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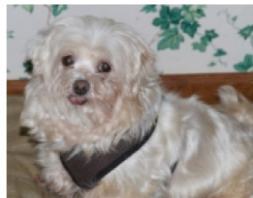
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Adoption Corner



Bella in PA

Bella needs a break. This sweet seven year old spent most of her life in a puppy mill, but was rescued in December, only to jump from one rescue to another until landing in the safe arms of HRI in late February. Unflappable is the perfect description for Bella. This

Who We Are ... HRI Technology Committee



Bonnie & Vivi, Bob & Cuba, Diana & Ernie

The HRI Technology Committee, affectionately known as the "Geek Squad", keeps our website up-to-date with dog listings and educational materials and links, while also providing potential adopters and volunteers with our applications and forms.

Originally a "one-woman-job" the squad has now grown to seven or more volunteers. On a daily basis, at least one geek monitors incoming requests to add a new dog to the website and to our Petfinder listing. They also add new photos to current listings and change the status of listed dogs from "In Foster Care" to "Available for Adoption" or to "Adopted."

When necessary, the squad immediately jumps into action to list a

description for Bella. This pooch takes everything in stride, whether it's a visit to the vet's office, a spin around town, teenagers coming and going, or a walk around the neighborhood.

Like most former mill dogs she truly is grateful for a warm bed, healthy food, toys, and the attention of those who appreciate her just the way she is. Despite the loss of many of her teeth due to poor diet, she eats with reckless abandon and has grown used to her green bean and sliced carrot snacks, giving her a svelte figure. Bella has found her voice and she is quite a chatterbox. Sweet Bella refuses to define herself as a former mill dog.

With a delectable chocolate Hershey kiss nose, this sable girl will take some work as her toilet training continues. But, if you are searching for a dog who wants little more than your acceptance and patience, Bella is your beautiful girl.

HRI Silent Auction

This year's annual Havanese Rescue Inc. Reception is July 21st!

The evening is fully underwritten so all of the funds raised during this event go to the care of the dogs in HRI.

We are asking for items to be donated to this year's event.

We welcome all items: electronics, gift certificates, jewelry (both doggie and human), dog beds, paintings, collars/leash sets, gift baskets, books, toys, to give you a few ideas.

During last year's silent auction we had over 200 donated items that raised \$10,000 in 3 1/2 hours!

Havanese that is lost or missing. We hope that doesn't happen, but sadly, it sometimes does.

Working on the Technology Committee requires a basic knowledge of photo editing, word processing, and a touch of HTML knowledge and proof-reading skills also come in handy. Learning the specifics on how to work on the HRI website is provided through a series of online tutorials.

Some may remember teasing the "geeks" back in high school, but these dedicated volunteers with techie minds provide the framework and structure which support the activities of all our wonderful volunteers.

Have you hugged a geek today?

Letter From Home by Rich and Meredith Muller



Mojo and Maggie

Mojo came to us from Texas, where he was fostered by Brie Kugler, a true angel. He is everything Brie said he was -- charming, sweet, playful, mischievous, loving and adorable!

No matter what he's up to, he never fails to work his "Mojo Magic" on us. He'll often lie in my arms like a little baby and stare up at me with his soulful little eyes. He'll get as close as he can to me and press his little forehead against mine. We joke and say that he is "instilling knowledge," but it's really just his special way to start giving kisses!

For the first few days, Mojo stayed as close to me as possible and wouldn't let me out of his sight. He eventually became more comfortable in his surroundings and began to express his playful independence. He really is so fun to watch, especially when he plays with his sister, Maggie. They enjoy running as fast as they can after squirrels and birds in the back yard and playing tug of war with their favorite toy. They also enjoy afternoon naps, aka "puppy piles," and going for car rides as often as they can!

Please help us make our 2011 HRI Reception the best one yet.

Email [Charlene Edwards](#) for more details.

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Prevention of Cruelty Month

April is Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month! Each year, the [ASPCA](#) urges supporters across the country to "Go Orange for Animals" in honor of the signing of the ASPCA's charter in 1866.

Mojo really is a well behaved gentleman. He gets along with everybody and doesn't make messes or destroy anything in the house. However, he does have a few mischievous hobbies! His favorite mischief is to rearrange things when my husband and I leave the house. It's become a fun game to guess what will be different when we return. He'll rearrange shoes, hide socks, move stuffed animals twice his size, and pile all of his toys at the front door. The funniest thing he has done so far was to pull our taxes off the shelf and put his Mojo stamp on them. Thankfully, they were salvageable and the CPA got a kick out of the story!

Hav'n Fun in a Hammock



Hav'n Fun in a Hammock, by Carolyn Miller

It's not easy for textile artist Carolyn Miller to acquire quilting fabric and supplies in her neck of the "rainforest," but somehow she has managed to make a block for the HRI quilt project for three years. Carolyn first contacted Havanese Rescue for help identifying a stray, sickly dog that she adopted from a vet office in Belize City nine years ago. Maggie had been shaved to the skin, she was scared, thin, and had missing teeth, flea dermatitis and heartworm. With love, patience and healthy food, she regained her strength and her coat, which grew in soft and silky. Carolyn sent pictures to HRI and it was determined that Maggie was at least partly Havanese. Maggie, of course, is the inspiration for Hav'n Fun in the Hammock where she's living the good life "at home" in tropical Belize. [Carolyn](#) and her husband Bruce are field biologists, and have lived and worked in the tropical forest of Belize since 1986.

Travel Safety

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It's that time of year! Spring has sprung and summer is around the corner. Sounds like it's time for a road-trip to your favorite vacation spot. How are we going to travel with our furbabies, making sure to keep them safe in the process? First, make sure your pup is wearing a collar with accurate identifying information. Maybe you've moved or changed your phone number. Double-check to be sure the new information matches the information on the tags.

When we travel, it is tempting to let Princess ride in our lap, and Rocky likes to ride shotgun with his head out the window. Keep in mind that our pets are as likely to be injured in a car accident as small children would be should they not be secured. In this day and age, most of us wouldn't allow our two-year old to ride shotgun, and never with their head out the window! Make sure your pets are secure in a crate, seat belt with an appropriate harness, or a pet car seat. Also, keep in mind the same weight restrictions that apply to people apply to animals with regard to air bags. If your pet is under the weight limit, deployment of the airbag could cause serious injury or worse. Should an accident occur or a door happen to fly open, you don't want your frightened fuzzy one darting into an unfamiliar neighborhood, or even worse, into traffic. Best practice would have your pet secured in the back seat or cargo area.

Fluffy gets car sick? There are many remedies that exist to treat car sickness in pups. These remedies include holistic treatments such as ginger and peppermint, along with Rescue Remedy. Over-the-counter medications such as children's Bonine or Dramamine have also been used. To be safe, check with your vet before using any over-the-counter medication. Your vet can also prescribe medication to help with anxiety and nausea related to travel.

Ultimately, the goal is to get away and have fun. Follow the key steps above to insure your pet has as much fun as you do.



Congratulations!



them to know we appreciate all the transport assistance they so generously provide.

We would like to congratulate [West Hancock Canine Rescue](#) on winning the Pepsi Refresh Project which allowed them to purchase their beautiful new van! We would also like to thank everyone who voted to make this possible. West Hancock does so much for the rescue community and we want

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