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Haven to Home Newsletter

Winter 2012

Winter Care for Your Dog

Winter's cold air brings many concerns for responsible dog owners. Keep the following precautions in mind:

- Don't leave your dog outside in the cold for long periods of time. Wind chill makes days colder than actual temperature readings. Be attentive to your dog's body temperature, and limit its time outdoors.
- Adequate shelter is a necessity. Keep your dog warm, dry and away from drafts. Tiles and uncarpeted areas may become extremely cold, so make sure to place blankets and pads on floors in these areas.
- Be extra careful when walking or playing with your dog near frozen lakes, rivers or ponds. Your dog could slip or jump in

and get seriously injured.

- Groom your dog regularly. Your dog needs a well-groomed coat to keep properly insulated. Short- or coarse-haired dogs may get extra cold, so consider a sweater or coat. Long-haired dogs should have excess hair around the toes and foot pads trimmed to ease snow removal and cleaning. If you do the trimming, take care not to cut the pads or other delicate area of the foot.
- Feed your dog additional calories if it spends a lot of time outdoors or is a working animal. It takes more energy in the winter to keep body temperature regulated, so additional calories

are necessary.

- Towel or blow-dry your dog if it gets wet from rain or snow. It is important to dry and clean its paws, too. This helps avoid tiny cuts and cracked pads. A little petroleum jelly may soften the pads and prevent further cracking.
- Don't leave your dog alone in a car without proper precautions. If the car engine is left on, the carbon monoxide will endanger your dog's life. If the engine is off, the temperature in the car will get too cold.



Easy Way to Help Dogs in Rescue

Want an easy way to raise money for the dogs in rescue? Ask your employer if you can have a dress down day where everyone who participates pays \$2 to be able to dress down.

The money raised can help feed a dog and provide necessary medical help, among other things.



Calendar of Events

Why should I have my pet spayed or neutered?

Animal shelters, both public and private, are faced with an incredible burden: What to do with the overpopulation of dogs and cats that they cannot find homes for?

Approximately 3.7 million animals are euthanized at shelters each year, due to the sheer fact that there are not enough willing adopters. Having your pet spayed or neutered ensures that you will not be adding to this tremendous burden.

- ◆ **Dec. 1**—Photos with Santa, PetSmart, Selinsgrove, 11 am—4 pm
- ◆ **Dec. 8**—Adoption Information at Brookpark Pet Supply's Customer Appreciate day, 9 am-1 pm
- ◆ **Dec. 12 & 13**—Gift Wrapping at the Susquehanna Valley Mall, 9 am—10 pm
- ◆ **Dec. 15**—Photos with Santa at Petco in Bloomsburg, noon—4 pm
- ◆ **Jan. 12**—Adopt-a-Thon at Brookpark Pet Supply, 1-4 pm
- ◆ **Jan. 19**—Petco Adoption Event, Bloomsburg, noon-4 pm
- ◆ **Feb. 9**—Adopt-a-Thon at Brookpark Pet Supply, 1-4 pm
- ◆ **Feb. 16**—Petco Adoption Event, Bloomsburg, noon-4 pm
- ◆ **Feb. 23**—PetSmart National Adoption Event, 11 am—4 pm
- ◆ **April 27**—PetSmart National Adoption Event, 11 am—4 pm

2013 Calendar

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A 2013 calendar fundraiser is available. The beautiful calendars feature Haven to Home dogs who have been adopted into loving forever homes.

Please keep them in mind when you are planning your holiday shopping.

They'll make great gifts for the dog lovers on your list.

Many thanks to photographer Ryan LeBreton of Lewisburg for the awesome photos he captured of our rescued dogs.

Calendars can be purchased for \$15 plus shipping. They can be purchased online by visiting www.yearbox.com/h2h/ or at our events.



Meet Holly!

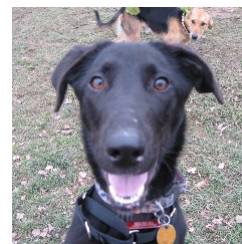


Holly, a black lab mix, is approximately 1 1/2 years old and is a sweet bundle of energy.

