



Buster says,
"Happy *Foster* Mother's Day!"
just a bit early...wag, wag, wag.



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Adoption Corner



Hello, my name is Macy. I am a lady and don't like to discuss my age or weight, but I will share with you that I am three and weigh 25 lbs. I'm not overweight, just a tad bigger than other ladies like me. I first lived in a sad, dark place and had many litters.

April 2010

May is HRI's Annual Appeal month.

Watch your inbox for further details!

April is Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month...

but how do you recognize it?

The [ASPCA](#)

has designated April as Prevention of Animal Cruelty month. Sometimes it can be difficult to determine what, exactly, animal abuse is. It's generally clear that someone who is hitting or beating an animal is abusing that animal, but neglect is also a form of animal abuse.

Here are a few things to look for:

- Dogs with untreated wounds or injuries
- Dogs chained in yards
- Dogs without adequate shelter
- Dogs without food and water and/or dogs that appear emaciated
- Dogs that are heavily infested with fleas and/or ticks
- Dogs that are limping, especially over a period of time

Thankfully, I was rescued, and I'm learning to enjoy the sunshine and the new world around me. I am a bit shy and like to take my time getting to know both humans and other dogs. I enjoy daily walks with my foster mom and just the other day, was overcome with love for her and gave her a kiss on her hand. I enjoy having my chin scratched. I also like watching the other dogs play, and I'm even interested in joining them. However, having had no experience with such things I am a tad reserved. I did learn how to use the doggy door - we didn't have those in the dark place. I am ready to find my forever family. I don't want to sit on your lap or be under foot, I simply would like to be loved and nurtured. I prefer a family with grown children or adults only and a quiet, calm environment. I would also love a brother or sister to help me learn more about being a pet.



Do You HavToHavIt?
How to Shop and Give at the Same Time

- Dogs with coat problems such as hair loss or dry irritated skin
- Dogs that are crated for extended periods - instead of being taught how to behave appropriately
- Dogs that are deprived of human interaction and/or the companionship of other dogs

You may not witness the abuse, but if a dog cowers in fear of its owner, it may be a victim. Further investigation is probably appropriate.

Dogs come into HRI for many reasons. Some are well-loved and well-cared for by their owners who, due to some unforeseen circumstances (death, illness, divorce, financial reasons, among others), are no longer able to take care of them. Many other dogs that HRI takes in, however, are not so lucky. Puppy mill dogs endure abuse in many forms. They live in cramped cages under filthy conditions, receive poor and often inadequate food, and they are bred constantly to maximize profit. Dogs that come to HRI from back yard breeders often fare no better.

Some family pets taken in by HRI have been abused deliberately, others through ignorance or neglect: terrorized by unsupervised children, left alone all day, confined to a garage or basement with little human interaction, chained in the back yard --- the list of dog abuses is long. Whatever the cause of their abuse, these poor dogs do suffer terribly.

For more information on prevention of animal cruelty please visit the [ASPCA](#)

website.

Fostering An Abused Dog

How do you work with or help a scared or abused dog?

Here are some suggestions, compiled from the experiences and knowledge of HRI foster and adoptive families, on how to help an abused dog to overcome fear and insecurity.

While each dog and each situation is different, abused or neglected dogs have learned to distrust people, and you first will need to earn their trust.

- Provide a safe place. A crate in a central location, with the door left open, lets a

In the fall of 2008, Stacy Roussos, with technical help from Michelle Burke, launched HRI's venture into online retail, the HaveToHavIt General Store. What was initially a one-woman show as Stacy handled all the tasks from sourcing, procuring, paperwork, packaging and shipping, quickly grew with the addition of the talents and expertise of Bonnie Davis, Erica Greis, and Suzy McQuown.

