

# ...the WAY HOME©

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## Happy St. Patrick's Day

### Introducing Papillon Haven Rescue group. [www.paphaven.org](http://www.paphaven.org)

This group came about through the love of a small deaf puppy that needed to be transported halfway across the country to her new home. It took the effort and dedication of people from Texas to Washington D.C. and on to Ohio. It took the cooperation of three other rescue groups. In the end, it took the hearts of every one. It is this good will and renewed faith in the goodness of people everywhere that has led us in forming Papillon Haven Rescue. We are a 501 c 3 non-profit organization, all volunteer National group specializing in Papillons and Pap mixes and their rescue and rehabilitation.

Since then Papillon Haven Rescue (PapHaven) has grown dramatically and continues to grow and evolve to try to meet the changing needs of rescue and the on-going saga of Papillons in need..... where ever they are.

We would like to invite you to join in our rescue efforts. With hands reaching out across the country, we can form a circle of love and caring that refuses to let even one Papillon in need fall through the cracks. We are not in competition with any other rescue groups. In fact, it is our goal to work hand in hand with every rescue group and shelter that will join us in this effort. We will not ask for perfect lineage, looks or origins. We will coordinate with other groups for transporting each other's breed.

We welcome volunteers, sponsors, contributors, interested folk and especially kind words.

Our Newsletter will try to bring informative articles, up-coming events, announcements, feature stories and Urgent Alerts about situations where the need for rescue is great.



### TINY TIM

Hello, my name is **Tiny Tim**. I was tied to the back door of the local kill shelter one really cold night and left to be disposed of. I was very hungry and very scared when I got there. I pretty much was ugly to everyone because I did not understand anything they wanted of me. I just knew those people were going to hurt me like everyone did before. Until I came into my foster mom's house no one realized that I was deaf and I could not hear what those people were asking me to do. I could not read their body language because they often came up from behind me and tried to pick me up! I was very frightened and I had to protect my little 7 pound starved self, so I snapped. I had learned in my less than one year of life using my teeth will keep the mean people and big doggies away. Then I came to my foster home. There are 3 other dogs here and I liked them immediately, although I "bugged" them in the beginning as I did not know how to do the correct doggie social things. I did not think much of my foster mom because she was one those people things. Then something started to happen. I started

to get good food everyday and I did not have to fight for it. Then my foster mother let me sit in her lap and fall asleep. I slept very peacefully, finally. I now have 3 pillows around the house because I like those fluffy things to sleep on, if foster mom's lap is not immediately available. I often put myself on one of my pillows for a nap when I need one. Sometimes I am sooooo tired from the stress of trying to figure out what is going on in my world. I can't always know as I can't hear the sounds that mean something to everyone else. In about a month I gained weight to get to my handsome ideal weight of about 10 pounds and my hair began to grow. I know I am very handsome now! During the first month here I did show my foster mother a few of my tricks, I can sit, lay down, and do a silly little circus dog dance if there is something I want – especially something from the refrigerator. I LOVE the frig! Or something from my Foster mom's wonderful smelling dinner, or her undivided attention! I do not have accidents in the house -- I remember that makes the people mad at me. I like it here but my foster mom tells me there is a home just for me out there somewhere. I only have a few more things to learn and then maybe my home will be ready. Since I have been deaf since birth and probably no one knew, I now have a collar that lets me know when I am being called. This is the new stuff I have to learn. The collar vibrates on my neck and I know mom is wanting me to come to her. I am now beginning to understand many wonderful things are possible. This new collar helps me feel more secure and happy, because all 10 pounds of me does not have to take on the whole world by myself. This is a big relief. I am about ready for a pillow nap and I will be dreaming of my new home just for me, because foster mom tells me it will happen and I can finally trust a person.

