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THE WAY HOME

An outreach e-communication from Papillon Haven Rescue

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AUTUMN ANNIVERSARY AUCTION BREAKS THE BANK!

On Sept. 7, PHR closed the bidding on the Autumn Anniversary Auction! Thousands of dollars worth of merchandise was bid upon and haggled over before the gavel fell. Did you win your prizes? Or did someone's last minute bid knock you out of the running?

The final tally at the end of bidding totalled \$4,025! All of this money will go to the rescues we so desperately try to help! Many bids brought in exceptionally more money than originally expected. Thanks to all who participated! There were 102 different people, from all across the USA, bid at the Auction... which is very good participation... it was truly a spirited bidding auction!



ARE YOU READY FOR THE NEXT EVENT?

On Oct. 15, *The Family Quilts* will be raffled off! Handcrafted by Peggy Pendill from Maine, these two lovely quilts — one

for the pap (or another dog) and one for their human — are beautiful.

Nov. 1 will bring the sale of PapHaven's first "*First Aid Kit.*" Designed with our fuzzy-friends in mind, these kits are self-contained and fully-stocked. All you need to do is supply a blanket and old pair of pantyhose, and your car/boat/rv will be ready to go!

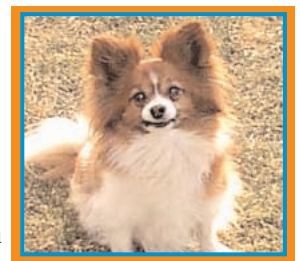
Watch future issues of *The Way Home* for further details, ticket prices, and deadlines.



PAP-OF-THE-MONTH: HEATHER

Heather is a little doll. At age 8, she weighs approx 7 pounds and is nearly 11 inches tall. She was very shy at first, but has come around a great deal. Heather thinks she has to copy what the other dogs do. She likes to run in the yard and play with the other dogs. My cat wants to make friends with her but she would rather he left her alone.

Heather is a very affectionate dog and loves to roll around in her crate (she is crate-trained) and on the carpet. She especially enjoys just being with her mom.



HAPPY TAILS

I must say I've been very lucky to get regular updates from Tag's new mom. He is doing well and I am **SO** happy because of it.

But first I wanted to say something. From time to time, I think we all have our doubts or questions about decisions that are made by Admin for the well-being of our Paps. I had Tag in my care for approximately 9 months. Practically since the first day, he was always near the top of the list being viewed at *Petfinders*. My thought always was "why isn't he being adopted? So many people are looking at him?"

Then recently Sharan contacted me. She told me that PHR had always had a lot of applications, but they were never the right match. How could that be? He was a big boy, young, friendly.

But you know what... Sharan's choice was right. I know for a fact that one application was someone I work with. I thought she'd be a good home... little did I know until she filled out the application that she had 6 kids, 3 under the age of 3! (Too crazy). Another app was from a retired couple who wanted to replace a recently deceased dog. (Not enough activity for Tag). These might have been okay homes, but our Paps deserve the BEST, and if that means waiting, then we wait.

OMG... it makes my cry with joy when I think about Tag and how happy he is. I miss him terribly, but he has it made! **Thank you Sharan**, for waiting and making the **right** decision for Tag!!!!

Hugs everyone, Nancy Sundberg

HERE IS KRISTEN'S E-MAIL!!

Tag is doing really, *really* well. He and Toby have started to play together quite a bit. It cracks me up to watch them play tug of war. Tag has been a lot more energetic these past few days. I think that is because we haven't been able to go on our long walks in the morning due to the rain. He and Toby absolutely love the morning walks we take. I no longer need an alarm clock, they wake me up at 4:55 a.m. every morning – beyond excited to go – that is until they realize it's raining and then they are ready to go back to bed for an hour.

We have taken Tag on several car rides, and he doesn't seem to have any car

sickness. The trips have been short, and he now sits in the front passenger seat with a seat-belt (he's not heavy enough to activate the passenger side airbag). On one of the longer car rides I had taken him out for a lengthy walk before we left too. I think he was too tired to be stressed in the car. It also helps that his little brother *loves* car rides, especially since Tag has started to mimic things Toby does during training.

Today is the first day that we are leaving him out of his crate at home. He only has access to my bedroom and bathroom, but I think that he will do fine. He seems to have some separation anxiety but that is to be expected for a little while. Tag doesn't seem to have any issues when we leave him home with Toby though. Once Tag proves that he can be trusted not to have accidents in the house while we are gone, Toby will start staying home with him



(Toby has already proven he can be trusted). I think that they will both enjoy that. They are starting to become inseparable.

