



October 2009 - In Memory of Beasley

Greetings!

Welcome to the October issue of our Newsletter! In this issue we present some very important information about lost dogs. Over a year ago, we tragically lost our sweet Beasley shortly after he was adopted. In August Marty was lost while in foster care and in September, Harriet (who had also just been adopted) ran out the front door of her home.

We take our responsibility to our dogs, whether they're in foster care or they have been adopted, very seriously. Our recent experiences have certainly taught us some valuable lessons about looking for lost dogs and we wanted to pass some tips along to you. Both Marty and Harriet are safely back in their homes, but Beasley was not as fortunate.

2009 has been a banner year for this organization. You are all happily shopping at the HavToHavIt General Store where all the profits go to HRI. We're celebrating the one year anniversary of the store and are running specials all this month. Laura Cascino's online auction is coming up soon, another exciting event that raises additional funds for HRI. Please follow the link and prepare to bid on the fun items that are donated by many generous folks. Our Quilt Committee has selected the theme for this year's quilt and quilters are needed, more information is below.

A big thank you from the over 90 dogs HRI has taken in this year to everyone who supports us by volunteering, shopping, donating, and adopting rescued Havanese!

*Jenny French
President*

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Sweet Joey

One look into Joey's beautiful eyes and you find yourself melting. This sweet boy's soul shines through clearly for anyone who slows down long enough to look.



Joey would love a quiet adult family for his very own. Though he gets along with other dogs, he'd be fine as an only dog, too. Being an only dog

Lost Dog Prevention and Safety

The answer? *At least one.*

The question? How many barriers are between the pets in my house and the door to the outside?

The need for barriers was brought to light three times at this summer's end. In little more than three week's time, three Havanese, either in foster care or adopted through HRI, managed to slip past their family or pet sitters.

The first, Marty, spent 10 days on his own in a very urban area. Moving from one community to another, he kept the few volunteers on the ground searching for him very busy. The HRI dog wrangler, Karen Grant, kept on top of things, contacting each of the police departments and animal control in the various communities.



The second Havanese, Harriet, escaped one night from her home and had both her family members and her former foster mom out searching for her the very night she was lost. Harriet was safely found 4 days later. Read Harriet's story, as told by her forever mom, Gisela Peters below.



The third Havanese, Henry, slipped out of the car of his pet sitter and was found within minutes. A call from AKC CAR notified HRI that Henry was found even before we knew he was lost!

It can happen in the best of homes. You think the door is closed and the dog slips out. Marty and Harriet each took advantage of a door without an additional barrier. It's always safest to have either a baby gate or an ex-pen set up to create a barrier between the outside door and the pets we want to

keep safely inside.

Henry left the car through an open hatchback, reminding us all of the importance of securing our dogs in the car be it with a doggie seatbelt or a crate. Many dogs each year are lost, injured, or killed when they leave the vehicle after an accident. Securing a dog increases the chance that he will survive an accident and reduces

would give him a chance to be the center of attention.

Joey is house-trained. He has a doggie door in his foster home. He uses this quite reliably. Joey will need a little work in his adoptive home if he doesn't have a doggie door there. He loves attention and treats, and knowing that he's made someone happy. He's sure to learn quickly in his new home just as he has in his foster home.

Joey is crate-trained. He gets a treat every time he goes inside so he has very positive associations with it.

If you've been looking for a sweet Havanese to share your life with, Joey might be just the dog for you. Please go to our [website](#)

to read more about Joey and to apply for adoption. He could make your family complete.

Charming Pepper

Pepper took the AKC standard about Havanese, "...a small sturdy dog of immense charm" to heart. This little gal could run a charm school since she has so much to spare!



significantly the opportunity for him to leave the vehicle without you.

Sometimes though, dogs can slip away even while we're walking them. How many of us have seen a dog back out of its collar? With a coated breed such as the Havanese, it is critical to check the fit of a collar or harness after grooming. A dog that has lost weight, such as my oldest dog, Tansy, can also suddenly slip out of a collar that's fit correctly for years. Being alert and making adjustments can mean the difference between a dog that is safe and one that is loose while you hold an ineffective leash.

Gates and inadequate fencing can provide another escape route for our pets. It is strongly encouraged that gates have a self-closure on them and that they be latched with a padlock or some other means to assure they can't be accidentally opened. Many people have reported their gate being left open by service or delivery personnel. Locking your gate can prevent such an accident. Also, the use of signage can warn those who must use the gate that dogs are present.

Checking for holes in fencing or loose fitting boards or panels can increase your pet's safety. With various foster dogs of different sizes in my home, my eyes roam my fence frequently. Is there some place a tall or agile dog can gain footing to crawl or leap over the top? Is there an opening that will let a small slender dog slip through? Are there areas that could catch someone's collar? Watchful eyes can prevent accidents.