Since then the General Store has become the online destination for Havanese owners, and the product line has expanded to include grooming products, our exclusive custom-made line of Havanese jewelry, ready-to-wear and literally hundreds of other items. As our product line has expanded, so has our customer base. Sourcing of new and interesting items continues and currently we are working on a line of silk scarves, nightshirts with matching slippers, bronze Havanese sculptures, whimsical mugs, and our holiday ornament for 2010.

Our store was also instrumental in two successful rescue programs: "Paw It Forward" allowed people to purchase and donate items to care for our foster dogs and "Help Mend Henry's Heart" requested donations for Henry, a rescue dog in need of

frightened/stressed dog retreat to a safe haven but also be part of daily family life.

- Establish a consistent schedule. Abused dogs frequently do not know what comes next. A consistent schedule (feeding, walking, going to bed, etc.) lets your dog know what to expect and thus gain some confidence.
- Keep a leash on your dog. The physical contact an abused animal received was most likely unpleasant. Many dogs are terrified of hands or feet. A leash lets you retrieve your dog safely without having to chase or grab him.
- Be calm and confident. Dogs can pick up on our emotional state. If you are worried about a problem that your dog might have - he probably will. If you are calm and confident, he will calm down too.

Fortunately, the physical and/or psychological damages inflicted upon an abused dog can usually be overcome, but it takes time, dedication, consistency and patience.

Letter From Home



The first time we saw our Paco (Pancho) was at a rest stop on I-95. His owner pulled up in an SUV and Paco was in the back, in a crate. When he took him out we saw Paco was in full coat - clean and groomed perfectly. His former Mom must have spent all her time brushing and

grooming.

We approached with our little Bitsey - but Paco ignored her. He was shy and very sad. His former owner took him aside to say goodbye (or perhaps apologize) and we took Paco home.

Once in our yard he ran to the far corner and shuddered. If not for the leash attached to his collar we would not have been able to approach him. Once inside he ran to the front door and sat and looked out the door, perhaps waiting for his people to return, and he waited for hours. We let him be. Eventually, he came into the family room and asked to be picked up.

He was terrified of men, especially in baseball hats. He

expensive cardiac surgery. People in great numbers came to his aid, and within a few days our goal was reached. Henry's successful surgery turned him into the healthy Havanese he is today.

The HavToHavIt store is operated solely by volunteers who work tirelessly for one reason alone - the love of those dogs who need HRI's help. They, along with hundreds of HRI supporters, have made it the success it is today. Every single penny of profit, \$14,000 so far, goes to our rescued Havanese. Thank you so much for your continuing support.

HavToHavIt General Store



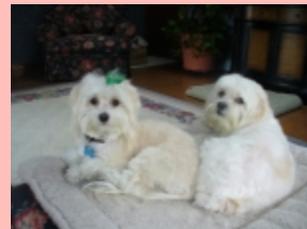
[HotPants](#)

These stylish dog pants provide protection for females in heat, excited urination, minor incontinence and senior dogs; effectively avoiding messy clean-ups and furniture stains. Pants should be used with our

was the most pitiful little poor old soul that we ever saw and he broke our hearts. It soon became clear that he cringed every time he saw a broom, long handed shoehorn, yard stick etc. It became apparent that he must have been strongly disciplined in his former home. For what reason we never would understand as he is the perfect little gentleman - and he never even barks!!

Time passed - and he was ready for adoption. We talked it over in our home and decided that Paco was already home. The adjustment to our home was difficult enough for him and he would never be able to adjust again - so we failed fostering 101 and adopted him.

Now, a year and a half later, he is in a puppy-cut, he sleeps beside us in bed each night, his love for his little sister, Bitsey, is apparent, he has just begun to play with toys, and he loves my husband (a man who wears a baseball hat). He is so attached to him - they are bonded. It goes to show you that love, patience and kindness is all that little Paco needed and he sure gets that and a lot more at our home.



He is in his forever home and he is very happy - no longer the pitiful, lost poor old soul!! We failed fostering 101 and we all could not be happier!!!

Dick and Florine Dombroski

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