



# the Way Home

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## PHR celebrates 4th anniversary

**C**ongratulations! On the 4th anniversary of the PHR, it's time to take a look back. We have made great strides toward our goals through the last few years. With the help and hardwork of each and every member, we have found good homes for many of the abandoned and mistreated, or who have endured the many misfortunes in their lives.

### In the beginning

In August 2003, Papillon Haven Rescue (PapHaven), a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, 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 and on to Ohio. It took the cooperation of three other rescue groups. In the end, it took the hearts of everyone. Today, Daisy's trip is over. She had to make a medical stop along the way, but she is finally home in the eager arms of her new Mom. It is our hope that her journey will continue through time in the good will and renewed faith in the goodness of people everywhere.

Daisy came along when some of us were feeling that the need for caring for each other and the little furbabies we love so much was a thankless, overwhelming task. How could anyone stop the flow of homeless, unloved, and abused animals? Daisy made it so easy for us to see that opening our hearts and reaching out one step at a time is possible. Daisy showed us we can make a difference!

### The need is still great

PHR would like to invite you, your friends, and family to join our Daisy chain. 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 though the cracks. We are not in competition with 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 other breeds.

Daisy was never homeless. She has never known a minute when she hasn't been loved. She doesn't realize she is deaf and certainly doesn't feel handicapped. Daisy has a puppy's capacity to love and trust everyone she meets. Shouldn't every puppy have the same bright future? Like Daisy, we started out small but our future was big. Won't you join us in this effort?

### Our mission

We are individuals living across the U.S. who have been drawn together as volunteers for the purpose of preserving and protecting pure breed and non-pure breed Papillons in need.

The actions of this all-volunteer group are directed toward the development of a network of rescuers, transporters, foster homes, animal shelters, and other rescue groups in order to provide information and assistance.

We provide veterinary care, a spay/neuter program, rehabilitation in foster homes and careful screening for appropriate adoptive homes with our ultimate goal being the welfare and protection of these small companion animals.

Working together we are making a difference – one Papillon at a time.

### Our future

Our organization has a very bright future! Though our mission has been successful, it is FAR from over. We have done our best, but many furbabies still need our help and care. And I for one have no ability to turn them away!

Your board of directors and team leaders are always interested in hearing your ideas. Please do not feel that anyone is ever disinterested in an idea that could help us help more Paps. Obviously, we look for solutions that will afford us the most benefit as the end result which as always is to help more of our charges!

Fundraising is always ready for an extra hand ... through your ideas, research, events, and hands-on assistance. Every little bit helps!

Our Librarian, Vesta Ann Steinfield, is also seeking aid. She has new books for our library, needs to know if anyone has books signed-out, and details about any books that you think would be beneficial for us to get. As always, we appreciate every moment of your time!

**Again ... Congratulations PHR!  
You have done well ...  
but our work is not over!**

## Statistics - summary of Aug. 2003 thru Aug. 2007

### Intake

Source .....	Count
Local Shelter .....	96
Owner Surrender .....	146
Stray .....	14
Another Group .....	85
Adoption Return .....	10
Breeder .....	29
Sub-standard Breeder .....	30
Vet Surrender .....	25
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>435</b>

### Transfer

<b>Total .....</b>	<b>17</b>
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### Adoption

Source .....	Count
PapHaven Web Site .....	127
Petfinder Web Site .....	54
Adoption Event .....	1
Newspaper Article .....	1
Word-of-Mouth .....	55
Just stumbling onto us .....	5
Other .....	9
Foster Flunky .....	102
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>354</b>

### Death

<b>Total .....</b>	<b>13</b>
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## Librarian begins new assignment

**V**esta Ann Steinfield is our new librarian. She will be collecting materials, magazines, educational books, DVD, and CDs related to the Papillon-breed plus general training and health issues. These are available to be checked out by members.



Vesta & Lucas

“Just wanted to let you all know that I am ready to receive any and all books and DVD’s and educational materials to build our library. If you have a Pap Haven book, just email me so I can get a list started,” Vesta said.

If you are holding items suitable for the PHR Library, please send them to her right away so a check out list can be made for everyone to order from – vesta@snet.net.