Holly has a sweet disposition with an obvious amount of high energy. She loves the water, and even drinks from a water hose when used as a water fountain. She displays no signs of aggression, in fact a person can put their fingers near her mouth as she is eating and she is careful not to bite or

harm. She seems to have a desire to please.

Holly loves to play tag. She transitions from play to obedience very quickly. She has learned to retrieve a ball and is learning how to drop a stick when commanded. She has learned to follow numerous voice commands and a



Jingles' Happy Tail

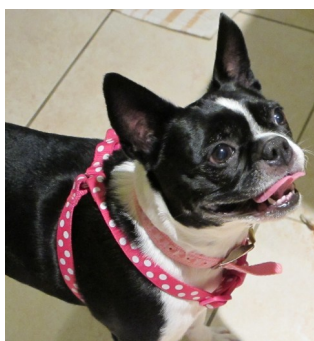
Jingles couldn't be more perfect, we love her. She and her new sister Nugget are starting to play, so she is beginning to love us and we certainly love her. She

gets along well with Nugget and the dogs at my son's home. She likes to ride on my lap in the car. She loves to be held and is a true lap dog.

We really have fallen in love with her.



Tootsie's Happy Tail



Tootsie has been wonderful addition to our household, and we couldn't be more happy to have her in our family. It's wonderful to have Toots meet us at the door when we get home from work. She is super high energy, and loves to play with her toys and give generous

kisses. She came out of her shell after a couple weeks, and turns out she is quite the affectionate, energetic little lady. Thanks to yourself and the rest of folks at Haven to Home for bringing her into our lives.

Foster a Dog, Save a Life!

If you're interested in becoming a foster, contact Haven to Home at haven-tohome@gmail.com or 570-884-5067. A home visit and interview will be arranged.

Foster parents provide temporary homes for dogs prior to adoption. Providing foster care is a wonderful and personal way to contribute to saving homeless pets. Haven to Home is seeking foster homes for dogs only.

Haven to Home does not have a physical shelter, and fostering is usually preferable for many reasons:

Some animals do not do well in a shelter environment because they are frightened or need a little extra care. Haven to Home will take care of all medical expenses and provide food if necessary.

Some knowledge about companion animal behavior and health is helpful, but Haven to Home Rescue will provide foster parents with the necessary training to be comfortable in your new role. Some of the dogs most in need of foster care may be those that require a little extra help or some training.

Dogs often benefit from basic obedience training, so if you familiarize yourself with some basic training techniques or attend training classes, you can be very helpful in preparing your foster dog for a new home. Just by getting to know your foster dog, you will help the rescue learn

more about his/her personality prior to adoption.

What about when it's time to say good bye?

Giving up an animal you've fostered, even to a wonderful new home, can be difficult emotionally. However, you have to keep in mind that you have given the greatest gift of all to your foster dog - the gift of LIFE! A lot of foster families stay in touch through updates and photos sent by the new family. Knowing you were part of saving a life and helping the animal find a loving home is tremendously rewarding.



A Special Thank You to our Veterinarians!

Special thanks to the wonderful staff at the following veterinary hospitals for the care they provide to all our rescued dogs!

Animal Care Center - Danville
 Animal Care Hospital - Lewisburg
 Fishing Creek Animal Hospital
 Furry Friends Animal Clinic - Northumberland
 Lewisburg Veterinary Hospital

Mifflinburg Veterinary Hospital
 Selinsgrove Veterinary Hospital
 Sunbury Animal Hospital
 Susquehanna Trail Animal Hospital-Watsontown
 Williamsport Animal Hospital

Foster Profile— Pam and Dave Watkins

How long have you been fostering? Dave and I have been fostering for about 4 years.

How many dogs have you fostered? In counting them this morning we found we have fostered 7 dogs. Specifically: Huey, Boo, Buddy, Lucy, Annie, Flash and Kassy.

What have you enjoyed most about fostering? Knowing that if we didn't take them into our home, they would not have had a chance. It wasn't their choice to be in the circumstances they were in and we are grateful that we can offer them a safe and

happy place to start their lives over again. Dave's answer to this question is that he enjoys having the opportunity to find them a good forever home.

