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THE WAY HOME

An outreach e-communication from Papillon Haven Rescue

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GET OUT YOUR DATE BOOK!



The **2nd Annual PapHaven Mingle** will take place on the weekend of Oct. 17, 18, and 19, 2008. Our destination is still undecided; but we wanted to be sure to let everyone know the date so you can plan your vacation schedules accordingly, if you plan to attend!

PAPS-OF-THE-MONTH: OUR SENIOR BABIES

All of our senior babies are house, crate, and leash trained unless otherwise noted. Fence required.

These beautiful butterflies would make wonderful companions. Each seeks furever home; maybe with you?

Bellaire (10 yrs. old female) – I weigh about 8 lbs and am a “tri” sable color. I just had a bath in my picture, but am all fluffy and beautiful now. I have learned to take treats from your hand and love to have my belly rubbed! In general I am getting to know and like humans as I was a little wild and unsocialized when I came to my foster home. I would very much like to have another small doggie to play and chum around with in my new home. No big doggies tho, they scare me.



Bellaire has started to want to be where ever the rest of the family is. She is spending more time around us and less time laying by herself. Bellaire is getting a lot better about coming up and checking her foster Mom out when I'm sitting in my chair. She won't let me pet her yet. Her marking has improved too. Bellaire just keeps getting cutier and cutier everyday!!!! She is ready for a forever home with a adult. I think a home with kids would be to stressfull. Though she did very well with her foster Mom's grandkids. They were following her, trying to pet her, and she didn't do anything except try to get away. There was no aggresion on her part at all. The house training is going very well. We can leave her up to 4 hrs. and no mess. Crate trained.

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Hi! My name is **Checker** (10 yrs. old male) at least that's what they tell me. I am about 10 inches tall and weigh about 8 1/2 pounds. I am black and white and have the most beautiful set of papillon ears ever... at least that's what my new foster mom says. I just moved to

Texas and have a whole new set of foster siblings. We all get along fine. My new foster parents are nice too. I especially like my foster dad. He lets me sit on the couch with him while we watch *Animal Planet*. He also lets me jump up on the bed with him last thing at night and first thing in the morning. We eat cookies and watch TV with my sister and brothers. I like to eat and ride in the car. But what I would really like is a forever family of my own. I am a little timid but I am very good about not making a lot of noise or a lot of mess in the house. Maybe someone will call for me soon...

Louvel (13 yrs. old male) came to us because his owner died unexpectedly. Lou is 8.4 lbs, about 12" tall and a beautiful deep red and white color. He is very calm and stately as he is a senior gentleman, looking for his forever home where he can chum with a dad and snuggle in a warm lap. Lou gets along with other doggies and kitties, altho he does not romp, he will "hang out" with them. When he greets you he does a cute little spin and wags his tail to show he is happy! House Trained, Leash Trained.

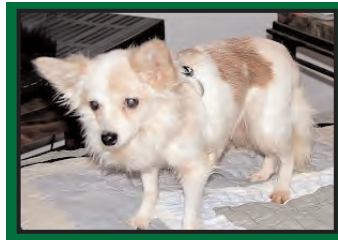
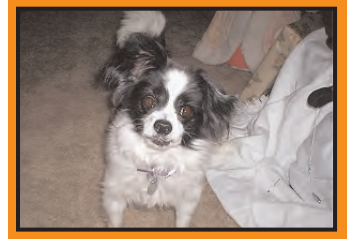


Monique is a 13 year old; a 10 lb. sweetheart. She is fearful of direct human contact but prefers to keep her humans in sight at all times as she is afraid of being alone. She follows her foster mom from room to room, keeping a non-pettable space between them.

Monique will need a very loving, understanding, and patient forever home. Her house manners are about 98% and she will ask to be let outside to take care of her business most of the time. She interacts well with the other dogs and has learned to join their games and will even initiate them at times. She does not do well in a crate and prefers to be outside enjoying the open spaces. She is not overly vocal except at dinner time if mom is a little slow setting the table. She gets nervous during thunderstorms and does not like loud noises. Monique is tattooed and micro-chipped. House Trained.

