



*Havanese Rescue Inc Newsletter December 2016*

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**Dudley in Florida  
available for  
adoption!**

### President's Report

I would like to wish everyone a happy holiday season. As we wrap up our fall auction for 2016, I am once again thankful for all of the support that is given to our dogs. Because of your efforts, we were able to raise over \$13,322 for our dogs. Special thanks go to Laura Cascino for organizing the fall auction. Laura eats, sleeps and dreams about this auction for at least two to three full months.

Exciting plans are in store for 2017 as we brainstorm ways to better serve our foster dogs and stay sustainable as an organization. Plans are already underway for a fun time at the September 2017 National Specialty. I hope many of you can set aside the dates of September 19 to 23 to meet in Ashville, NC.

Thank you all for making Havanese Rescue Inc what it is. I appreciate all of your efforts, ideas, work and support.

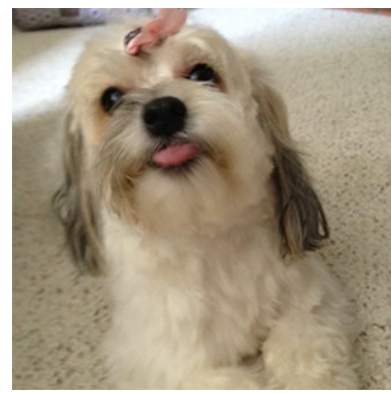
Sincerely,

Donna Rotoloni  
President  
Havanese Rescue Inc

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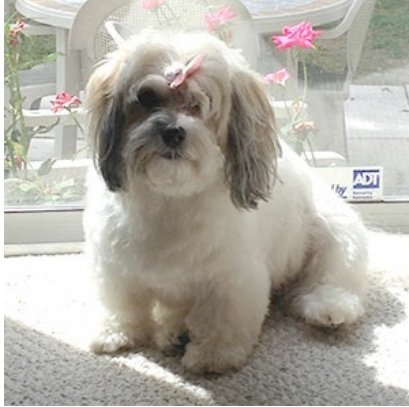
### Letter From Home: Miss Minnie!

Our affair with Havanese began two years before adopting Minnie in May 2016. We rescued an extremely abused female Havanese that was abandoned and tied to a parking lot light post. We instantly fell in love, naming her "April." As we rehabilitated her, we recognized how rewarding it is to witness the power of nurturing and human touch to a once defeated spirit. Knowing this, we sought out HRI in search of a second rescue.



Minnie was featured on the HRI site with quite a fetching picture! Her description matched everything we enjoy about our first rescue, so we applied to adoption her and patiently (well maybe impatiently) waited.

Much like parents anticipating a newborn baby, we looked each day for an e-mail bearing good news. The joyous day finally came, and we soon had our home visit.



Minnie came into our life in May of this year with a burst of energy and a furiously wagging tail. She quickly introduced herself to her new-found step-sister with bouncing barks and curious sniffs. In a few short days they became inseparable, napping together and sharing exploratory walks around the neighborhood. Minnie became April's mentor, teaching her the joys of sleeping on her back with all four legs dangling in the air, hopping across the carpet much like a baby



lamb would, and conquering a long flight of steps (which April had never attempted until Minnie showed her). Not only has Minnie stolen our hearts, she has also restored April's self-confidence.

Minnie and April resting after tree decorating



## Who Makes Up HRI? Intake Committee

The Intake committee is the starting point for dogs coming into HRI. Members of this committee are Jen French (chair), Mary Richling, Paula Perlmutter, Karen Stephens, Pam Wagner and Brenda Binns. These volunteers work to assist owners with a variety of issues including health, behavior, training and rehoming dogs. Each person on the committee is assigned a day to check the surrender/help email inbox on the website. (Pam has two days.) When a request for assistance shows up, the Intake work begins.

Ideally, resources can be found that will enable the dog to remain in its existing home. This is sometimes the case with health or training issues. Sadly, many inquiries concern the need to rehome the pet due to life changes beyond the control of the owner. Families feel devastated by the impending loss of their pet. Members of the Intake committee try to ease their pain by offering kindness, empathy and information about the process.

If the dog has behavior issues such as aggression, it is not eligible for HRI admittance. The Intake committee tries to refer the owner to another agency or an animal behaviorist. As a volunteer organization, HRI does not have the resources or insurance coverage to assist aggressive dogs.

Sometimes a dog has extensive medical problems. If it appears that medical care will exceed \$500, the Board of Directors has to take a vote on whether or not to accept the dog. If the medical care is estimated at less than \$500, the Intake committee can accept the dog, assuming that there are no aggressive behavior issues. The Intake volunteer notifies the committee members and they vote whether or not to accept the dog and then the Dog Management Team and State Contact are notified that the dog will be coming to HRI. Finding a foster home is essential to acceptance of the dog. During the entire process, the Intake volunteer maintains contact with the owners giving them updates on the progress of their application.



As Mary Richling says so accurately, "It is a rewarding and sometimes sad and frustrating volunteer commitment. Knowing we are part of the process of finding each surrendered dog a wonderful new home - or by giving the support needed so the pup can remain with its family - makes it worthwhile."



## Adoption Corner: Meet Bebe

Eleven-year-old Bebe has made it her business to entertain her foster mom since arriving several months ago. She weighs in at 14.3 pounds, most of that personality and charm! She took a little while to adjust when she first came to rescue as she was confused after her owner died. Once she settled in, however, Bebe made herself at home.