What does it mean to you to be a foster? Again, we appreciate that we can give those that we have fostered a good home. Some of the dogs that have entered our home have come with sad stories and challenging behavior. To be able to help in rehabilitating and making them happy and ready for adoption is a fulfilling feeling. Yes, sometimes it is hard to let go and I guess

that how it happened that we have "failed" fostering once with Lucy, and now we have the opportunity to have Kassy with us for as long as she wants to be here.

If someone is thinking about becoming a foster, what advice would you give them? For anyone who is able to foster, I think it is a great experience. It is not always easy because some dogs come with problems but the outcome far out weighs the problems. Many ask me how I can give them up, but it is not about giving them up because if it weren't for fosters they wouldn't have had the first chance.

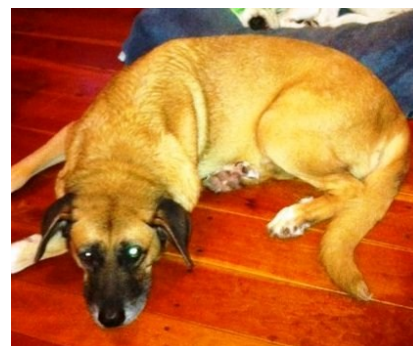
Kassy before



Kassy with Lucy



Kassy now



Meet Brady

Brady is a medium sized, mixed breed who was rescued from a neglectful situation and had a terrible flea infestation. He has been treated by a veterinarian, moved to a foster home, and is feeling better, although he still has some bald patches.

He settled in to a foster home with cats and children. He loves attention from the elementary age kids and gives them kisses. He has been introduced to a number of visitors in the home. He is not a jumper,

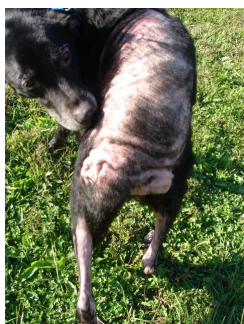
doesn't growl, and has showed no signs of aggression. He knows sit, down, roll over, come and stay, and will go right into his crate at night where he sleeps quietly all night long. He doesn't even bark to go outside, but will wait patiently to be left outside.

He is a loving gentle dog, who will nudge your hand to be petted and moan quietly when you stop.

Brady's foster mom reports that he is

ready for adoption and says: He is a very good dog. He will need to go to a home that can handle his skin condition because this is going to be a life long battle for him. The vet said that he may need to be on vetalog long term. He handles bathing extremely well and takes pills like a champ.

The series of photos show how bad Brady looked when rescued and how his hair is growing back and he looks happy and so much less stressed.



Donations

Corrections:

Mark Varano - donation to the Cinnamon Memorial Fund

Rodney Blauser - In memory of his two little angels, Teddy Bear and Tyler Bear who passed away earlier this year at 15 years old.

Thank
you

In Honor and In Memory Donations

Amy Alexander – In Honor of Mr. Cameron Simon on his 30th birthday

Wilma Stevenson - In Memory of Gracey, good little girl and loving companion of Lisa Kelley

Nancy Solomon - In Memory of Pierre, beloved dog of Tom, Benita, Polly and Avi Solomon

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David & Lestia Grill - In Memory of Mary Jane Rowe

Sue A. Rieg - In Memory of Andy, beloved pet of Mrs. Pat McDowell & Family

Michael A. Donegan - In Recognition of Lori Rothermel's service to the Emergency Department of Evangelical Community Hospital

Sponsorships

Tracy Blumenthal - Sponsoring Sassy Sue

Helene Strutko - Sponsoring Cali

Mike Bernard - Sponsoring Jay J

Ed Coup - Sponsoring Sassy Sue

Sheena's Fund

Sheena was hit by a car and had to have her rear leg amputated. She is still waiting for her forever home.

