the National Specialty in Chicago was the Rescue Parade. In the presence of some of the most beautiful Havanese in the country, our amazing Havanese rescue dogs carried themselves with pride around the ring and truly were BEST IN SHOW.

This year, HRI sponsored 12 tail-wagging participants from our rescue family. Each received a lovely winner's ribbon rosette. Our entries were: Ms. Frannie and Roman handled by Pat Potter, Mitzi accompanied by Betty Illip, Charlie and Spridle Greis with mom Erica, Nikki and Nora Wyland escorted by mom Lu, CallieBRAT with handler-mom Karen Grant, Lola accompanied by foster-mom Bonnie Gehrt Davis, and Samantha and Jimmy with mom/handler Sharon Martin. A surprise last-minute entry, Savannah, graced the ring with her forever-dad Carl Giessel and her story brought us all to tears.

Twelve-year-old Savannah (and Sharon's, Jimmy) came to HRI last year from a dog hoarder. They were breeding Havanese rescued late in life. Both dogs were in rough shape: sickly, toothless, and possibly malnourished.

Fostered by Megan Adkins and Sharon Martin, both went on to be adopted and now enjoy the comfort and security they deserve. Sadly, Carl and Judy Giessel didn't sign Savannah up for the rescue parade this year because she was recently diagnosed with inoperable mammary cancer, common in older females that are over-bred or never spayed. The Giessel's feared that Savannah would be too weak to come or worse! But on the morning of the parade, Savannah was bright and spunky, well enough to come and take what will most likely be her final victory walk around the parade ring. She looked stunning. Savannah and the HRI dogs like her are "the reason for rescue" and she has forever touched all of our hearts.

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taken by Bud Donner of this year's Rescue Parade at the National Specialty.

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2009 Quilt Drawing by Lu Wyland

Once again the Havanese Rescue Inc quilts were an important part of the HCA National Specialty. Many people stopped by the HRI booth to admire the incredible talent of so many quilters motivated to help Havanese in need. The quilt project raised \$5,692 for the dogs of HRI.

The lucky winner of the Havanese Antics quilt created by the HRI quilters was Marie Mackey, one of HRI's volunteers and a member of the Havanese Forum. The winner of the Havanese Forum Four Seasons quilt was Sharon Martin, another HRI volunteer. This is the first year the quilts were both won by volunteers for rescue.



HRI wants to express their gratitude for the generosity of the quilters and those individuals who work behind the scenes to make the rescue quilts such an incredible success. We also thank the hundreds of supporters who participated by donating to the drawing. The 77 Havanese that have entered HRI as of this date thank you as well!