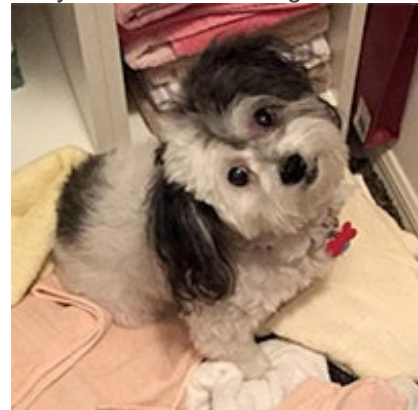
Bebe loves to cuddle with her foster mom. She also must have read somewhere that a darling Havanese should really be your shadow because she follows her foster mom everywhere.

Never one to be bored, Bebe looks around for ways to entertain herself. She likes to open cupboards and check out whatever is in boxes and baskets. She likes to check out the refrigerator whenever the door is opened too (and wishes she had opposable thumbs and a little more height so she could open that door on her own!). Bebe is very enterprising and once cleared all the hand towels on a low shelf in a closet so she could make a little nest for herself. She'd like you to know she'd have slept quite well, too, if her foster mom hadn't taken a picture of her handiwork and disturbed her. Bebe can take a good nap almost anywhere and makes good use of her doggie bed.

In addition to a natural curiosity, Bebe likes to take short



walks, enjoys playing with other small dogs (when she's in the mood) and loves her dental chews. She'll even chase her own tail once in a while just to make the people around her smile.



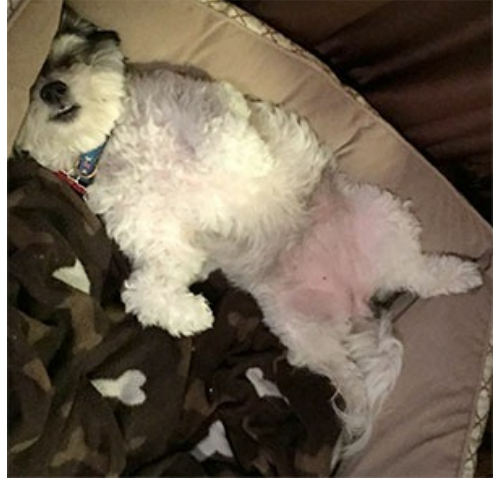
Bebe used a piddle pad for all of her life until she came to rescue, so she's working on learning to potty outside. She thinks grass feels quite unnatural and does her business on the sidewalk instead. She continues to work on her house training with her foster mom. Bebe walks well on a leash. She needs a fenced yard.

Bebe has a number of health problems that are controlled with medication and diet. She takes thyroid medication twice daily. She also takes medication for

7 days a month to prevent crystals from forming in her urine. She also needs a prescription diet to help her with allergies. She cannot use any topical flea treatments because of skin allergies and needs to take oral preventative instead. Bebe needs blood work and urinalysis every 6-12 months to monitor her health.

Bebe would love a forever family of her own. She would be fine as an only dog but also would be happy to have a small buddy dog. (She asks that no big dogs apply). Bebe enjoys the company of children over the age of 12; younger children are overwhelming for her. Someone who is home much of the day is important for Bebe who thrives on human companionship. Her family should also be prepared to continue Bebe's medication, lab testing and prescription diet. The family fortunate enough to adopt Bebe will be paid many times over by her love, devotion and delightful

ways.



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LOVE  
Joy

and  
Licks!



Julie Forrester's  
Riley and Piper

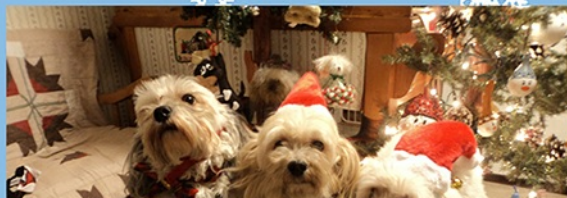
Kelly-Ann Pinnock's  
Pepper



Karen Horne's  
CallieBRAT



Jen Jablonski's (foster)  
Quinn







Louise Donner's Patty



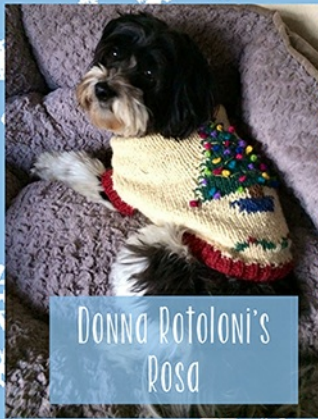
Pat Casson's  
Poppi, Blossom and Lilly-Rose



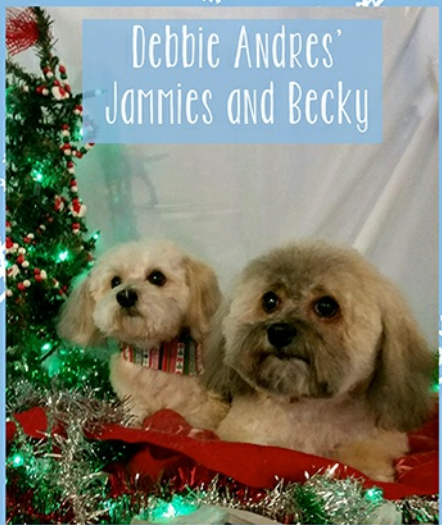
Brenda Binn's (foster)  
Dudley



Barb Damiano's  
Charlie, Pinot & Mango  
(the Mill Brothers)



Donna Rotoloni's  
Rosa



Debbie Andres'  
Jammies and Becky



KARNE HONRNE'S  
Bobbie  
(First Christmas)



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what  
Fun!



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