*NOTE: Tiny Tim was rescued during Christmas week just hours before scheduled to be PTS --- thus his name. He is thought to be Papillon & Chinese Crested mix; however, he seems to have the Chinese Crested look. His recovery from living in "darkness" and complete fear (never hearing) has been a wonderful experience for us all in PapHaven, but a BIG expense and we are hoping some of you would want to help Tiny Tim pay for his communication collars and training, which so far have cost about \$300 (does not include the 2 vets and medical expenses). PapHaven engaged a professional Trainer and are about to have the last training session. One of his training session has been a gift from our member Pam Johnson.*



#### **When I Got My New Dog**

I asked for strength that I might rear her perfectly;  
I was given weakness that I might feed her more treats.

I asked for good health that I might rest easy;  
I was given a "special needs" dog that I might know nurturing.

I asked for an obedient dog that I might feel proud;  
I was given stubbornness that I might feel humble.

I asked for compliance that I might feel masterful;  
I was given a clown that I might laugh.

I asked for a companion that I might not feel lonely;  
I was given a best friend that I would feel loved.

I got nothing I asked for,

But everything that I needed.

Author Unknown



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**JANUARY DRAWING**

Ends 3<sup>rd</sup> week in March

*see picture - [click here](#)*

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<http://www.paphaven.org/docs/PHRMultiRaffle.doc>



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*Naomi & Happy (above) give permission to cross post.... Please cross post widely*

**DID YOU KNOW?????**



### **Spring is right around the corner**

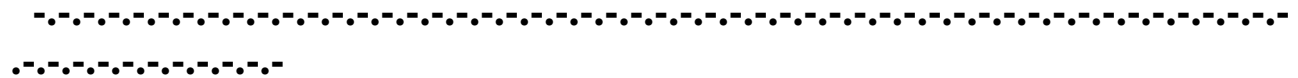
When planning your spring gardens this year be sure to keep Fido safe. Visit the ASPCA's Poison Control Center and view the list of plants that are toxic as well as those that are safe (<http://www.asPCA.org/site/FrameSet?style=User&url=../toxicplants/M01947.htm>).

Also, be very cautious when using chemicals in garden and lawn treatments. Be sure to read the labels and ensure that no harm comes to your pets!

### **Table Food**

Most people love to treat their furbabies to something special off the table from time to time. When your giving her that little something extra, be sure it's food that is safe for a dog to eat. Here you will find a list of foods that are bad for dogs and why:

(<http://www.peteducation.com/article.cfm?cls=2&cat=1661&articleid=1030>).



### **A fun trick called "Bang"**

When your dog is tired after some arduous exercise and is laying calmly... gently roll him over onto his side and in a calm voice, give the command BANG!

As he rolls over onto his side, pet him and give his tummy a scratch. Gradually lengthen the 'dead' time.

When he begins to respond well, point your finger at him and say BANG! Your dog will drop to the floor, shot down in the prime of his life, remain limp and motionless until enthusiastic praise is given.

For books on dog training click here:

<http://www.dog-breeds-information.com/books.html>



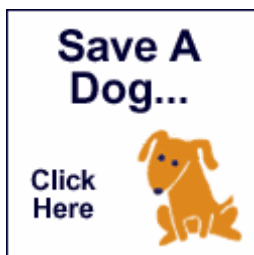
## **QUESTIONS**

**Q:** Every time I leave Pearl alone I come home to find she has chewed up the sofa cushions and she destroys the toilet paper roll. Why does she do this and how can I make her stop?

**A:** Pearl is probably suffering from “separation anxiety” and she simply needs to learn to be alone. The best way to achieve this is to work with her in short intervals of time. Most anxiety in dogs will start within 30 minutes of being left alone, so you want to start with very short intervals. Do not give her any cues such as saying goodbye or greeting her upon your return. Simply leave her alone in the house for a minute or two and then return. Gradually increase the amount of time you

leave her, after the short departures reach the 30 minute mark you should increase the time she is left alone. Once she can stay alone for 1 and ½ hours she should be able to make it through an entire day without incident. It may also be helpful to leave a TV or radio on while your away, especially if these are common sounds she hears when you are at home. Also be sure she has plenty of acceptable chew toys. As always when dealing with any behavior problem, patience is a virtue. It may take a little time to resolve the issues, but be persistent and eventually Pearl will stay home alone without destruction.

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