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THIS NEWSLETTER!**

Rambo (12 yrs. old) should be named Romeo! He's 9.5 lbs. of Lover Boy. He is the sweetest little guy and just wants to please. I need a new home! My foster mom wont leave me alone... she likes to cuddle and love me cause I'm so sweet... bah! I am the perfect little gentleman if I do say so myself! My housemanners are good... I don't lift my leg 'cept outside and I'm not a noisy guy! Just a lover! I love to play with my squeaky balls and just hang out. I still have lots to offer if you'd just give me a chance to show you!



Hi! My name is **Renee** (10 yrs. old), although my foster mom calls me Sugar 'cuz I'm so sweet! I live in Tennessee, although I came into rescue in another state! It seems my original owner got into trouble and abandoned me! Well, I'm happy to be where I am today! The Pap Haven folks have taken good care of me. I'm a petite female, about 10 inches tall and I weigh a "light" 8.5 pounds. My coloring is described as red and white, although my red is a pale red, but I am oh so pretty! I may look a little frail but I'm not! Petite! That's me!

Mom tells me that I am houstrained. I know to use the pee pee pads inside, but I love it if I can go outside! I walk on a leash with a harness, and I like to play in a fenced yard or small doggy park! I've met several cats and got along very well with them.

I'm not real demanding, but boy would I love it if I could be your very special dog. I get along with just about anybody! But because I am so petite, I prefer that my forever home not have younger children and not have big rowdy dogs! A big gentle, slow and easygoing dog is okay but not a rambunctious big one who might fall on me and hurt me bad! Although I am "older," I have lots of life ahead of me! Well, that's enough about ME! Now, tell ME about YOU and why I should choose YOU for my forever home!

Tippy is 10 yr, 3 mths. old and weighing in at 7lbs. He has settled in very nicely with his foster mom's Paps and doesn't even notice the cat. Tippy does very well going potty outside either with his foster mom or through the doggie door when foster mom is at work. We tried the crate but he prefers his nice soft pallet with lots of blankies on the floor next to the bed. Tippy loves when it's time to eat and barks to let you know he is so excited and can hardly wait til you set his bowl down. Tippy is very content laying on a nice fluffy throw in the same room with his human and my pappies. Tippy would make someone a very nice pet who is wanting a little furry companion to sit with.



Peanut and the Scary Stairs
by Leslie Segir
(reprinted with author's permission)

I thought it was time I tried it,
I mean, how hard could it be?
The other pups can climb the stairs,
And they aren't much bigger than me.

So finally, I got up the nerve,
Decided today would be the day!
I wanted to be like the other pups,
No stairs would stand in MY way!

Nervous but determined,
I swallowed down my fear.
I can do it, yes I can!
Became my silent cheer.

At the bottom of the staircase,
I stood and looked way up!
So many stairs in front of me
And I was such a little pup.

I took a breath and began my climb,
Determined to see this through.
Front paws up and then a jump,
And LOOK! I'm on stair number two.

If I hadn't paused to look around,
To see how far I'd come.
I probably wouldn't have gotten scared,
And done something really dumb.

Suddenly I was terrified,
Those stairs were really high.
I had to get away from them,
I launched myself into the sky!

And then those mean old horrible stairs,
They bit me on my way down.
They jumped right up and bit my leg,
Without even making a sound!

We went to the doctor, my mommy and me,
And now I am wearing a cast.
And I swear those stairs are laughing at me,
Each and every time I hobble past.

Now Mommy is giving me lots of good love,
And I think I'm beginning to see.
That being held and snuggled and cuddled,
is not nearly as bad as I thought it would be.