Ed Coup , Melissa Rowse, Nicole Lingle and Ken & Donna Frederick

Thank you also to:

WPGM Radio-for the beautiful, heartfelt promotion of "Your new best friend" both on-air and on "Bulletin Board" at wpgmfm.org

Daily Item- for including our dogs each Sunday in "Scrapbook" and on their monthly "I Need a Home" Pet Page on the second Monday each month.

Standard-Journal Newspaper-for the beautiful job each month on their "Pet Page" which appears on the third Wednesday each month.

Moran Industries, Watsontown-for donating 16 pallets of dog food made possible by a generous donation from one of their customers.



Adoptions

Adele - Connie Savitz
 Adler - Irving Williams
 Andy - John Kaelin
 Apollo - Bob Fawcett
 Arnie - Dorothy Michaels
 Arrow - Jane Mulrooney
 Bailey - Marnette Tyler
 Barnum - Dave Ashby
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 Bo Buddy - Michael & Jane Brockman
 Brandy- Cynthia Barvin
 Brauny - Joseph Portelli
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 Charlie Ross - Katrina James
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 Daryll -Shane & Angela Cooper
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 Dingus - Steven & Machel Tentylo
 Doc Hilton - Michael Dressler
 Duke - Diane Sprunt

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 Gracie Mae - Carrie Van Winkle
 Gussy - Miranda Ryder
 Harley - Cindy Holstein
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 Jiggs - Lynda Burns
 Jingles - Jane Hall
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 Juno - Heather Bieber
 Laddie - Julie Bittner
 Lady - Dodie Rippon-Lovett
 Lucky Lonnie - Rich Morgan
 Luke - Judy Bruce
 Maelee - Daniel Wentzel
 Magnum - Loretta Peters
 Major - Pamela Yeo
 Maks - Todd & Lisa Eroh
 Mama Mia - Thomas Orzechowski
 Marty - Richard Button
 Max a Million - Janet Reichenbach
 Maximus - Angela Jones
 Mia - Brian Elsasser
 Miles - Elaine Schaeffer
 Mollie Brown - Roger & Barbara Chapman
 Molly May - Wanda Haines
 Monte - Joseph Parr
 Nell - Michael Kryzyski
 Oscar - Helen Morrell

Patsy - Annette Kowalski
 Penny - Amanda Brobst
 Pepper Girl - Pam Steele
 Pepper the Pom - Bob & Sue Snyder
 Picalo - Jackie Gutman
 Princeton - Tegan Spirko
 Rachel - Lauren Hackenburg
 Ralphie - Cristi Beeler
 Rex A. Roo - Kristin Ryder
 Rika - Brad Shoemaker
 Rocky—Rick Thomas
 Romeo- Dave Ashby
 Ronnie- Patricia Wetzel
 Roxie - Cristi Beeler
 Ruby - Linda Nakamura
 Rusty - Sandra Vincent
 Sadie Jo - Tim Latsha & Family
 Sadie Leigh - David Kapp
 Scarlet- Mary Kropiewnicki
 Scooby Dog - Deborah Miller
 Scotty - Susan & Ivan Cooper
 Snowy - Kelly Vanhorn
 Socks (Sam) - Kate & Jared Hafer
 Steven - Jaye LaMora
 Storm - Diana Geedey
 Sunny - Jay Klinefelter
 Sunny - John Gauthier
 Sydney - Jason Diaz
 Teddy - Genni Decker
 Tootsie - Michael Shepherd
 Turbo - Ksana Stanley
 Whitney - Sue Lyons
 Winston - Judith Miller

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Cinnamon's Memorial Fund

In memory of their beloved dog, Cinnamon, Haven to Home has received a generous gift from her owners to establish Cinnamon's Memorial Fund.

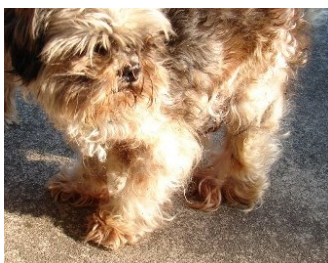
This fund will be used to help defray excessive medical costs, for dogs brought into Haven to Home's program, to save the dog's life and/or assure the dog is provided a quality of life.

