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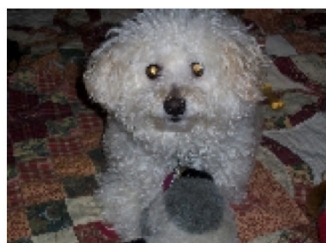


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Who We Are ... Intake Committee

Adoption Corner



Brandon in IL

Hello future family! I know you are out there, you are looking for me, and I've been looking for you. My name is Brandon, I'm a five-year-



Ann Adams and Ava Lilly

The HRI Intake Committee was formed to process surrender requests from owners. We decided to set up an email account and recruited volunteers to monitor the email account daily. The current president and vice president are also members of the Intake Committee so they are aware of all incoming/outgoing communication.

old creamy-white Havanese, and am told I'm a very sweet boy. I have a few requests of my new family. I need all the regular stuff -- a secure fence, loving parents, great food. I'd also like to ask, do you have another small dog I could play with? That would be great because I love my toys and I love to play, especially with another dog about my size. My favorite toy is my squirrel. I love it so much, I even greet my mom at the door with it in my mouth, because I just know she would love to play with my squirrel too. Do you have cats? I even play very well with cats. Well, let's be honest, who can play with cats? How about I just say I give them their space.

I sleep in a crate, unless of course, you would want my company on your big, cozy, soft bed. I will join you, but only when invited. I love to ride in the car and I even like to go for walks, you'll see how I can sit patiently as I have my lead put on. Like most dogs, I love to be petted and have belly rubs. I had to have cataract surgery, which went very well, and all I need is drops put in my one eye every single day. I would do it myself, but I have no thumbs. My new family would need to help me with that one.

If you think I'm your dog, please fill out an [Adoption Application](#). Don't wait too long, I'm so adorable, I'm sure I'll be scooped up in no time, And there's only one of me to go around!

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However, we soon discovered that the job was not quite what we had expected. We receive requests from owners who want to surrender their dogs, but we are also counselors for those folks who really do not want to turn in their dog. In addition, we are contacted about many shelter dogs or dogs posted on Craigslist, which requires us to proactively contact the shelter or owner who may not know about HRI.

Sometimes owners are ambivalent about surrendering a dog or just difficult to reach, and one can spend days following up on a request to surrender, so the "job" is not as simple as monitoring the email account on a given day.

When clicking the button on the right hand side of our website that says "Surrender/Request Help for a Havanese" a pop-up form appears for the owner to fill out. It requests basic information needed about the dog -- age, weight, spayed/neutered, good with kids under 12/over 12, and the reason for surrender. We then follow up with an email to the owner, that same day, indicating that we have received the request and that we will be in touch to get more information and to describe our surrender process to them. That is the point at which we usually determine whether we're going to take the dog, or if we need to put our counselor hat on to talk about behavioral issues like house-training, barking, guarding, etc. One of the things HRI is most proud of are the compliments we receive from owners on how responsive we are when they need our help.

The Intake Committee currently is comprised of Marie Mackey (Sunday), Jane Hohne (Monday and Thursday), Jen French (Tuesday), Ava Lilly (Wednesday), Ann Adams (Friday), Char Renslow (Saturday), and Karen Grant and Sally Cotumaccio.



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We were looking for a playmate for our Lab, Molly. Our family, consisting of my husband, me and our two daughters, has always loved dogs, especially Labs. However, when our neighbors introduced us to the Havanese breed, we decided to contact Havanese Rescue.

Within a few days, we were contacted by Mary, our State Contact, who suggested we try fostering with the goal of adopting our very own Havanese. We completed the application and waited to be approved to foster with HRI. My husband likes to joke that a child's adoption would not have been as thorough as our foster application. Our application was approved, and in August, Clara entered our lives. Her owner had become ill and she had been living in a pen with other dogs. She was terrified of all of us and it took a while to gain her trust. Now she is a loving member of our family and even kisses each of us goodnight.

Mary, who had been with us through every step of the process with Clara, called around Thanksgiving to ask if we could foster another Havanese. Chloe didn't require the emotional recovery, but she needed to lose weight. In no time, she was down to an appropriate weight and began prancing, walking with her paws held high and her tail up. Within a few months, we knew Chloe was going to be a permanent part of our family.

We are so grateful for HRI and the wonderful volunteers who brought us two wonderful members of our family.

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"Lapwarmers" by Lu Wyland

"Lapwarmers" is based on the saying at Quilter Lu Wyland's house, "It's so cold I put an extra dog on your lap/bed!" The current Havs in residence at Lu's house are:

- Nora, black and white, age four, from a mill seizure in PA
- Daisy, also black and white, age one
- Riley, black and white too, another puppy mill survivor, and the last foster baby she adopted. He turned a year old in November.
- Gracie, the oldest Hav in the house at age six (cream colored)
- Nicky, a Havanese/Poodle mix that Lu puppy-sat when his foster family was on vacation. She failed pup-sitting (also cream colored).

Crossed the bridge, but still playing a huge part in her life, are her first two Havanese, Cali and Mira. Both still show up in her quilt blocks from time to time.

Bell-Training



Bell-training has proven to be an effective method of house-training for Havanese. It taps into Havanese intelligence, playfulness and desire to please. When a pup has not communicated the need to go out by other means, bell training has worked, especially for those surprise accidents. The ringing bells provide an owner with a pleasant signal, especially when the owner is out of the room or asleep.

The idea is to hang a few bells at a height that the dog can nudge with its nose, or bat with its paw. There are bells for sale, of many designs, or it is easy to make a set yourself. They are usually sewn or snapped on a wide ribbon or nylon strip. The notches in the bells, as well as the fabric of the ribbon, must not catch the dog's nails or teeth, if the dog bats or bites at the bells. Also, a fabric ribbon strip is safe, a loop is not (think of drapery cords). A desk bell, or an 'Easy Button', are effective devices, too, as long as the dog doesn't take this type of bell and use it as a chew toy. If you do not want to make a set yourself, Poochie Bells are for sale in the [HavToHavIt General Store](#)

Before you start bell-training, your dog will first need to be house-trained. Place the bell by the door to the outdoor area. Keep the dog's leash by the door, as well. Jingle the bell, and use a command, such as "Go Out for Business," "Time for Potty," etc. Then, leash the pet, and take the dog out. Be boring, waiting for the dog to potty. Wait about five minutes, and as soon as the mission is accomplished, give praise. Allow off-leash play at this point, if appropriate, or return inside.

Ring the bell, giving the command and going out will need to be repeated over several days. Next, after this concept has been reinforced, take the dog's paw and tap the bell, to teach the dog to ring it, and not to be afraid of the bell. Respond with the command, leash the dog and take the dog outside. Praise your dog once business is done. Leashing your pet, and taking them outside in a boring way, will instill that the bell is rung to go out for a purpose. This will reduce the potential for bell ringing from boredom, or just wanting to go outside to play.

Some owners use the bell on interior doors at night so that the dog will awaken the owner with the need to go out. The bells are beneficial for hotel stays, or when your dog is a guest in others' homes, the dog has a familiar means of knowing where the "out" door is.

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