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President's Report

I would like to personally welcome each of you to the 2016 National Specialty Show and our Havanese Rescue events. HRI is confronting a time of many changes. It's a challenging and exciting time for HRI as we continue to grow and adapt, remaining motivated and open to new ideas. We hope to continue to bring inspired people together to meet the challenges that change lives ... one Havanese at a time.

Let me give you a brief update on where we are today.

- 96 dogs were cared for by HRI during the past year (July 2015-July 2016).
- During the past year, HRI has spent \$51,659.43 on direct care for our 96 dogs.
- Dog care and vetting had an average cost of \$538.12 per dog.

All of this is made possible due to your generous support, both hands-on as our fosters and in many other needed roles. Your financial support helps us everyday to continue with our mission of rescuing Havs in need. We have been able to help many dogs due to all of you.

We also have had some very special dogs during the past year. Cody, for example, who received surgery to fix a broken heart tugged at everyone's hearts and helped us raise \$5,000 in five days to provide the surgery needed to allow him to lead a normal life.

In addition, as an organization, we are transforming the way we operate to continuously improve our ability to meet the needs of our membership. One important change that has occurred is the way we will manage our website. We now have a management team and our own team to work together to make changes to keep our website viable for the future. We should all be very proud of where we are today and excited about where we are headed.

I would like to give you an idea of what you can expect and what we hope to achieve over the next few days during Nationals.

- Our two beautiful quilts, "Dog Days of Summer" and "Monochrome Splash", will be on display through out the week. Please help our dogs by donating to the quilt project. Our drawing will be held on Saturday, August 6, at the close of the show. Fingers crossed that you are one of the two lucky winners. Remember, the more tickets you have, the more chances you have to win.
- Our Hav to Hav It Store will be open throughout the week, and we will be featuring McCartney Havanese wine glasses that will be perfect for the wine down events scheduled at the end of each show day. New McCartney shirts plus jewelry and toys will be sold at our store.
- Our rescue parade will be held the afternoon of Thursday August 4. Please join us as we cheer on our former fosters and their owners. Each rescue dog will be awarded a ribbon and a treat bag.
- Our HRI Disney Dogs Rescue Dinner will take place on Friday, August 5. We have a
 group of folks that have been working for many months to make the evening special for
 everyone. A beautiful ceramic mug has been custom-made for each of our guests.
 Check out the mugs donated by Peter Deneen of Deneen Pottery deneenpottery.com.
 In addition, we have 10 beautiful baskets full of items that will go to our lucky winners
 as well as select items for a live auction and many other items to give away. Mini
 quilts will also be on display, and drawings will be held for these beautiful miniatures.
 Come and learn more about our rescue while supporting our dogs at our event.

I would like to thank each of you for attending the show and the rescue events. Those of you involved in rescue are truly our greatest assets today and tomorrow, and we could not accomplish what we do without your support and leadership. Throughout the show, I ask you to stay engaged, keep us proactive, and help us with our events. Whether you are "signed up" to help, or show up and can lend a hand, I look forward to working with you. My personal respect and thanks go out to all of you.

Donna Rotoloni President

Havanese Rescue Inc

Letter From Home: Yo, Oscar here!

Remember me? Oscar? Folks said I was "hard to place." Well, that just means I had to wait for just the right people to adopt me. And boy, did I luck out. I'll admit my last foster mom said I was soooo mischievous, quite rowdy, and into

EVERYTHING. I could get on the dining room table in the blink of an eye. And one time I found a pack of tasty sugarless gum that sent my foster mom rushing to the phone to call the poison control hotline.

But then along came Maryalice Cheney and her husband, Scott Goldman. They were looking for a smaller dog that could travel with them and fit their active lifestyle. My foster mom warned them I was a "handful," but they said their last two dogs were "crazy"

too, so they weren't concerned.



Oscar biking with dad, Scott

It's been more than three years since I

flew from Chicago to Philadelphia to join them, and now I'm nearing my eighth birthday. Their cat, Christopher, is one of my best buds, and I get along great with other dogs and kids, too. I still LOVE food, though, so Maryalice always warns parents that if the kids are holding any food, I may try to snatch it. One of my best tricks early on was to team up with Christopher and have him get on the kitchen counter to knock stuff off that I could grab!

