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Summer is upon us, and the Havanese National Specialty is just days away. This is your last chance to enter the drawing to win one of our two beautiful 2011 quilts, unless you're attending the Nationals in Durham, NC.

Online entries must be received by Saturday, July 16, 2011 to be eligible for the drawing. You still have time! Click here to enter. All donations benefit the

July... A Busy Month

We know you'll join us in wishing a full and speedy recovery to our newsletter production guru, Diana Brooks, who is currently in the hospital.

Due to that, vacations and the upcoming specialty, we have just a couple of announcments for this month and one fascinating article about a very unique "Havanese Throw" that will be offered at auction at the upcoming Havanese National Specialty.

We will resume our regular newsletter format in August.

The Story of the Love Knot Throw

dogs of HRI.

HRI Benefits from Generous Donation

Please visit this blog to learn of the wonderful donation we received from a lovely supporter of Havanese Rescue Inc. Our sincere thanks to Diane Silver and Pedigree!

Good Luck!

Havanese Rescue Inc would like to wish all the participants in the HCA National Specialty the best of luck. Every Havanese is a winner in our eyes!

Coming in August...

- Letter from our new president
- Quilt Drawing winners!
- Photos of our 2011 Rescue
 Parade
- And much more...

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Chiengora is a yarn spun from dog fleece. The word is a portmanteau of "chien", the French word for dog, and "angora." It is up to 80% warmer than wool. Often chiengora is blended with wool during the carding process.

Spinning dog fleece is not a new art form. Dog fleece has been found in yarns dating back from pre-historic Scandinavia, and in textiles from the Navajo people of North America. It was the main fiber spun on the Northern American continent before the Spaniards introduced sheep. Chiengora is similar in appearance to angora, is furry and very soft. Chiengora tends to "fluff" with use, creating a halo effect.

Teresa Bock, who lives in Idaho with her 16 Havanese affectionately known as the Revistio Gang, six Pygora goats, 15 British White beef cattle, two horses, 18 chickens, and four cats, knew a little about uses of fiber and had heard of spun yarn made from dog fleece fiber.

With all of her Havanese to groom, she was able to collect enough fiber to send to Fantasy Fiber Mill. Merino sheep produce one of the softest wools available for hand spinning so it was decided that the optimal blend would be 60% Merino wool and 40% Havanese fleece fiber for a nice worsted weight spun yarn. This blend produces a yarn that is soft and warm.

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With the blend spinning completed, Teresa now had 30 hanks of Havanese Chiengora Yarn which is a soft gray with interesting textural accents provided by the various colors of the Havanese fiber. Now, what does one do with it? Teresa came up with the idea to donate some of the yarn to HRI and to find someone who could knit a special item for the auction. She contacted friends in HRI to see if anyone knew a knitter. Her terrific idea and generous donation lead to the creation of the Love Knot Throw, which was knitted by Paula McClain.

Paula McClain lives on the Oregon coast with her husband and her two Havanese and has been knitting as a hobby since she was a young girl. She volunteered to knit the Chiengora into a throw for this year's auction at the Nationals. Her inspiration came from a familiar biblical passage that reminded her so much of the Havanese rescue dog spirit.

"Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things and endures all things."

Even though rescue dogs sometimes have to suffer through hard times, illness and loneliness, they have a resilient spirit and when they are given love they want to give back even more. The Love Knot pattern seemed like a perfect choice to honor the Havanese rescue dog spirit.

The Love Knot throw consists of three Irish Aran cable patterns. Kisses and Hugs (x's and o's), Cable Braid and Cable Knot. In addition to the hand spinning of the yarn by Teresa, it took over 200 hours of knitting work. It is a very original piece, absolutely one of a kind, with the inclusion of 2,000 yards of Havanese fleece fiber yarn. As Paula knitted the throw in the evenings, her dogs always kept her company. She noticed that they are very attracted to the softness of the knitted fabric. They loved to snuggle up next to it!



If you are going to the Nationals this year, be sure to stop by the HRI reception silent auction to view this original piece and consider bidding to win it!

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