Tag is really fitting in well with our family. He is proving to be a quick learner as well. I am very excited to see how he will do in agility. I will keep you posted as to how things are progressing! I will take some more pictures too! I have been trying, but he doesn't stay still for very long unless he is on my lap.

INSIDE THE BAKERY WINDOW ...



RACHAEL RAY'S POOCH PÂTÉ ON TOAST POINTS

With thoughts of the holidays soon to be approaching, I thought it only fitting that I come up with a **Pooch Pâté**. With all the fancy finger foods flying around at parties, it would be doggone cruel not to pass a snack along to your pup. If you find liver pâté too rich and fatty, try this figure-friendly spread yourself and toss in a few extras: Add chopped

onion to the pot when simmering the chicken and carrots, and a few minutes before the chicken finishes cooking, toss in a handful of chopped sun-dried tomatoes. Season the chicken and veggies with salt and pepper, then pulse them in a food processor along with 1/2 cup pitted kalamata olives and 1/4 cup EVOO until spreadable. Top with snipped fresh chives – delish! Makes about two cups.

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups chicken broth
- 1 fresh or dried bay leaf
- 2 fresh rosemary sprigs
- 4 fresh thyme sprigs
- 1 pound skinless, boneless chicken thighs, cut into 2-inch pieces
- 1 carrot, peeled and thinly sliced
- 6 to 8 slices whole grain bread – toasted, lightly buttered and cut into triangles
- A few flat-leaf parsley stems

1. In a deep, medium skillet, bring the chicken broth and 1 cup water to a boil. Reduce the heat to a simmer and add the bay leaf. Using a 10-inch-long

- piece of kitchen string, tie the rosemary, thyme and parsley stems into a bundle. Tie the end of the string to skillet handle and drop the herbs into the broth. Add the chicken and carrot and simmer over medium heat until the chicken is cooked through and the carrots are tender, about 15 minutes. Discard the herb bundle and bay leaf.
2. Reserve a ladle of broth and, using a slotted spoon, transfer chicken and carrots to a bowl and let cool for a few minutes. Transfer the chicken mixture to a food processor with the reserved broth and pulse to form a pâté-like consistency. Serve on toast points.

SUMMER BUMMER DISEASES

Recently, a vet delivered sobering news to the owner of a schnauzer during a recent visit to his practice. The dog tested positive for heartworms and faced a long, expensive treatment involving painful shots.

The heartworm parasite in this case was most likely an unwelcome souvenir from last summer. A year ago, the affected dog's owner had decided preventive medicine wasn't necessary for a city pooch, but he learned the hard way that dogs are at risk no matter where they live.

In this case, heartworm is just one dog disease that is spread by vectors like fleas, mosquitoes, and ticks. Vectors spread parasites and organisms by biting an infected animal then transporting the disease when they bite healthy animals. Although your dog can contract a vector-borne illness year-round, summer is a prime time for these diseases.

SUMMER TROUBLE

It makes sense that the risk expands exponentially in the summer. Time spent outside frolicking with your pal, whether in the backyard, at the beach or camping, means more potential exposure to diseases such as heartworm and Lyme disease. The same warm summer temperatures that lure us outdoors are the same ones that jump-start mosquito, flea, and tick populations.

WE ARE RESCUE

by Kathie Sullivan-Parkes, Topsham, VT

Until you have held a tiny puppy in your arms as it kissed your face with slobbery puppy breath, and felt the love,

Until you have held an severely ill or injured dog in your arms and felt their pain and

Until you have looked into the eyes of a tired aging senior dog and felt their wisdom,

You will never understand the life of a rescuer.

We find beauty in the most incomprehensible places and the otherwise homely faces.

It is our gift to see beyond the dirt, terror, sadness, and defeat and find the true soul that lies within.

We are rescue.

It only takes one mosquito bite, if that mosquito carries the heartworm parasite. It's not like it takes a bunch of mosquito bites to infect your animal.

The vet believes another factor plays a role in spreading these diseases among dogs during the summer. Many of us hit the road more at this time, and many of us bring our dogs along for the ride. Unfortunately bug pests can hitch a ride during such trips. We've dramatically increased our exposure. If you go to a dog park, a dog there might have visited another part of the country and brought back a parasite.

Many vets suggest that all dog owners, whether or not they are planning a summer trip, should educate themselves about these vector-borne diseases. Here's a look at three summer most common dog disease bummer:

HEARTWORM DISEASE —

Heartworm is now present in all 50 states.

* **Vector:** Mosquito

* **Symptoms:** Look for lack of stamina, loss of breath, or coughing in your dog.