In addition to accepting general donations for the fund, memorial contributions will be accepted to honor the memory of beloved dogs who have passed on. Your brief memorial message and a small picture of your dog will be posted here on Cinnamon's Memorial Wall. Please use the Paypal link below to make your gift or print the form to mail in a gift. A special THANK YOU to Cinnamon's owners for their generous gift to honor Cinnamon's memory.



To make a gift to Cinnamon's Fund, you can donate via Paypal at www.Haventohome.org or mail a check to Laurie Allison, 625 Hillside Dr., Berwick, PA 18603. Thank you!

Boo-Boo's Happy Tail



BooBoo's life must've been good until his owner died when he was about 11 years old. As the story goes, a family member put a "free" ad in the newspaper for him. He was adopted as a companion to another small dog. But when that family had problems with house-breaking, they tied him to a dog house outside where he spent the winter of 2011/12. They contacted Haven to Home for help with re-homing their pets when their home went into foreclosure this summer. The Haven to Home volunteers who went to evaluate the dogs had never seen a dog as badly matted as Boo was.



Boo was taken to a groomer who trimmed the mats and bathed him. One of them was so big, it almost looked like his leg was lying on the table when it was shaved off. After a bath, he looked so relieved and enjoyed basking in the sunshine. BooBoo went to an adoption event a week or so later. Judy Lebda was there volunteering at the event at Brookpark Pet Supply in Lewisburg. She fell in love. She called her husband Bob to come and meet Boo and they took him home to "foster". The other volunteers were all pretty sure that he wouldn't leave the Lebda's home. That was 2 months ago and the ink is long dry on the adoption contract.



BooBoo now spends his days following Judy around the house. (And he is housebroken.) He gets brushed daily, enjoys his walks, strutting proudly around the neighborhood, 3 times each day, and sleeps in bed with them and the cat at night. He has been to North Carolina to visit family and also loves riding along on local errands. Judy reports, "This dog is so sweet we can't imagine our lives without him. He is so happy and such a joy to the family."

Thanks to Lewisburg area photographer Ryan LeBreton for the "after" photo of Boo.

www.ryanlebreton.com/

Visit
www.haventohome.org to
see all the dogs that are
available.

How to Help The Unwanted Pet Situation

As uncertainty about the economy lingers, the pace of pet abandonment is on the rise. Largely attributable to the collapse of the housing market in 2007, the effects of which continue to ripple through our economy, nearly every state has seen a dramatic increase in the number of homeless animals. During this short time frame, tens of thousands of companion animals have been surrendered to rescue organizations, or worse, simply abandoned, left to fend for themselves.

You've probably read some of the heartrending stories: dogs left behind, locked in foreclosed homes; a box of kittens dumped in a community park; and families facing homelessness themselves surrendering to a rescue all of their pets in a moment of heartbreak. The problem is so severe that some rescues have exhausted their resources and are forced to refuse new intakes.

As a society of pet lovers, this represents an unprecedented situation in most of our lifetimes. Now, more than ever, homeless pets need our help.

Many of us want to provide

assistance, don't know the best way to make a difference. Fortunately, there are five ways to reach out and make a difference to pets in need.

1. **Volunteer at a rescue.**

Brimming with new admissions, many rescues urgently need "boots on the ground." Volunteers are needed to walk and foster dogs. If you have a knack for organization, your talents could help streamline anything from file systems to fundraising appeals. Even if you only volunteer for only a couple of hours per week, you will still be providing invaluable help.

2. Donate money. Unfortunately, growing rescue populations are not the only crisis animal rescues are experiencing. Organizations of all sizes are struggling with finances, as personal and corporate donations have dropped off a cliff. Any amount you can spare will be welcomed. Don't fall prey to the misconception that small donations don't make a difference. Even \$5 or \$10 can provide several meals for a pet in need.

3. Donate goods. If you prefer to donate physical items rather than cash, please

consider donating items like nylon leashes, postage stamps, crates, toys, treats, beds, stainless steel dog dishes, feeding stands, Lupine combo or Premier Martingale collars. Be sure to contact us to learn their specific needs prior to deciding what you'll give. If you can't afford to give new items, consider doing some "Fall cleaning" ... because old towels dry just as well as new ones! Just like with financial donations, the gift of goods is tax deductible.