Finally, being aware of changes in routine means we can better protect our dogs. When a repair person or delivery is scheduled at our home, every dog is locked behind at least two baby gates. A foster dog is crated until the delivery person has gone and all doors and gates are closed. It is simply too easy in the chaos for a dog to slip past an unsuspecting visitor.

Prevention takes a small amount of time, a few dollars and creates a minimal risk to our pets. Losing an animal can cost that pet their life and their owners well over a thousand dollars in fees for lost pet services, trackers, printing posters, and ads in addition to the many hours it takes volunteers to search for the lost animal. HRI encourages you to put safety first for your pets and any foster dogs staying with your family.

Please visit our [Amos Alert](#)

pages to learn more about searching for a lost pet. Hopefully, you will never need the information, but reading it will make you more prepared should that unfortunate day arrive.

Lu Wyland

Active and curious, Pepper makes the rounds in the house, looking for things to gather to bring to her crate or the large bean bag in which she likes to sleep. Dog toys, a misplaced sock, garden gloves and newspaper articles have all been found in Pepper's stash in the last 24 hours.

Pepper loves toys, particularly the Pipsqueak toys. (In fact, she contributed one from the HavToHavIt store for the upcoming auction to support HRI dogs!) Pepper considers the Pipsqueaks to be her "babies." Every morning after she awakes as well as each time she comes in from outdoors, Pepper races to check on her babies, a Pipsqueak duck and a Pipsqueak pig. She carries them around until she finds a safe place to set them down for a nap. Both will accompany her to her forever home so she can continue to keep an eye on them!

Well house trained, Pepper rarely has an accident. She is debarked so she can't bark to let you know she wants to go outside. A smart girl, she could be taught to ring a bell to ask to go out.

Pepper is currently working on sitting and on dancing for treats. She'd like you to know that dancing is far more in her nature! A life of other tricks (and the accompanying praise and treat) would suit her just fine.

Finding Harriet

Since losing a dog could never happen to us, (we have a loving home with a fenced back yard, never leave our dogs outside alone, and, have had dogs since 1981, after all!), I was unprepared when, on a Friday evening around 7 pm, our recently-adopted

rescue dog, Harriet, ran away. She bolted right out the front door. My husband, who ran after her, lost sight of her approximately seven blocks north of our home. Well-meaning strangers who tried to catch her made things worse. She out-ran and out-maneuvered everyone. The sinking feeling turned to panic when, after searching and calling out to her for several hours, we realized that we would not find her on our own.



A Strategy and a Plan

Late Friday night, I asked Harriet's two HRI foster moms, Lu Wyland and Charlene Renslow, for help. Anxiety and dread kept not only me awake - by next morning we had a strategy and a plan, taking into consideration the particularities of the neighborhood and terrain, as well as the personality of the dog (an extremely shy former puppy mill dog). Overnight, HRI had mapped the area between our home and where she was last seen, recruited and organized volunteers, and most importantly (as it turned out), created an attractive, eye-catching missing-dog poster. It was unlikely that Harriet would be caught by a stranger. Therefore, getting word and contact info out was crucial. We began by blanketing the entire neighborhood with posters, canvassing door-to-door, and handing flyers and talking to everyone out in the neighborhood. Late Saturday afternoon, the first sighting of Harriet was called in. She was seen Friday evening (after my husband had last seen her), heading back toward home. A second caller saw her later that night, just two blocks from home. There was no further sighting until Sunday afternoon, but these two reports were crucial for the search since they let the ground team concentrate on a much smaller area, closer to home.

Mobilizing the Neighborhood

Since communication to the search-and-rescue team was coordinated by HRI (from afar), I was freed up to mobilize the neighborhood. We live in a dog-friendly urban neighborhood, and talk to many people on our long, daily walks. Our cute, gentle Harriet is well-known. Once people became aware that she was missing, calls came pouring in from friends and neighbors, as well as total strangers offering to help. Our front porch became the command center for the "neighborhood ground forces"; they combed every street and alley within several blocks from our home, on foot, with or without their dogs, by bicycle or by car, from early

Pepper hates to admit it, but she does have one habit that causes her problems. She is a chewer. While she's very happy to chew on bully sticks, ostrich bones, and Texas toothpicks, she has also been known to chew the arms and legs right off her foster sister's favorite duckie toy and just can't help but try to pull the stuffing out of any stuffed dog bed. (She's fine with blankets and the bean bag chair.) Pepper will also help herself to magazines on the shelf and recently danced on her back legs until she could reach a bag of knitting sitting up on the table. We are grateful she's too short to be a counter cruiser. Even so, her adoptive family will need to continue to work with Pepper on appropriate chewing objects. Pepper has chewed computer and electric cords which is quite dangerous. She continues to work on this habit with her foster family. A commitment to making a secure environment for her is essential while she works through a delayed puppy chew pattern in her life.