I've gotten more polite about food (I'm a sturdy but svelte 16-pounder), One of my favorite things to do is take a walk through the historic part of town where we live. That's because I'm pretty wellknown there, and I know exactly which stores give out treats. So if my mom and dad don't stop in, I just stop dead in my tracks so we can make a visit. Pretty smart, huh?

Maryalice and Scott recognized right away that my hyperactivity was just because I wanted to get outta my crate and experience LIFE! And that's what I do because I do EVERYTHING with them - daily two-mile walks, rolling on the green on the golf course, hiking, vacations in Colorado and California where I love to play in the snow or run on the beach, bike rides, boating, and even SWIMMING! I'm really fine doing whatever they're doing. Scott says I'm the most adaptable dog ever.



Boating with mom, Maryalice

Maryalice, who's a retired physician, says I'm kinda "her" dog during the week, but when Scott is home on the weekend after doing his doctor stuff during the week, I'm "his" dog. One thing's for sure, Scott better take me on rides in his Triumph, or I'll just scream at him when he closes the door and doesn't take me!

Maryalice and Scott say I'm such a joy and have brought them so much happiness. That goes both ways-thanks, Mom and Dad!

Adoption Corner: Chase & Hannah

You would never know from his outer appearance that Chase, a six pound chocolate Havanese puppy, has a defective heart. He runs, chases balls, fetches, plays with his foster siblings, chews on toys, and charms all those around him with the twinkle in his eyes and his mischievous expression. He tires easily, however, due to the birth defects inside his heart.

Like Cody, another puppy featured in a previous newsletter, Chase has a hole in his heart. Unlike Cody he also has a bad heart valve. The hope is that heart surgery will help little Chase, but he needs to get a few months older and gain some needed weight to be eligible for treatment. His foster Mom, Andrea Marsden, is busy trying to reach that goal by giving



little Chase extra meals much to the envy of the other Havanese in her household.

Chase



The eventual treatment plan is to thread a catheter into Chase's heart to repair the hole and then position a small balloon into the defective valve area to free the tissue keeping the valve from opening fully. Once this happens Chase may have a chance to live a longer life. His next appointment with his cardiologist in a month or two will decide his fate.

Little Hannah, another rescue pup, does not have the serious health issues Chase has, but she does have a non-functioning and malformed eye. The defect is not readily apparent as she keeps her eye partially closed and is totally oblivious to any restrictions one-eyed living might involve. Her medical treatment may be minor or her deformed eye may need to be removed; she will be seeing a specialist for evaluation in the next few weeks.

Hannah As a three-month-old pup, she is at the shoe chewing stage, happily plays with the five other dogs in her current foster home, comes when called and is very self-sufficient even playing quietly by herself if necessary.

Her new foster home with Arlene Gorczycki is a welcome change for the little pup as she bounced from home to home four to five times before being given to HRI. Despite the rough start, she is a loving, cheerful, happy girl and deserves a chance at having a forever home.

This is what Havanese Rescue is about ... volunteers and foster pups. Those pups with serious and costly medical issues (over \$500) require board approval for further treatment. So far Chase has had his medical bills paid by HRI, but the next step, if he is healthy enough to survive surgery, will require money that HRI does not have. In Cody's case, his foster mom, Arlene Gorczycki, (also Hannah's foster mom) set up a GoFundMe account to fund his heart surgery, and the financial goal was met within five days, perhaps the same funding technique can save Chase and Hannah.

We know that Chase will need costly treatment, but the hope is that little Hannah's eye will not require extensive repair. Whatever happens with the pups, HRI will be there to help with their needs.

HRI's Newest Contributors!

Two little girls, Avery and Hudson, had a lemonade stand on Sunday. Their mom asked them if they wanted to split up the money, 20 dollars, and they said. "No we would like to donate it to charity." They came over and put the money towards quilt tickets.

Good luck girls!





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