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Jennifer Jablonski, our new HRI President, adopted Lucy from Texas in 2017. Lucy was a sad little dog with very little hair. After her vet appointments, it was discovered she had Sebaceous Adenitis, a disease of the skin follicles which is a genetic and lifelong condition. Special oil baths treat the problem. Her hair is much fuller and healthier now. Lucy is happier too! She went to the Havanese Specialty with Jennifer on May 21<sup>st</sup> this year in Louisville Kentucky and represented HRI in the Parades.



### Summer Is Coming - Don't Forget!

Remember I'm getting rid of heat via my paws, but it doesn't work when I have to walk on hot asphalt, so my body is overheating.



### The Month of May at HRI

There were thirteen dogs in HRI in May. Seven dogs are still in foster care, one is recovering from surgery to correct ectopic ureters (a birth defect). Three were adopted and have gone home to new families. Three more are in Foster-to-Adopt homes who plan to adopt them once the vet visits and treatments are finished.



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### Preparing To Go Back To Work

Many of us have been working from home full-time during the pandemic. While we have enjoyed all the extra time with our dogs, they have become accustomed to having us around. As a result, they may need help transitioning to more alone time. Here are some tips:

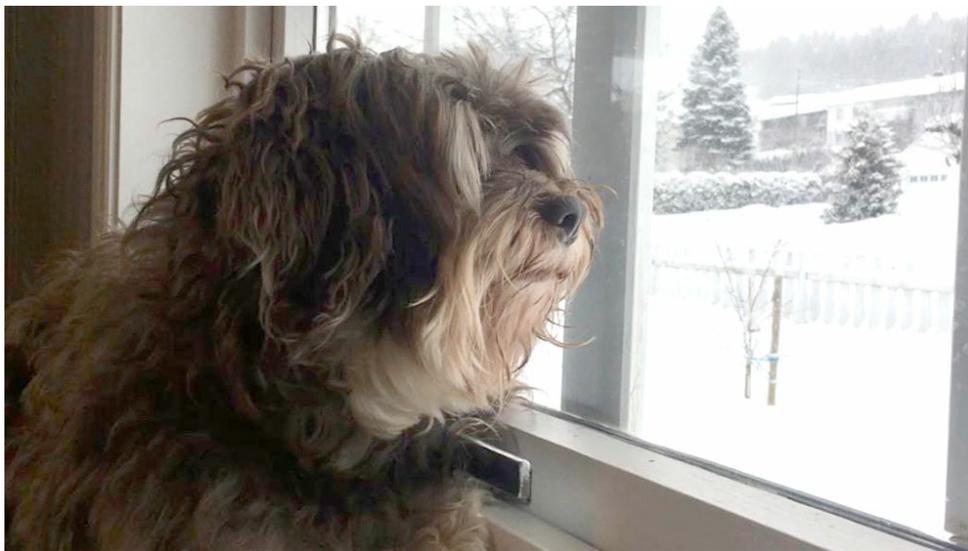
- Get your dog accustomed to being separated from you while you are home.

For example, close the door when taking a shower or doing the laundry. You can make this more enjoyable for your dogs by giving them a special long-lasting treat to enjoy while you are in another part of the house. Most dogs enjoy a bully stick, a Himalayan chew, or a snuffle mat with goodies sprinkled inside.

- Leave the house for short periods. Leave the dogs home while you run errands or leave your dogs inside while you are outside gardening. The more frequently you do this, the more your dogs will think that your absence is no big deal. Start with very short absences.
- Watch for signs of anxiety while you are gone. For example, is your dog destructive, bark and whine the whole time you are gone, pant, pace, drool, or refuse food? These are all signs of separation anxiety and indicate the need for a behavior professional. Setting up webcams can help you see what your dogs are doing while you are gone.
- For more information see this blog by Patricia McConnell.  
<https://www.patriciamccconnell.com/theotherendoftheleash/preventing-separation-anxiety-in-the-time-of-covid>

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