4. Foster a homeless pet. Fostering a pet is a great option if you're not ready to commit to a long-term relationship with a companion animal. As a foster, you will be providing a loving and healthy environment for a pet in need. Be aware that many of these animals are coming from difficult circumstances and may require a good deal of patience and understanding on your part. To get more information, please contact us.

5. Adopt a pet. Lastly, the boldest and most dramatic step you can take also offers the greatest rewards. Perhaps the best way to combat pet homelessness is by opening your home to an abandoned pup or kitty.

If you have ever considered adopting a companion animal in need, the time to act is now.

A Rescue Dog's Christmas Poem

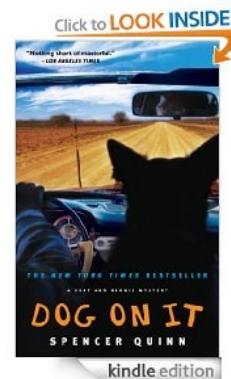
Tis the night before Christmas and all through the town,
 every shelter is full - we are lost, but not found,
 Our numbers are hung on our kennels so bare,
 we hope every minute that someone will care,
 They'll come to adopt us and give us the call,
 "Come here, Max and Sparkie - come fetch your new ball!!
 But now we sit here and think of the days...
 we were treated so fondly - we had cute, baby ways,
 Once we were little, then we grew and we grew
 now we're no longer young and we're no longer new.
 So out the back door we were thrown like the trash,
 they reacted so quickly - why were they so rash?
 We "jump on the children:, "don't come when they call",
 we "bark when they leave us", climb over the wall.
 We should have been neutered, we should have been spayed,
 now we suffer the consequence of the errors THEY made.
 If only they'd trained us, if only we knew...
 we'd have done what they asked us and worshiped them, too.
 We were left in the backyard, or worse -let to roam-
 now we're tired and lonely and out of a home.
 They dropped us off here and they kissed us good-bye...
 "Maybe someone else will give you a try."
 So now here we are, all confused and alone...
 in a shelter with others who long for a home.
 The kind workers come through with a meal and a pat,
 with so many to care for, they can't stay to chat,
 They move to the next kennel, giving each of us cheer...
 we know that they wonder how long we'll be here.
 We lay down to sleep and sweet dreams fill our heads...
 of a home filled with love and our own cozy beds.
 Then we wake to see sad eyes, brimming with tears -
 our friends filled with emptiness, worry, and fear.
 If you can't adopt us and there's no room at the Inn -
 could you help with the bills and fill our food bin?
 We count on your kindness each day of the year -
 can you give more than hope to everyone here?
 Please make a donation to pay for the heat...
 and help get us something special to eat.
 The shelter that cares for us wants us to live,
 and more of us will, if more people will give.

—Author Unknown



Looking for a fun read about dogs? Check out the series of books from Spencer Quinn. They are about a dog named Chet and his owner Bernie who is a private investigator but the books are written from Chet's point of view. There are five books in the series. The books are called "Dog On It," "Thereby Hangs a Tail," "To Fetch a Thief," "The Dog Who Knew Too Much," and "A Fistful of Collars."

Beware, there are a few curse words but not too many.





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Donations are always welcome! We are currently in need of nylon leashes, postage stamps, crates (all sizes), toys, treats, beds, feeding stands, Lupine combo or Premier Martingale collars. If you shop online consider shopping through Igive. Go to www.igive.com and select Haven to Home as your cause. Monetary donations are always needed and appreciated. Checks can be written to "Haven to Home" and mailed to Laurie Allison, Treasurer, 625 Hillside Drive, Berwick, PA 18603. Those who prefer to use a credit card may visit our web-site and donate via PayPal.

Those that want to help but are unable to foster or adopt can still make a difference in other ways by volunteering. Some of those helpful activities include: dog transportation, fundraising, adopt-a-thons, dog handling at events, home visits and/or exercising with a dog.