Pepper is crate trained and sleeps through the night in her wire crate. She also is comfortable being crated for a few hours when someone isn't home. It keeps her safe and she settles down well, knowing she gets a treat when she goes inside. Pepper is also fed in her crate so she

morning to after midnight.

Sunday afternoon, two girls searching for Harriet, poster in hand, reported having seen her running, just three blocks from our home. There were no more confirmed sightings of her until Tuesday evening after dark when a caller reported seeing a little white dog in her back yard. By the time Heidi, our Havanese to whom Harriet is bonded, and I arrived at the caller's home, Harriet had disappeared. She remained hidden somewhere in the overgrown back yard despite my calling her name --until I let Heidi loose. Within a few moments, Harriet emerged from underneath a bush and came toward her, tail wagging.

Heartfelt thanks, again, to everyone who helped bring Harriet home. We could not have done it without your help!

Gisela Peters

Let the Bidding Begin!



What do warm Balinese breezes, snuggly doggie coats and a fashionable Fundle have in common? They are all a part of the lure of the [Ninth Annual Online Auction for Havanese Rescue](#)

, of course! Laura Cascino, Havanese angel extraordinaire, has, once again taken on the gargantuan task of conducting this much-anticipated event that has raised over \$55,600 for our Havanese in need!

There is still time to email images and descriptions of your new or gently-used items for inclusion in the auction which begins on Halloween, Saturday, October 31 at noon EST. The bidding will continue at a furious pace throughout the first week of November and all bidding will cease at 3:00 pm on Saturday, November 7. Check out the [website](#)

to see the pages and pages of wonderful items being offered.

So, bid early, bid often and remember.....every single penny of this

associates it with good things.

If you've ever hoped for a dog that's sweet and sparkly as the sprinkles on a sugar cookie, Pepper is waiting for you. You can read more about her at her [website listing](#)

2010 Rescue Quilt!



Attention needlework enthusiasts!
Announcing sign ups for the 2010 Havanese Rescue Quilt.

As you may know, the annual rescue quilt raises needed funds for our rescue dogs. The monies collected help to pay for medical expenses to get our little guys ready for their forever homes.

The project needs your help. Please visit the Havanese Rescue Quilt Group, join us and consider signing up for a square this year. Once you sign up, instructions for completing your block, as well as samples of the sashing (border) fabric and backing fabric will be sent to you. At that point, you

auction goes to the dogs of HRI as all items are donated and mailed by their donors to winning bidders. It really is all about the dogs!

PS Just a bit of advice from Laura for those of you who might be first-timers. "Please remember, the process is not automated. The bids come rushing in during the last five to 10 minutes on the final day and it takes time to read the emails, add names and high bids to my spreadsheet, and update the website. It may take up to an hour after the auction ends to work my way through all the bids. The best bidding strategy is this: If you are really intent on winning an item, submit your final bid for the most you would like to spend on the item, rather than waiting and watching to see if the high bid information changes on the website in the final minutes."

"Also, for those who will be at dog shows, or, for any reason won't have access to email or the auction website on the last day, I'm happy to act as proxy and bid on your behalf. All you need to do is to send me an email with the item number/description and the dollar limit you would like to bid. I will increase the bidding by \$2 until I reach your limit."

HavToHavIt General Store 1st Anniversary Sale & Giveaway



**Havy Last Week of our First Anniversary to us!
Havy Last Week of our First Anniversary to you!**

The girlz of the [HavToHavIt General Store](#)

have saved the best for last! This week only (October 24-31) Mike McCartney shirts and hats are all 20% off. With the holidays rapidly approaching what better gift than a T-shirt, sweatshirt, or hat from our most popular line? From the Hav Coming and Going, to Poochie, and Havanese Dance, Mike captures the playfulness and loving spirit of the Havanese in his whimsical designs. The prize for this final week is a McCartney sweatshirt with a retail value of \$42. Just buy any McCartney item to enter.

The [PawItForward](#)

campaign continues. Consider buying a toy or harness for one of our rescues at a reduced cost. From the pups of HRI, a huge thank you to each and every one of you for your support of HRI and the H2HIt General Store!

can start designing your block and choosing your fabrics to coordinate with the theme. So far, we have 13 volunteers signed up. There are 24 blocks available so 11 more volunteers are needed.

This year's theme is Havanese and Friends, celebrating all the friendships that Havanese naturally encourage in their lives. Your block could depict your Multiple Havanese Syndrome (You can't have just one.) or other animals and people in your Havanese's life. Whatever your imagination inspires that follows the general theme will be a welcome addition to the project.

To join, please visit the [Yahoo Group](#)

for the project.

Once you have joined the group, please click on the word Database in the left hand column and look for the 2010 Havanese and Friends Quilt Sign Ups link in the list, then click on that link to sign up.

Thank you for your creativity and help with the project!

Paula McClain

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