



## Happy Thanksgiving from The HavToHavIt General Store!

by Suzy McQuown

As your families gather to celebrate the togetherness and delicious food that is Thanksgiving, we take time to thank you for your support of our little shop! As Christmas and Hanukkah approach, we have filled it to the brim with seasonal doggie toys, new jewelry, shirts, cards, and ornaments. Please take a peek, put your feet up and shop knowing that every single cent of profit goes to our deserving rescue pups!

## Adoption Corner

by Lu Wyland

### Roswell



We may never know how Mr. Roswell Beasley (Bzzzz) ended up in a shelter in CA. What we DO know is that this boy is a gem! The house-trained and crate-trained Bzzzz has worked his way into the heart of his foster family with his charming ways.

Bzzzz is a collector, gathering his treats for a "rainy day," lying on them until he's ready to eat them. He's learning how to play with toys but would much rather have some human attention or maybe some play time with his canine foster siblings!

Bzzzz gets along with other dogs quite well. He lives in his foster home with a large yellow Lab, another Havanese and a toy Poodle. He's not too fond of the cat, however, and requests that his new family be without a feline. (The feline of the house agrees with Bzzzz's assessment of the situation.)

Bzzzz is a smart little twelve-pound guy. He knows quite a few commands and tricks. For example, he knows to sit, come, and roll over. When he hears the words "go bye-bye" he runs to the door. He is a fantastic dancer (puts Fred Astaire to shame) and uses this to remind his humans that it's probably time to pet him or perhaps to take him for a walk or a car ride. Bzzzz LOVES car rides, walks, going to the park and simply having the opportunity to go out with his family. He's very well behaved when he's out too, which makes it a lot of fun to take him places!

Bzzz has a juvenile cataract in one eye. He has been monitored by a veterinary ophthalmologist and surgery was not recommended until just this week. Bzzzz is now on his way to the San Francisco area for surgery and recuperation. Aside from this, Bzzzz is quite healthy. He wants everyone to know he's an



excellent watchdog too. He listens closely for any suspicious activity outside the house.

We don't know how so much personality can be packed into one little body, but Bzzzz has truly done it. If you're ready to be charmed by this little guy's personality and adorable face, please apply to adopt Bzzzz. You can read more about him on our [website](#).



#### ⊕ **Cookie**



Six month old Cookie would like to be in charge of the neighborhood welcome wagon! This happy, friendly puppy is excited to meet everyone, human or canine. Very playful, Cookie needs to have another small dog in her new family. She looks to other dogs for both entertainment and for cues as to what is expected from her in her home.



Cookie loves her walks. When her foster mom gets out the leash, Cookie begins dancing excitedly. She goes through a repertoire of behavior, jumping and twirling, lying down and barking. It's still difficult for her to let herself be picked up though. This is when her foster brother is quick to help out the human of the house, by grabbing her harness, allowing Cookie to be picked up.



⊕ Chew items are Cookie's favorite entertainment besides games of chase and wrestle with her Havanese foster brothers. Though she chases balls, she hasn't quite picked up the idea of returning them in a game of fetch.

Cookie is learning to sit for a treat but prefers to stand on her back legs and dance a bit instead. The other big learning event in Cookie's life is house-training. She still doesn't have the idea down, but has learned to ring the bell to go outdoors. Her foster brother Buddy taught her that. Her adoptive family will need to ⊕ continue to work on this, just as they would with any Havanese puppy.



Cookie would love a family to call her own. Her sweet expressions and funny puppy ways are sure to bring laughter and delight to the family lucky enough to fall in love with this little gal.

⊕ You may view a video of Cookie playing with her foster brothers on [YouTube](#). To read more about Cookie, please see her write up on our [website](#).



## Letter from Home

by Mrs. Howlett

Our daughters Emma and Elizabeth, who love soccer, ballet and animals with equal passion, had been begging relentlessly for a dog for as long as we could



## The Annual Auction Results Are In...

by Gisela Peters

Havanese lovers everywhere ensured that the annual rescue auction was a great success! Bidding for more than 150 items began on Saturday, October 31st and ended on November 7th. Thanks to all the generous donors and bidders and thanks to auctioneer extraordinaire Laura Cascino, who so generously donates her time and skills for this event. The proceeds from this year's auction exceeded \$7,780.

