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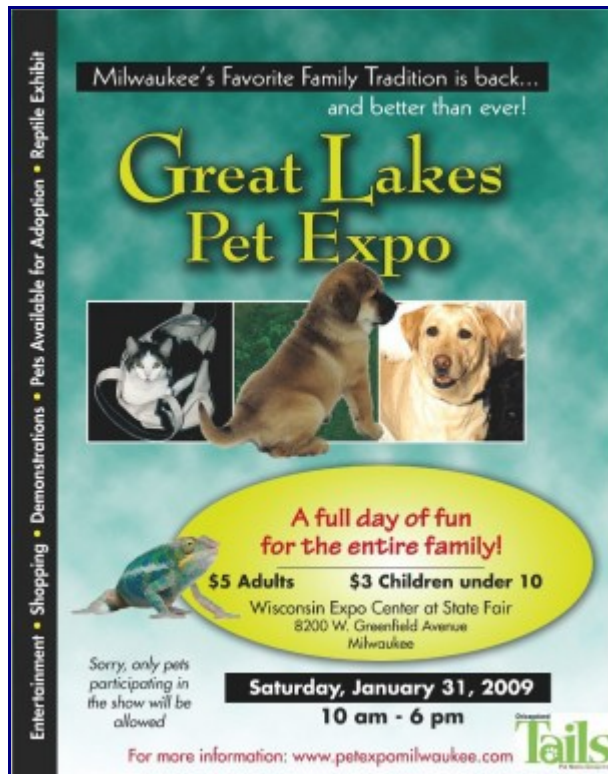
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Loveable Lucy
By Lu Wyland

Three-year-old Lucy is a wonderful example of the temperament and loving spirit of a Havanese. She's happy, inquisitive and loving. (And with a sweet face like hers, it's all you can do to keep from giving her kisses all day!)

Lucy has had some tough times in her life related to health problems. She has inoperable liver shunts and has had several surgeries for bladder stones. She's on a special diet now to address



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both of those issues and some irritable bowel problems. She's doing very well with this diet and will need to continue it for the rest of her life. She likes her food, though, so it's really not a problem.

Lucy loves other dogs and kids, as well. She would be happy to be in a home where someone is around much of the day. She is accustomed to that and loves human company. Children will be fine in the home as long as they're old enough to understand that they and their friends can never, ever give her any "people food" or treats. It's critical for Lucy's health that her diet be followed.

If you have a space in your heart that's waiting for the love of a very special little dog, Lucy might be just right for your family. Please complete an [adoption application](#) and write to let us know why you're specifically interested in Lucy.

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(The irrepressable DeDe and the adorable Isabella, two of HRI's special pups, model their spiffy winter outfits in the newsletter header!)

2008 - A Very Busy Year for HRI



Happy holidays, everyone! With 74 rescued dogs and counting, 2008 was a huge year for HRI. When I joined the group in January, things were relatively quiet. Although HRI was in the midst of winter, things heated up quickly. Annie, a pretty girl from the Sunshine State like me, was hit by a car and badly injured. Her poignant story tugged at everyone's heartstrings. Annie was rescued first by a Good Samaritan who scooped her up from the pavement, second by the wonderful staff at the vets who gave loving care and charged very little for her stay, third by HRI who provided the funds for her surgery and last by her initial rescuer, Ken, now her forever dad. Even I get a bit teary as I recall her tale.

Come to think of it, this really was the year for HRI dogs needing surgical repair. There is a reason the word "surgery" begins with a letter that looks like a dollar sign. Heck, I went under the knife, as did Henry, Skeeter, Missy, Lucy, Frannie, Isabella, Skeeter and Beasley.

This reminds me—I have to write about my buddy Beasley. You see, Beasley came to us stuffed into a cat carrier with five other Havanese. Beasley and his crew were dubbed the Wisconsin 6. While each of the other five have their own tale, the soulful-eyed Beasley became the group's unofficial mascot and the face of our many dogs with commercial mills in their background. He worked through the issues these dogs face and was soon ready for adoption. He flew to Arizona full of hope and dreams of a warm and a loving future that was not to be. We all lost Beasley in August, and if tears could fill a river... But, in memory of Beasley, a project was started. Suggestions from HRI volunteers are being compiled to be shared with all Hav adopters to ensure that no dog escapes from its home during those critical first days of adoption.

HRI volunteers are always there to help each other and, most especially, our dogs. In June, our then-president, Stacy DeJoseph, sent out an all-points bulletin requesting additional foster homes. The response was swift and strong as 17 of you unselfishly volunteered. In addition, our fundraisers this year have been very successful, including the Annual Appeal in July, the Quilt Drawing in August and Laura's exciting one-woman show...the HRI auction (more info below) in November. Without them, we could not have helped the 74 dogs so far this year. We wrapped up the year with the overwhelmingly successful return of the HRI Calendar. Did you happen to see my photo?