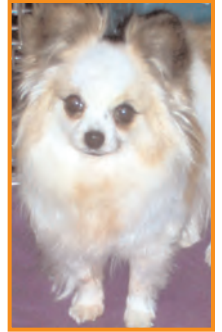
I'm getting better by the moment,
Both on the inside and the out.
With Mommy's love and tender care,
I may soon forget to doubt.

One thing that I know for sure,
I know I cannot fly.
Hopefully I will not forget,
And give it another try.

HAPPY TAILS ... BETTY

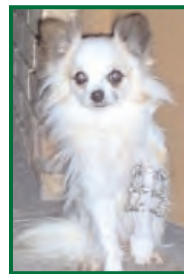
A LETTER FROM HOME!

Recently, Nancy Sundberg (MN) received the most wonderful e-mail about her first foster – Betty. You may remember – at 10 yrs. old, she came from a horrible breeder, scared, smelly, and so tiny. She proceeded to break her leg and went thru the possibility of amputation, but they were able to save her leg! Nancy loved this girl to death. She and her husband, Bruce, drove Betty to her new home (from Minneapolis to Indianapolis) “with tears in my eyes.” As you read below – it is truly a happy ending! I have posted her picture so you can remember what she looked like. Rose, her new mom, will hopefully send new pictures soon. Betty has several names... Nancy occasionally called her Peanut and Rose named her Mya, but refers to her as Peanut also. Here is her e-mail:



Our little girl, Peanut, as you know, has adjusted to her new home and all her kinfolk very nicely. I think she would be lost without the other dogs. That's what she's used to and it has made her adjustment so much easier. I can't believe it will be a year in April since you brought her into our lives. She is a happy, healthy little girl. When we hear her toys squeak, it's like listening to a child play and all we can do is smile... it fills our hearts with joy. We know all is well and she is happy and feeling good. On those rare occasions when she is quiet, we hold our breath and worry about her so. But she rebounds quickly. I give her the Metcam just in case her leg is troubling her. Nothing else has come up in her blood work or at her check ups; she looks and acts young. I do keep her teeth clean, which is so important for her all around well being. The vet has me giving her clydomycin twice per day for 5 days every month so bacteria can't accumulate in her mouth. Thus she keeps her remaining teeth and doesn't have to get them cleaned under anesthesia.

She is such a joy to us. I have told you how attached she is to Maggie, my Shih Tzu, and Phebe, our little Chihuahua. Actually she seems to like everyone. She looks forward to our nightly ritual; I come downstairs to take the crew out for the last potty of the day, get all the meds lined up for those who need them; and then the **cheese** comes out of the fridge and game on. She watches everything I do so intently because her favorite thing in this world is **cheese**. She actually prances from the kitchen to the family room and back. *It's coming, it's coming, I know it's coming...* little Miss Mya will step over all the other dogs to get her share and often follows my hand as I'm trying to get a piece to the less fortunate and she snags it... it's so funny. She's not an aggressive dog,



but she'll cross the line for an extra piece of cheese. As for her regular food, I still have to sit with her on the floor, gather all the other dogs around her just to motivate her to eat. And she does take her sweet time in getting started. I have to warm her up a bit, I'll tease her by pretending that one of the others is going to eat it and then she becomes territorial and starts eating.

What can I say, she is still a work in progress. She would have been a handful as a puppy... happy, destructive, and playful. I wish she would have had a chance at this kind of life from the beginning. But I think she knows how to make up for all that. Actually, we had an animal communicator come out to the house and she did inform us that Mya understood that her “job” was to produce her puppies and took her “job” very seriously, and in a warped way the breeder actually cared about her. So she has no hard feelings for her past; when she was ready to stop, she let them know, and that's when they let her go. So she doesn't appreciate it when we make her past sound so horrible, because in her mind that's what she was meant to do. I'm not sure I agree, but if I'm going to believe any thing that this woman said I should try to see this from Mya's point of view. After all, she is such a survivor.



