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## Changing Lives



### **Kitty Braund, the Joyous Voice of Our Havanese**

by Suzy McQuown

Kitty Braund is a dog person in the broadest sense of the expression. Born in San Francisco, Kitty worked first in theatre, stage, vaudeville and radio. She married and had two sons, Patrick and Gary. Public relations and

advertising positions followed, along with the editing of aerospace tech manuals. Writing about canines professionally was a logical next step for dog lover like Kitty. Her book titles cover subjects from obedience to breed guides and, of course, an essential on all of our shelves, *The Joyous Havanese*. The Dog Writers Association of America has awarded Kitty over three dozen awards for both her books and magazine articles.

But, for Kitty and her family, writing well about dogs meant living well with dogs. From 1970 to 1994 Kitty taught obedience to countless canines and their owners. She and her beloved husband Buzz bred a total of 124 champion Dalmatians and Portuguese Water Dogs before setting their sights on the Havanese about 10 years ago. And, grateful we are that Kitty came into our lives and the lives of our

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#### **ADOPTION CORNER**

by Lu Wyland



**There are some souls who cross your path and change the way you look at things. Savannah is such a soul.**

Savannah, who is in foster care in Indiana, came to HRI just before Thanksgiving. She was in poor health and at age 12, we were all worried about her. We didn't need to be!

beloved breed. With a total of five champions, five obedience and six rally titles, Kitty has made an indelible mark on the Havanese world. As publisher of *Our Havanese*, she brought recognition and attention to the breed and has always been a selfless promoter of Havanese rescue and the plight of these special dogs-our special dogs.

Kitty has recently "retired" into an assisted-living home with two of her Havs. She and her dogs entertain and delight the residents there much the way Kitty, herself, enthralled and entertained us all for so many years. I know that I join with all of HRI in thanking Kitty for her momentous contribution to the Havanese breed and to Havanese Rescue, and in wishing Kitty the happiest and healthiest of retirements.

Kitty is continuing to publish *Our Havanese Magazine*. Her new address is 1501 9th Street South, Apt. 415, Great Falls, MT 59405.

## Letters From Home

by Kathy Hill

Hi Everyone,

I came into HRI as Moose, but my new family changed my name to Moosiepie, or Moosie for short. They said I was too sweet for that other name! I've had advanced

juvenile cataracts since I was two, and now that I am six and I can't see, my old family decided to get a Labradoodle and they didn't want me anymore.

HRI placed me with a nice family with two other dogs, a cat and two boys. It took a few days to learn my way around this new house. I bumped into things a lot so I stayed close to the new lady and she helped guide me, and she asked everyone not to leave things on the floor or move furniture because this made it scarier for me. By the fifth day, I was making my way around all by myself and I even tried to play with Paco, the other Havanese.

They took me to the eye doctor to get surgery to help me see again. After a few appointments, the nice people were very sad and they said I had PRA, so the surgery to remove the cataracts wouldn't help me because I was losing my sight from this other disease. I was



Savannah loves life and jumps in with all four feet.

If you asked Savannah, she'd give "four paws up" for just about everything—playing with other dogs, eating her dinner, getting pets, giving kisses to her favorite people and the other dogs, being around well behaved kids, being bathed and groomed, playing with her favorite toys and perching on the back of the couch to watch the activity of the rest of the household. She sparkles with happiness at all the delights she's found with her foster family. She's a canine optimist!

Savannah had a bladder stone removed and has lost almost all of her teeth. Neither issue seems to bother her now. She eats her dinner just fine (she has a small kibble) and is house trained. She needs a check up every six months to monitor her so she doesn't develop another bladder stone.

Savannah loves companionship and needs a home with, hopefully, at least one other dog and where someone is around much of the time. She was without that personal attention for a long time in her life and is soaking up love from her foster family and enjoying it greatly. Savannah gives it all back ten-fold, says her foster mom. This little gal is a shining example of a loving and completely charming Havanese. The family that is fortunate enough to adopt her will find themselves richer than they can possibly imagine.

To learn more about Savannah, please go [here](#)

. An application is available on our website to adopt Savannah or any of our Havanese in foster care.

### Happy Updates!

kind of sad, too, because I was afraid no one would adopt me now.

After we got home, the nice people told me I could stay with them forever. I'm really happy to have a new family to love me just the way I am! The boys like to walk and pet me, and play tug with me. My mom gives me lots of hugs and kisses, and she tries to keep things off the floor so I don't trip. When my dad takes naps, I always try to be the first one on his lap so I can snuggle up for a nap, too. It took Paco a while to warm up to me because he gets jealous, but now he likes me and plays with Sadie and me all the time. They even changed the way they played games so I could play, too. It's fun here, and I can tell everyone loves me because they make me feel like I can do anything. Mom says she can tell I'm proud of myself because I strut around after I take their toys.

Well, I better go now—the boys want me to go out and play with them. They help guide me so I can run around with Sadie and Paco in the yard. It's their turn to chase me today!

Love,  
Moosie

## Great Lakes Pet Expo Has Tails Wagging

by Lu Wyland

Havanese volunteers, both the two-legged and four-legged variety, put in many hours educating the public on Havanese rescue and puppy mills on January 31 at



the Great Lakes Pet Expo held at State Fair Park in Milwaukee, WI. Almost 9,000 visitors came through the doors between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. that day. If you ask any of the five Havanese who manned (or is it "dogged"?) the booth, they'd say all 8,892 visitors stopped by to pet them!

Charlie, Nicky and Nora—all former rescue dogs, now adopted—and

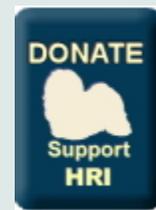
by Lu Wyland

Since our last newsletter, Isabella (listed in October's newsletter), Pepper and CeCe (from November's adoption corner) and Lucy (who was posted in December's adoption corner) have all been adopted! They're happy members of loving families. [Maggie](#)

, posted in January, is still looking for her forever home.

## Donations

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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Frank and Beans, veteran Havanese volunteers, greeted the public with tails wagging. Numerous visitors suggested we have a kissing booth next year based on their experience stopping by to talk with us! Maybe we'll give it a try. Both Charlie and Nicky are quick to dole out kisses for little more than some attention and a sideways glance. If they could raise some funds for the many Havanese coming into rescue, it would be great!

HRI is trying to do more in exposing our dogs and our rescue efforts to the public. The benefit to HRI is great. We gain both donations and volunteers, as well as applicants interested in adoption, when we have a booth at pet expos or festivals.

Every volunteer from HRI, whether two-legged or four, went home tired but satisfied after a day well spent.

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