But, with all the gains in our organization, there were some profound losses. Sue Nelson and Rosalie Leone, tremendous supporters and volunteers with HRI, both passed away this year and their loss still fills us with sadness. Scotty, Spike and Ebbie, all rescues with stories noteworthy of screenplays, left our lives, but not our hearts, in 2008.

With our new president Jane Hohne at the helm, 2009 looms large and hopeful. Speaking, if I may, for all fosters past, current and future, we promise to keep the kisses, running like you-know-what, tissue demolition

and smiles coming. Thanks to each and every one of you for your kindness, support, involvement, commitment, time, effort and, especially, your boundless love for me and my furry cohorts. Without you, where would any of us be?

With love and warm wishes to you all,

Belle (Unofficial representative of HRI fosters everywhere —
As told to Suzy McQuown)



Letter from Home - Nicky

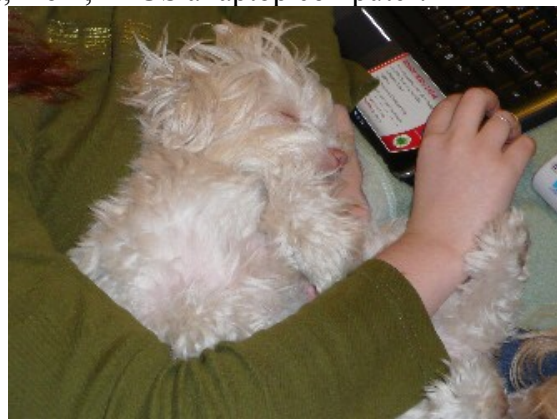
By Lu Wyland

Dearest Favoritest Aunties and Bestest Friends,

It's me, Nicky, formerly "Einstein"! I'm happily writing while snuggled up in my big, cozy, brown chair in my very own living room, with my two Havanese sisters, one cranky cat, mom, PLUS a laptop computer!

The year started out really badly for me. My first human mom died. Her husband (never really my "dad") left me at Animal Control. Being rescued was my only hope. They don't do adoptions there. You can be euthanized immediately!

Lucky for me, someone contacted HRI and sent my picture, all shaggy, matted and scared, in "the big house" (the cage in animal control where I lived). Everyone at HRI said a big "yes!" to saving me. In a flash, I was at the vet's office. I was given my first ever shots, "tutored" (is that why I have this very high pitched bark?) and they gave me medicine for my stinky ears. They even shaved off my mats, leaving me almost nekkid!



My foster family drove from Wisconsin to take me to their home. I lived with them for over 3 wonderful months while I was getting ready for my forever home. Everything changed when my mom and my girl picked me up to pet sit while my foster folks were out of town. I worked my charms and made my two-legged girl and her mom fall completely in love with me! They decided their family just wasn't complete without me. Perfect!



Now I'm living the good life. I'm the only guy dog in the whole house! My new family takes me on road trips when we go to and from Iowa to pick up my girl from a human kennel called college. She mustn't be very good at sit-stays because she's been

there for years! Maybe they should use LivR treats and clicker training. It worked for me!

Sandy Paws is coming so I'm being especially good. I'm trying to limit my cat chasing to five or six times daily. It's my only bad habit. Do they make a cat chasing cessation patch? I should put it on my wish list. Better still, let the cats put it on THEIR wish list.

Happy holidays to you all. Thank you to everyone who helped me find a place where I'm forever home. Life is soooo good!

Your pal,

Nicky



HRI November Auction a Huge Success!

By Suzy McQuown

What do doggie duds and toys, prayer flags, a QVC gift certificate, original artwork, a Big Shot die cutter and embosser and about 140 other items have in common? If you guessed they were all offerings in the 2008 Havanese Rescue Auction, you would be on the money! And, speaking of moola, how does a profit of almost \$6,600 sound?

Laura Cascino, one of HRI's most special angels, once again came through for our sweet rescues to create the phenomenon many of us refer to as November Madness! The bidding was frenzied and the bidders frazzled in their last-minute attempts to emerge as winners of cookies, both dog and human; beautiful handmade jewelry; doggie beds and blankets; and countless other special items.

It's never too soon to start thinking about next year's auction! Any and all items are welcome and the more creative the better! Thank you to all of you who participated, both as donors and as auction winners. To those of you, like me, who were outbid (those cookies looked really yummy, Jane), better luck in 2009!



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