Nancy, you did great job with her and I know your love for her runs deep. I often think that if something ever happens to me or Mom, I would want you to have her. No one else could love her the way we do. I know that PHR has their protocol, but that is something I think of from time to time. You are her Godmother (*did you know that?*).

Well, I need to get going. Take care and stay warm. Many hugs to you and yours,
Rose, Peanut, and the gang

INSIDE THE BAKERY WINDOW ...

YUPPIE VEGGIE CRISPS

- 1 cup whole wheat flour
- 1/2 cup chopped cooked greens (kale, spinach, turnip greens, etc.) OR
- 2 tablespoons oil or bacon drippings
- 2 tablespoons brewers yeast
- 1/2 cup chopped carrots
- 3/4 teaspoon bone meal
- 1 tablespoon alfalfa meal
- milk

1. Mix all ingredients together.
2. Add enough milk, to make a firm dough.
3. Roll dough and cut into shapes
4. Bake at 350° F until very lightly browned.



ANKLE-BITER PB DROPS

(for those little guys out there)

- 1 teaspoon peanut butter
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 3/4 cup flour
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup shortening
- 1/4 cup rolled oats
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla

1. Heat honey and peanut butter in microwave until peanut butter is melted (about 20 seconds)
2. Mix add remaining ingredients
3. Drop by 1/2 teaspoonful onto cookie sheet
4. Bake at 350° F for 8 to 10 minutes.



HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS

BE AN 'EDUCATED-OWNER'

LEPTOSPIROSIS AND YOUR PET

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This is designed to assist pet owners with questions related to leptospirosis and the health risk to humans exposed to *Leptospira*-infected pets.

WHAT IS LEPTOSPIROSIS?

Leptospirosis is a disease is caused by spiral-shaped bacteria called leptospires. It occurs worldwide and can affect humans as well as wild and domestic animals, including dogs and cats. The disease can be serious for both humans and animals. In people, the symptoms are often like the flu, but sometimes leptospirosis can develop into a more severe, life-threatening illness with infections in the kidney, liver, brain, lung, and heart. For details on leptospirosis in humans, go to www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dbmd/diseaseinfo/leptospirosis_g.htm

Your pet can get leptospirosis too, and although this has not happened often, the disease has been diagnosed more frequently in the past few years. The information given here will show you how to protect yourself and your pets from getting leptospirosis and what to do if your pet does become infected.

HOW DO PEOPLE AND ANIMALS GET LEPTOSPIROSIS?

The bacteria are spread through the urine of infected animals, which can get into water or soil and can survive there for weeks to months. Humans and animals can become infected through contact with this contaminated urine (or other body flu-

ids, except saliva), water, or soil. The bacteria can enter the body through mucous membranes (eyes, mouth, or nose) or skin, especially if the skin is broken from a cut or scratch. Drinking contaminated water can also cause infection. Infected wild and domestic animals may continue to excrete the bacteria into the environment continuously or every once in a while for a few months up to several years.

If your pet has become infected, it likely came into contact with leptospires in the environment or infected animals. Your pet may have been drinking, swimming, or walking through contaminated water. Due to increased building and development in areas that were previously rural, pets may be exposed to more wild-life, such as raccoons, skunks, squirrels, opossums, or deer that are infected with leptospirosis. Dogs may pass the disease to each other, but this happens very rarely.

WHAT PET ANIMALS GET LEPTOSPIROSIS?

All animals can potentially become infected with leptospires, although cases of leptospirosis in cats are rare.

WHAT ARE THE SIGNS OF LEPTOSPIROSIS IN PETS?

The clinical signs of leptospirosis vary and are nonspecific. Occasionally, pets do not show any symptoms. Common clinical signs reported in dogs include fever, vomiting, abdominal pain, diarrhea, refusal to eat, severe weakness and depression, stiff-

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Some estimate there are over 500 million cell phones stockpiled in homes and offices across America. *WirelessFundraiser.com* allows you to donate the value of your unused cell phone to an organization you feel is worthy. Login to donate old cell phones at http://www.wirelessfundraiser.com/Donors/donate_org.asp?id=3138.