If you are ready to send your books to the library, or to return previously checked out materials, her address is:

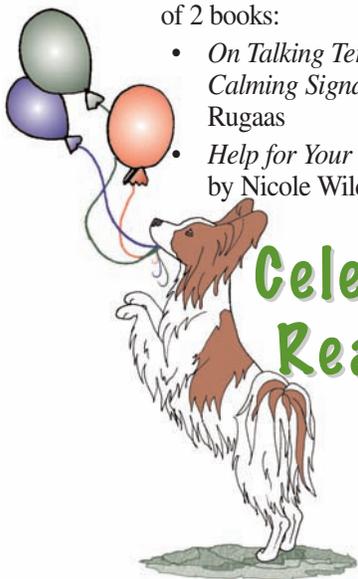
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“If you have any books, etc, that you would like to donate, or if you have any suggestions about books and things we should try to get, let me know. Hopefully once I start to collect some stuff, I will start to do mini reviews, and I will keep track of what’s where, if you have a request,” Vesta said.

Thanks to Jan Rasch for the donation of 2 books:

- *On Talking Terms with Dogs: Calming Signals*, by Turid Rugaas
- *Help for Your Fearful Dog*, by Nicole Wilde

## Celebrate Reading!

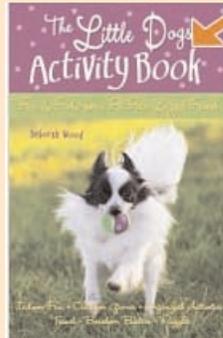


## Book reviews:

### The Little Dog’s Activity Book

*Fun & Frolic for a Fit Four-Legged Friend*  
by Deborah Wood

**W**hile summer activity books often focus on fun things you can do with your large dog, the little dogs often get left out of the party. This book focuses on activities that you can share with your small dog, including outdoor games that take up a lot of space and indoor games that you can play in your living room. If your dog is a slower senior, there are activities for him, too, since dogs of all ages and sizes need exercise to stay happy and healthy.

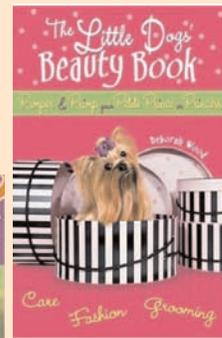


### The Little Dogs’ Beauty Book

*Pamper & primp your petite prince or princess* by Deborah Wood

**W**ant to treat your little dog like royalty? Indulge his every desire or whim? When your pooch is more like a friend or family member than a pet, he deserves the best.

High on the list of doggie indulgences are fancy collars, fabulous footwear,



and canine couture. An outfit for your “friend” can be a t-shirt, or a head-to-toe ensemble (like the tourist look: a floral shirt, a little straw hat, and a pair of teeny-tiny tennis shoes!). And buying special products is

just one of the many way to pamper your pooch. There are also many activities that can be catered to dogs, like pedicures, massages, and exercise plans.

Discover the multitude of ways to pamper your pup with this fresh, new title. Learn how to create doggie duds for less, how to make the holidays special for a pooch, and even how to keep the house looking fashionable when dealing with doggie drool and shedding.

### About the Author

**D**EBORAH WOOD is the award-winning pet columnist for *The Oregonian* newspaper, and the author of several pet books, including *Little Dogs: Training Your Pint-Sized Companion*. She lives with three Papillons and a cat in Portland Oregon.

*Both of these books are in our library, just contact Vesta if you would like to read them.*

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## Luxating Patella

A dog from one of the smaller breeds runs across the yard chasing a tossed ball. In mid-stride, he yelps in pain and pulls his left hind leg off of the ground. After a second, he continues limping on in a three-legged fashion. After ten minutes, the rear leg drops back down to the ground and he uses it normally. This episode occurs maybe once a week. It never really seems to bother him that much – a yelp of pain, a short period of lameness, and in a few minutes he is back to his old self. Typically, he is a small or toy breed such as a Lhasa Apso, Papillon, Pekingese, Pomeranian, Poodle, or Boston Bull.

**A luxating patella** may affect some animals much more severely. They may hold the leg up for several days and show considerable discomfort. Dogs who have a luxating patella on both hind legs may change their entire posture, by dropping their hindquarters and holding the rear legs farther out from the body as they walk. Those most severely affected may not even use their rear legs, walking by balancing themselves on their front legs like a circus act, or holding their hindquarters completely off the ground.

### Normal knee anatomy

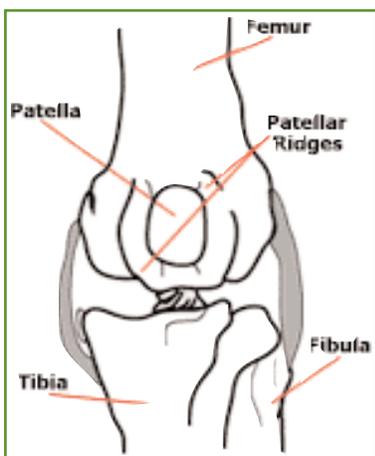
The patella is the bone we know as the knee cap. A groove in the end of the femur allows the patella to glide up and down when the knee joint is bent back and forth. In doing so, the patella guides the action of the quadriceps muscle in the lower leg. The patella also protects the knee joint.

