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### **How Do You Mend A Broken Heart?**

Words like darling, cute, loving, happy and bouncy can describe a puppy but courageous is the word that best describes a tiny six-month-old puppy named Cody. He survived his birth at an Amish puppy mill, but when it was discovered he had a heart problem he was quickly sent to a veterinary clinic for euthanasia. Cody with his cheerful,

affectionate and confident manner quickly won over the staff and instead of death Havanese Rescue Inc was called to give the pup a chance at life.

Cody's heart problem was called PDA, or Patent ductus arteriosus, a hole in his heart which failed to close at birth. The fix is to insert a wire through a groin incision and snake it up to the heart where the hole is repaired. Without the life saving surgery Cody was doomed.



Meeting the cardiologist

Arlene Gorczycki, a local volunteer with HRI, was the obvious choice to save Cody. She sprang into action, generously bringing Cody into her home to nurture and mingle with her other havanese. Her background as a nurse helped her to understand what Cody required to survive which was an operation on his heart but money was a problem. The operation would cost about \$ 5000 dollars which neither she nor HRI had. Arlene came up with a creative solution ... she set up a [GOFUNDME](#) page and thanks to the generosity of others her goal was met in five days.

Feeling Safe Now



Resting after play with Arlene's grandson

Cody had his surgery the beginning of February; the procedure was simpler than anticipated; the hole in his heart was mended, and he was sent home from the veterinary hospital within two days. A forever home has already been found for Cody when he has finished his convalescence at Arlene's. He will join a retired Grandmother along with her retired husband, her adult daughter, her 14-year-old year old teenage grandson and their small mixed breed rescue dog, and will never lack attention or care again.

***His future is now as bright as his spirit.***



## Who Makes Up HRI?

When a Havanese is referred to HRI for rehoming or rescue many volunteers and committees play a part in seeing that the dog is fostered vetted and placed with the appropriate home. One of the most important committees involved in this process is the Dog Management Team. Members of this committee are Diana Brooks (chair person) Brenda Binns, Julie Forrester, Angela Eglinger, Donna Rotoloni, and Debbie Andres. Each volunteer has an individual role to play within the team as well as working together when making decisions. Individually Diana is the team leader and helps maintain the DMT files, Brenda maintains records in the HRI database, Julie is the liaison to the Board of Directors, Donna oversees microchip registrations, Angela is the co-chair of the State Contact Mentor Group and Debbie is the vet liaison.

According to Diana Brooks the Dog Management Team was created about three years ago when the Board of Directors realized that the job was more than one person should have to handle. "The purpose of the DMT is to track every single dog that comes into HRI. We have an extensive database that must be maintained regularly," Diana said. This database is also used by other

committees as needed, so the maintenance and accuracy of it is very important. One of the goals of the DMT is to get the dog listed on the website as soon as possible. In 2015, 91 dogs came into HRI and 76 were adopted with the support of the DMT.

All of the members of this team do an awesome job. It is hard to believe that just three short years ago one person titled the Dog Wrangler was expected to do all of these tasks. Thanks so much to the Dog Management Team! The dogs of HRI (as well as the other committees of HRI) appreciate each of you!



Angela Eglinger Brenda Binns Debbie Andres



Diana Brooks Donna Rotoloni Julie Forrester



## Thank You - Blitz's Story

Blitz, age 8, and his bonded brother Benny were rescued by HRI in October of 2015. They were both very much loved by their former family, who felt as if the sixty-hour workweek was impacting Blitz and his anxieties. They made a tough decision, and decided to surrender the boys to HRI. The boys and were fostered by Bridget McGee. When Blitz arrived at Bridget's house, he was sad and anxious, but his brother Benny would snuggle with him and lick away his tears. Everyone who met Blitz loved him, and he instantly touched the hearts of all that he met. In Bridget's words "it was obvious that he was more than an average dog. In his eyes we could see wisdom, patience and a keen sense of compassion.

In mid-December, Blitz and Benny were adopted into their forever home. Melissa, the adopter had taken good care of the boys and was in close contact with Bridget. (Her parents are also supporters of HRI, having adopted Luna and Baxter from us.)



Sadly, late in January, I received a call from Bridget telling me that Blitz had suddenly developed

some difficulty on steps. Melissa had taken him to the vets and his blood panels were off the charts. October blood panels had been normal. Throughout the day, we learned that Blitz was diagnosed with Immune Mediated Hemolytic Anemia. In order to try to save his life, he required expensive blood transfusions and steroids as well as a few days in the ER.

Melissa and Bridget made the decision to give Blitz a chance. He began treatments to save his life. At first, Blitz, our little fighter, did well and appeared to be winning the battle against this terrible disease. His fever was gone, his heart rate and respiration returned to normal. Medication was begun that that would suppress his immune system.

A fund was set up to help with the expenses of this treatment. The costs are estimated to be \$5000. In Melissa's words..."Please help us to reach our goal of \$5000 so Blitz can come home to his best buddy Benny and his new family. We appreciate any amount of help you can give from the bottom of our hearts!"

It is with a sad, but proud heart, that I would like to thank all of our members for the support given when Blitz fell ill with Immune Mediated Hemolytic Anemia. He spent five days in critical care before passing away on January 26th. With your help, his medical care was covered by the generous donations of our HRI supporters.

As I was recently reminded, "if our dogs could live on our love alone, we'd never say good-bye". Thank you to all that so endlessly dedicate a piece of your hearts to our HRI dogs. Blitz will be missed and remembered by all who had the pleasure of meeting him.

Donna Rotoloni  
HRI President



## Adoption Corner - Featuring Harley

In February, they say love is in the air, but for this handsome fellow, love is always in the air. Harley really knows how to turn the love on. He adores sitting on your lap, going for walks, taking a drive in the car and finds your companionship to be the only thing of true value. He takes love to a higher level. So if you are looking for love this Valentine season, look no further, Harley just may be the companion you have been looking for!

Harley is ten years old and 25 pounds full of love and stability. He is potty trained, leash trained and would love a family to call his very own. He is looking for someone who will snuggle and cuddle with him and give him belly rubs. He would love to snuggle up on the couch with you and go to bed to keep you warm at night. Harley doesn't mind having well behaved children around, but he isn't really interested in playing, so finds his greatest joy in companionship with adults who enjoy snuggles as much as he does. His primary goal is simply to show you all the love he has in his heart and make you feel like you have won the love lottery.



Harley takes thyroid medication twice a day. It's very inexpensive (probably less than a latte at your

favorite coffee shop, and we all know a latte doesn't love you back with the devotion of a Havanese!) He needs a bath at least once a week to help with some skin allergies. A shorter coat helps make grooming easier.

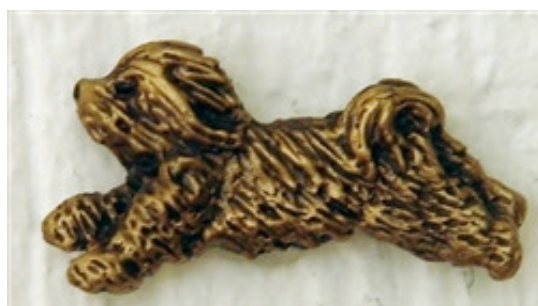
**Harley is being fostered in Michigan.**



**The HavToHavIt General Store - Featured Item**

The spirit of joy within every Havanese is depicted in this run like heck sterling pin. We've updated our antiqued finish to on-trend bright and shiny sterling. We guarantee you will love it! Size: 1 3/8" long and 3/4" tall. In stock and ready to gift wrap and mail to you.

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