THANK YOU!



LEPTOSPIROSIS

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ness, severe muscle pain, or inability to have puppies. Generally younger animals are more seriously affected.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I THINK MY PET HAS LEPTOSPIROSIS?

Contact your veterinarian immediately. Your veterinarian can perform tests to detect the presence of leptospiral antibodies or organism in your pet.

IS THERE A TREATMENT FOR LEPTOSPIROSIS IN PETS?

Yes, leptospirosis is treatable with antibiotics. If an animal is treated early, it may recover more rapidly and any organ damage may be less severe. Other treatment methods, such as dialysis and hydration therapy may be required.

The time between exposure to the bacteria and development of disease is usually 5 to 14 days, but can be as short as a few days or as long as 30 days or more.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF TOLD MY PET HAS LEPTOSPIROSIS?

If your pet has been confirmed by your veterinarian as having leptospirosis, the appropriate action to take will depend on the nature of contact with your pet. Normal daily activities with your pet will not put you at high risk for leptospirosis infection. Types of contacts that are considered to be high risk include direct or indirect contact with urine, blood, and tissues of your pet during its infection. Assisting in the delivery of newborns from an infected animal is also considered a high-risk activity for transmission of leptospirosis.

If you have had these types of high-risk contacts with your pet during the time of its infection, inform your physician. If common symptoms, such as fever, muscle aches, and headaches, occur within 3 weeks after a high-risk exposure, see your physician. Tests can be performed to see if you have this disease.

HOW CAN I PROTECT MYSELF AND OTHER PEOPLE WHEN MY PET HAS LEPTOSPIROSIS?

The risk of getting leptospirosis from a dog in standard instances is suspected to be low. The primary mode of transmission of leptospirosis from pets to humans is through direct or indirect contact with contaminated animal tissues, organs, or urine. Always contact your veterinarian and your physician if you have concerns about a possible exposure to an infected animal.

- Do not handle or come in contact with urine, blood, or tissues from your infected pet before it has received proper treatment.
- If you need to have contact with animal tissues or urine, wear protective clothing, such as gloves and boots, especially if you are occupationally at risk (veterinarians, farm workers, and sewer workers).
- As a general rule, always wash your hands after handling your pet or anything that might have your pet's excrement on it.
- If you are cleaning surfaces that may be contaminated or have urine from an infected pet on them, use antibacterial cleaner or a solution of 1 part household bleach in 10 parts water.
- Make sure that your infected pet takes all of its medicine and follow up with your veterinarian.

HOW CAN I PREVENT LEPTOSPIROSIS IN MY PET?

- Keep rodent problems (rats, mice, or other vermin) under control. Rodents can carry and spread the bacteria.
- Get your pet vaccinated against leptospirosis.

The vaccine does not provide 100% protection. This is because there are many strains (types) of leptospires, and the vaccine does not provide immunity against all strains. It is important to get your pet vaccinated again even if it gets leptospirosis because it can still get infected with a different strain of leptospires.

SPRING IS JUST 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 (www.aspc.org/site/PageServer?pagename=pro_apcc_toxicplants).

The site tells us, "This list contains plants that have been reported as having systemic effects on animals and/or intense effects on the gastrointestinal tract.

Please note that the information contained in our plant lists is not meant to be all-inclusive, but rather a compilation of the most frequently encountered plants. For more information, contact us at napcc@aspc.org. **Please note:** Our email is not monitored 24/7, and should never be used to contact us with cases of suspected animal poisoning or other time-sensitive issues. If you think that your animal is ill or may have ingested a poisonous substance, contact your local veterinarian or our 24-hour emergency poison hotline directly at 1-888-426-4435."

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!