Looking at the lower front portion of the femur (the thigh bone) in a normal dog, you will notice two bony ridges that form a fairly deep groove in which the patella is supposed to slide up and down. These structures limit the patella's movement to one restricted place, and in doing so, control the activity of the quadriceps muscle.

The entire system is constantly lubricated by joint fluid. It works so that there is total freedom of motion between the structures.

### What occurs when the patella is luxated?

In some dogs, because of malformation or trauma, the ridges forming the patellar groove are not prominent, and a too-shallow groove is created. In a dog with shallow grooves, the patella will luxate (jump out of the groove) sideways, especially toward the inside. This causes the leg to 'lock up' with the foot held off the ground.



When the patella luxates from the groove of the femur, it usually cannot return to its normal position until the quadriceps muscle relaxes and increases in length. This explains why the affected dog may be forced to hold his leg up for a few minutes or so after the initial incident. While the muscles are contracted and the patella is luxated from its correct position, the joint is held in the flexed or bent position. The yelp is from the pain caused by the knee cap sliding across the bony ridges of the femur. Once out of position, the animal feels no discomfort and continues his activity.

### Which dogs are at risk of having a luxated patella?

Smaller breeds of dogs, especially Miniature and Toy Poodles, have highest incidence of patella luxation. Genetics can play a role.

In certain breeds that have extremely short legs such

as the Basset Hound or Dachshund, patellar luxation is thought to be secondary to the abnormal shape of the femur and tibia. The curvatures of the bones in these breeds work in conjunction with the forces of the quadriceps muscles to displace the patella to the inside. Please do not misunderstand – not all members of these breeds are affected with patellar luxation, only a small portion.

### What are the symptoms?

Most dogs are middle-aged, with a history of intermittent (on-again-off-again) lameness in the affected rear leg(s). An affected dog commonly stops and cries out in pain as he is running. The affected leg will be extended rearward, and for a while, the dog is unable to flex it back into the normal position.

### What are the risks?

Uncorrected, the patellar ridges will wear, the groove will become even shallower and the dog will become progressively more lame. Arthritis will prematurely affect the joint, causing a permanently swollen knee with poor mobility. Therefore, a good evaluation needs to be done by your veterinarian early in the condition to prevent long-term arthritic crippling.

### Treatment for luxating patellas

As would be expected, medical therapy has little corrective ability in this disorder and surgery is therefore required and is the treatment of choice. A surgical treatment is not necessary in every individual with this condition.

Surgery can alter both the affected structures and the movement of the patella. The groove at the base of the femur may be surgically deepened to better contain the knee cap. The knee cap itself may be 'tied down' laterally (on the outside) to prevent it from deviating medially (toward the inside). The bony protuberance at the site of the attachment of the quadriceps tendon on the tibia, may be cut off and then re-attached in a more lateral position. All of these procedures work well and the type performed depends on the individual case and the clinician. The animal should respond quickly after surgery and is usually completely recovered within thirty days, using his legs in normal fashion.





## Letter to the Editor

**H**i! Peanut here ... Thought you might like to hear how I am and what I have been doing since our last chat ... Well, I moved to my foster home and I have 3 sisters (they are BIG – maybe 5 or 6 pounds) but they are really nice to me and I like to sleep with them and bask in the sun on the deck. And the swing – oh boy is it cool!! We all get to swing on it anytime we want and there is room for all of us – even Mommy and Pops!



The doctor did some tests and said I am NORMAL – I was so happy because that means I don't have to have any more tests and now I can get on with the fun stuff! The vet called and said my giardia is all gone too!!! I do have a bad leg and they say it may be because I did not eat good food or because I was not bred so good ... but it is what it is and there is nothing that can be done so I use it sometimes but usually just carry it around with me ... no matter – I am quick and get where I need to go!! Mom carries me whenever I ask and that is soooo nice ...

I am 3 pounds now and eat lots of good food and treats! I really like raw carrots and the Becker's Bites ... I have a favorite pillow and I picked out some toys from the toy box and piled them on my pillow and NOBODY bothers them ... my sisters are so nice to share with me! Mommy got me some brand new ones too. I love my pink pig the very best (*see above*). It has a curly tail and I really need to get that tail off so I chew on it a little each day!! I have a fuzzy blue cat that needs a good shake now and then – I add a little growl so it knows I mean business. It makes a good pillow too!

I love to be carried and I have learned if mom sits down I can sit on her lap and if she gets on the computer I can get in her arms ... just by "asking" ... My mommy even lets me sleep with her sometimes, and I really like that!! The bed is sooo big and comfy and my sisters get to sleep with us too!