Now in its 9th year, the auction has become not only an opportunity to bid on an array of unusual items (how about that weeklong vacation in Bali!) and to interact with other HRI community members, but also an important fundraising source

remember. We wanted a family dog, but we wanted to wait until we found just the right one. Then, this summer, we met a sweet little Havanese named Freddie at the home of our friends in Idaho and quickly fell in love. He was so calm, loving, joyful and patient with our children. At the recommendation of our friends, my husband began looking immediately online at the HRI site and our application was filled out within a day or two. We were thrilled to discover there was a Havanese here in Seattle being lovingly cared for and nursed back to health by her foster mom, Lindsey. Maggie Moo had undergone bladder surgery and had some health issues but was getting better every day, thanks to Lindsey's expert care.

After setting up a couple of meetings, and getting to know Maggie, we adopted her at the end of September. Our lives have been happier ever since! She jumped right into our family routine without skipping a beat. In addition, as she regained more strength, her playful and athletic nature has emerged in full force! There is another Havanese in the neighborhood that she has befriended. She's friendly with all dogs and people. Everyone who meets her is absolutely charmed and I've been singing the praises of HRI and Havanese dogs in general to everyone who will listen.

Emma and Elizabeth (aged 5 and 7) enjoy making up songs and stories proclaiming their love for our newest family member. My favorite is "Oh How Lovely Is Our Maggy and Her Tail is Oh So Waggy" (sung to the tune of "Oh How Lovely is the Evening"). They feed her and help walk and bathe her, so they have learned lots of good lessons about responsibility. Emma sleeps with Maggie every night, and Maggie has a nearly perfect attendance record at Emma's soccer games. Maggie has the patience of a saint, letting the girls rock her and sing her lullabies without the slightest protest. Every afternoon, as the school bus rolls to a stop outside our home, Maggie's high-flying tail shows her excitement as her two little buddies arrive home.

for HRI, bringing in more than \$63,000 in total.

Due to the generosity of everybody who participated in the auction, every single penny raised will benefit Havanese in need. A huge thank you, again, to all contributors.

Shortly, all winning items should be on their way to their lucky new owners. Enjoy them! Try phrases like: dramatic savings, clearance, overstocked, reduced rates, buy 1 get 1 free, treat yourself, you deserve it, and don't miss out. Add a "Learn More" link at the bottom of your promotion to drive traffic to your website.

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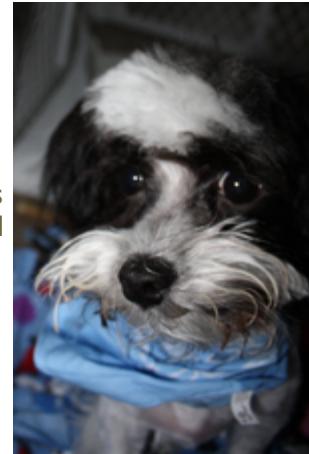
I work from home, and I sometimes wished I had some office-mates. Well, now I do! My little Maggie is the best co-worker I could hope for. She lets me get my work done, but gently reminds me of the benefits of getting outside to get some exercise in the middle of the day. It may sound like I'm overstating things, but Maggie helps us sleep better at night, get more exercise, and be more joyful all day long. We just love this fuzzy addition to our family!

## Sammy the Shark - Journey of a First-Time Foster Mom

by Angela Bradford

I am Sammy's foster mom. Sammy is a lover and a fighter. In his first eight hours in foster care, his goal was to bite me and make sure I stayed clear away from him. My goal was to avoid being bitten and to start earning his trust. We were a match made in HRI heaven.

He was a hot mess - matted to the skin, urine-stained and stinky; and I was a woman on a mission. He would only stand and refused to lie down. When picking him up, he would fight and squirm in that brief trip from the floor, settling only when he was next to my body. Then he would melt and rest.



Early that first week, he had a seizure - I think to make sure I was paying attention. I won't lie, it scared me to death. He hasn't had one since, and we pray he never will.

Initially, Sammy was easy to crate at night. Then he figured out what a softy I am and started throwing a fit at bedtime. One night he cried the entire night. I took all the suggestions made by the wonderful HRI volunteers and even my mother.

Eventually, we learned he was okay being crated as long as he could SEE me.

His first full exam at 6 months revealed he had every baby tooth and every adult tooth. Two rows of teeth gave him the nickname "Sharkey."

Watching Sammy is like watching a 'normal' puppy develop in slow motion. I remember the first time he wagged his tail, the first time he looked into my eyes, the first time he fell asleep in my arms and the first time he barked. Sammy is going at his pace and as a result we get to see every move. We call it 'Sammy Time.'

My prayer is that some day Sammy the Shark will know the joy

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of playing with a toy, of begging for a treat, of playing in the mud puddles. For now, we are content with an occasional glance our way as he explores the world at his comfort level, finding his place in it and we are honored with the privilege of being allowed to hold him close while he sleeps.