NATURAL WEED KILLER RECIPE

One gallon of white vinegar
1 pound of table salt
2 tablespoons of dish washing liquid
(*not* dish washer detergent)

Dissolve salt in vinegar, add dish soap (helps the mixture cling to the leaves) and mix well.

Spray weeds thoroughly. Be careful not to get on any plants you want to keep. (this stuff really smells and is sticky).



PERSONALIZED STATE BUTTONS

Click on the button and give Bonnie the details (state, color, name – as you want it to appear, and a photo of your furkids), **for a \$5 donation to PapHaven.** (Use as identification at all events.)



DID YOU HEAR THE STORY ABOUT THE POLAR BEAR PLUNGE?

You may remember receiving this note from Nancy Sundberg.

Hi All,

I am asking for your support – well, I’m really asking for my “crazy” husband Bruce Sundberg. On Saturday, Feb. 23, he will be participating in a fantastic event to benefit Special Olympics. This is not just any fund raiser – this is the Polar Bear Plunge. So, while you are bundled up all cozy and warm, he will be jumping into the frozen waters of Lac Lavon in Burnsville, Minnesota. The good people sponsoring this event actually cut a big hole in the ice where everyone jumps into the frigid lake, team by team. They painfully swim 300 feet to shore and then do their best to warm up (schnapps, perhaps?) Can you say Hearty Minnesotan? What a crazy thing to do! You ask “why isn’t Nancy going to jump in too?” Are you nuts!! I will be standing along the sidelines, with a nice warm towel and dry clothes to hand to Bruce when he comes out. I will also definitely be taking pictures and will post them to all of you after the event. He has joined the team which includes my sister, Andrea. To support his insanity, I am asking that you please spon-



(Above l to r) The Frozen Margaritas Team includes Dave Menter, Andrea Pierson, and Bruce Sundberg. (Below) The team “enjoys” its swim!

sor him. It is an easy online process and, of course, fully tax-deductible.

WELL HERE IS THE OUTCOME ...

On Feb. 15, Bruce was up to about \$300... that’s way more than he ever expected.

On Feb. 23, Nancy writes, “photos didn’t turn out real great anyway, but we had a good time. It was about 35 degrees and sunny that day so they lucked out for nice weather.” The final tally was \$1,105... Thanks to everyone who donated!



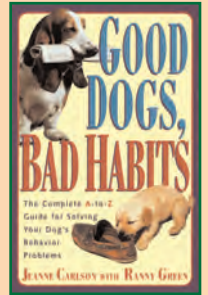
BOOK REVIEWS –

“WE’RE ALL EARS!”

GOOD DOGS, BAD HABITS: THE A-Z GUIDE FOR WHEN YOUR DOG MISBEHAVES by Jeanne Carlson

Who said you can’t teach an old dog new tricks?

“I love my dog, but he jumps on my friends, barks at my neighbors, digs up my yard, chews on everything, and chases my cat. When I try to walk him, he drags me down the street like I’m a sled!” Sound familiar?



Wondering how to trade your dog’s bad habits for good ones? You’re holding the answer in your hands

These and other common behavior problems can drive even the most caring and patient dog owner crazy. **“Good Dogs, Bad Habits”** gives you the tools and insights necessary to help your dog learn better habits. Step-by-step instructions, straightforward advice, and on-the-spot solutions will eliminate your dog’s bad behavior – not just for the moment, but forever. Included are Carlson’s innovative calming massage techniques, which are incorporated into the training process; these unique methods all but guarantee success.

Using a quick A-to-Z format, the authors provide solutions for such problems as:

- How to solve housebreaking difficulties that have you baffled
- What to do when your dog’s barking is out of control
- How to stop your dog from destroying your shoes, furniture, or yard
- What to do if your dog is nervous, shy, or overly excitable
- How to help your children and dog get along better

So before you send Fido to the doghouse – get hold of this must-have compendium of excellent advice and watch your dog become the happiest, most mannerly, and best-behaved furry friend ever.