I am really doing great on the potty stuff ... I know you don't go in the house and you don't go on the deck ... but if you go in the yard you get all kinds of attention and I love that!!

Mommy makes me exercise every day at least 4 times!! She makes me walk around the back yard, then I have to climb up the 3 steps to the deck ... she says it will help me build muscle ... I guess I need them or Mommy would make me work so hard to get them.

Well I guess that is it for now ... I love you all so much for rescuing me and I hope to meet some of you at the Mingle!! (*whatever a Mingle is*). Mommy says it will be lots of fun. So until next time ... this is Peanut signing off!!



## Just a Dog ...

Written by an unknown Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.  
From the *Therapy Dog Inc. News Magazine*

**F**rom time to time, people tell me, "that's a lot of money for just a dog" or "lighten up, it's just a dog."

They don't understand the time spent, the distance traveled, or the costs involved for "just a dog."

Some of my proudest moments have come about with "just a dog."

Many hours have passed and my only company was "just a dog," but I did not once feel slighted.

Some of my saddest moments have been brought about by "just a dog," and in those days of darkness, the gentle touch of "just a dog" gave me comfort and reason to overcome the day.

If you, too, think it's "just a dog," then you will probably understand phrases like "just a friend," "just a sunrise," or "just a promise."

"Just a dog" brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust, and pure unbridled joy.

"Just a dog" brings out the compassion and patience that make me a better person.

Because of "just a dog," I will rise early, take long walks, and look longingly to the future.

So for me and folks like me, it's not "just a dog" but an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment.

"Just a dog" brings out what's good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day.

I hope that someday they can understand that it's not "just a dog," but the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being "just a man or woman."

So the next time you hear the phrase "just a dog" just smile ... because they "just don't understand."



**It's nap time for Peanut and her pals!**

Unlike most days at Rainbow Bridge, this day dawned cold and gray, damp as a swamp and as dismal as could be imagined. All of the recent arrivals had no idea what to think, as they had never experienced a day like this before. But the animals who had been waiting for their beloved people knew exactly what was going on and started to gather at the pathway leading to The Bridge to watch.

It wasn't long before an elderly animal came into view, head hung low and tail dragging. The other animals, the ones who had been there for a while, knew what his story was right away, for they had seen this happen far too often.

He approached slowly, obviously in great emotional pain, but with no sign of injury or illness. Unlike all of the other animals waiting at The Bridge, this animal had not been restored to youth and made healthy and vigorous again. As he walked toward The Bridge, he watched all of the other animals watching him. He knew he was out of place here and the sooner he could cross over, the happier he would be.

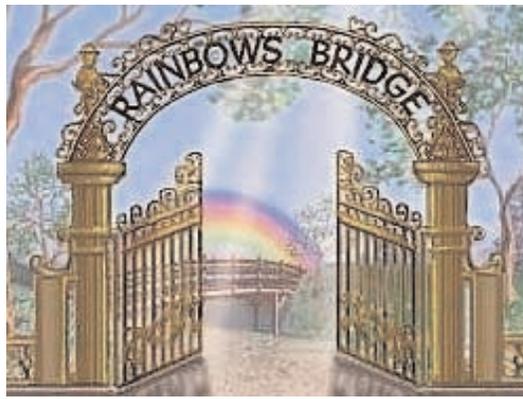
But, alas, as he approached The Bridge, his way was barred by the appearance of an Angel who apologized, but told him that he would not be able to pass. Only those animals who were with their people could pass over Rainbow Bridge.

With no place else to turn to, the elderly animal turned towards the fields before The Bridge and saw a group of other animals like himself, also elderly and infirm. They weren't playing, but rather simply lying on the green grass, forlornly staring out at the pathway leading to The Bridge. And so, he took his place among them, watching the pathway and waiting.

One of the newest arrivals at The Bridge didn't understand what he had just witnessed and asked one of the animals that had been there for a while to explain it to him.

You see, that poor animal was a rescue. He was turned in to rescue just as you see him now, an older animal with his fur graying and his eyes clouding. He never made it out of rescue and passed on with only the love of his rescuer to comfort him as he left his earthly existence. Because he had no family to give his love to, he has no one to escort him across The Bridge.

The first animal thought about this for



a minute and then asked, "So what will happen now?" As he was about to receive his answer, the clouds suddenly parted and the gloom lifted. Approaching The Bridge could be seen a single person and among

the older animals, a whole group was suddenly bathed in a golden light and they were all young and healthy again, just as they were in the prime of life.

"Watch, and see" said the second animal. A second group of animals from those waiting came to the pathway and bowed low as the person neared. At each bowed head, the person offered a pat on the head or a scratch behind the ears. The newly restored animals fell into line and followed him towards The Bridge. They all crossed The Bridge together.

"What happened?"

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Looking for summer activities ...

## Show your support

Miss Chris, & her gang, will have a booth at this event. Don't forget to "stop by & say hi!" if you're in the area!

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“That was a rescuer.” The animals you saw bowing in respect were those who found new homes because of his work. They will cross when their new families arrive. Those you saw restored were those who never found homes. When a rescuer arrives, they are allowed to perform one, final act of rescue. They are allowed to escort those poor animals that they couldn’t place on earth, across The Rainbow Bridge.

“I think I like rescuers,” said the first animal.

“So does GOD,” was the reply.

## ‘Tis the season ... for fleas

### Appearance

Small (1/12 - 1/16” long) dark, reddish-brown, wingless, blood-sucking insects. Hard, flattened bodies covered with short spines and long legs adapted for jumping.

### Life Cycle

4 stages:

- egg
- larva
- pupa
- biting adult

### Warning Signs

Pets infested with fleas will bite and scratch

themselves constantly. Their coats become roughened and the skin can become infected. Watch for excessive scratching and use a flea comb on your pet regularly, checking for black specks or “flea dirt.”

The usual flea bite has a small red spot where the flea has bitten.

### Flea-Related Problems

Besides the discomfort even one flea bite can cause people and pets, there are more serious medical concerns that may result from fleas.

**Flea Allergy Dermatitis (FAD)** – Some pets or people may develop an allergy to flea saliva.

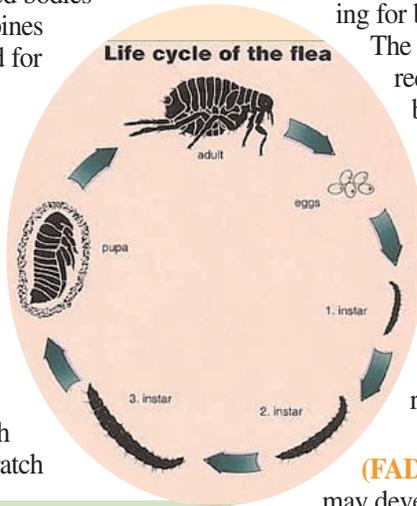
Even one flea bite can result in significant irritation, itchiness and aggravation that lasts up to 5 days. It is characterized by small scabs and redness at the bite site, hair loss and secondary infection. The primary treatment is to remove the existing fleas and prevent future flea bites.

**Tape worms** – this intestinal parasite is a common ailment associated with fleas. Though not transmitted by bites, fleas cause tape worms when a pet ingests a flea carrying the tapeworm larva while grooming itself. After ingestion, the tapeworm larva develop and move through the gastrointestinal tract. The parasite segments resemble small pieces of rice and may be discovered around the anal region of your pet.

**Flea bite anemia** – occurs in severe flea infestations or in very young pets. When a flea bites, it feeds on blood. With many fleas feeding at the same time, significant blood loss can occur, resulting in severe anemia. Blood transfusions, iron supplementation and hospitalization are frequently necessary. Flea bite anemia may even be fatal to some pets.

### Treatment

To effectively prevent reinfestation and eliminate fleas, you must break the life cycle by killing eggs and larvae, which make up 95 percent of the flea population. Any flea associated illness, such as FAD, tape worms or flea bite anemia, should be treated by your veterinarian.



PHR Members - reminder

## ‘MINGLE’is FAST approaching



## Pap-Nic Auction

Everyone is asked to bring a book – whether about dogs, doggie diets, cookbooks for dogs, doggie fashions, grooming, training, etc. Many can be gotten for pennies thru:

- [www.Amazon.com](http://www.Amazon.com) – *New/Used* section
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- [Bookcloseouts.com](http://Bookcloseouts.com) (thru [www.iGive.com](http://www.iGive.com), so we get credit)

**But you can spend no more than \$5!** (I have found quite a few for under a \$1; that are like-new condition!)

Wrap the book and put it in the “chinese auction” box (provided at the Lodge). And at the Pap-Nic we will have the auction – which really isn’t an auction at all!

Everyone draws a number. The person with #1 picks first; they open what they get. Then #2 picks a package, and unwraps it; If they like what #1 picked they can exchange it with them. And so on, until everyone has taken a turn.

It was decided to do books (instead of a “gag” gift that no one really needs). We can pass them around if others are interested in the same book; or they can be donated to our library when the person is done reading it (if they so choose).