By the time your pal shows symptoms however, the disease is usually advanced.

Heartworms infest the chamber of the right side of the heart

and the arteries in the lungs. Chances are you've seen graphic depictions of the disease at your veterinarian's office (and the photo above).

* **Prevention:** Heartworm is easily prevented through topical medication or a monthly pill. While some pet owners dispense the medication just during the height of mosquito season, many vets recommends a year-round program.

You'll see an added bonus. Almost all of the heartworm medications prevent intestinal parasites.

LYME DISEASE

* **Vector:** Deer tick.

Even if you're a conscientious owner who conducts tick checks on your dog, it's not enough. Deer ticks, the size of poppy seeds, are difficult to detect.

• **Symptoms:** Lyme disease is also difficult to recognize, and its symptoms resemble other diseases. Look for muscle weakness, joint pain, and limping in one front leg. Your dog will likely run a temperature. Lyme disease is treated with antibiotics, but left untreated can be fatal.

• **Prevention:** A vaccine is available to protect against Lyme, but should only be used in extreme cases, as the vaccine could have a later-in-life negative impact on the immune system.

ERLICHIA

• **Vector:** Tick

The tick carries an organism that can infects white blood cells of your dog.

• **Symptoms:** Erlichia, as for other parasitic ailments, can resemble different diseases. Look for spots of bleeding on your dog's gums, lethargy, or a loss of appetite. Erlichia develops in stages. The prognosis is good if the disease is diagnosed before the chronic stage.

Because it is hard to recognize in its earliest phases, veterinarians will sometimes treat for erlichia with antibiotics before they make a firm diagnosis.

• **Prevention:** Tick control is the key. Don't settle for a flea and tick collar. Collars often provide protection, but only for the region near the dog's neck. Use prevention which work systematically and provide whole-body protection, such as Frontline.

Luckily, encephalitis and West Nile virus, two other troubling vector-borne diseases, do not often affect dogs. For those diseases that do pose summertime threats, just a little work on your part can help prevent debilitating and sometimes life-threatening health problems that could impact your tail-thumping pal. Your efforts carry an even greater reward, since many of these ailments, such as Lyme disease, can affect humans as well.

Think prevention! Talk to your veterinarian, and educate yourself about which diseases are prevalent in your part of your country. Your veterinarian is also likely to know which medicines and products will work best in your area. Year-round prevention efforts are advised.

Don't put this off! Know that the potential exists. Ask your veterinarian. It's on our radar, and we're thinking about it all the time.



HEARTWORMS

WHO'S WHO?

It would seem that this section of the newsletter has become a favorite of many ... helping to meet and see into the lives of friends we have only met thru the Pap Haven website.

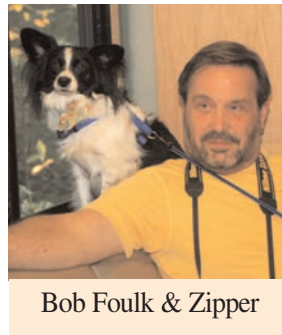
What once began after a discussion with several members, has helped us to better know our colleagues. Not to say that we all need "intimate details" about each other's lives, but even a little knowledge helps us know each other a better!

WHO'S NEXT IN LINE ...

Bob Foulk
"I like the idea of Mary's LAP (life after papillons); but for the sake of drama that comes from a personal awakening I need to provide focus on *Life Before Papillons*." I've loved cats since I was a small child and almost always had cats in my life except when I lived in a rooming house while attending Ohio State University. I always respected their independence and the fact that cats don't out of hand "obey" commands from the lowly humans with whom they sometimes share living quarters. I liked that you needed to seek common ground with Mr. or Ms. Kitty.

On the other hand, I had a strong dislike for dogs! That came from the fact that my parent's daschund, always jealous of the attention I gave to my cat, killed the cat, quickly and brutally. I was about 5 when this happened and from that point on wanted nothing whatsoever to do with dogs. I later realized that this type of behavior was a characteristic of the breed but that really mattered little. I rescued abandoned cats, got them 'tuned up,' and found them homes. I even once needed to go through the serious of shots for rabies because I was bitten by an injured cat that subsequently ran off on one hot August afternoon. I should note that there was an exhaustive search for the cat prior to my needing to submit to the shots that yielded no cat. While it was presumed to be dead the rascal decided to make a brief appearance sometime in October. Still clearly feral and quite healthy, he didn't pause to apologize for his unwarranted attack.

Things got complicated in Aug. 2002. I had separated from my wife and was living alone. Because our two cats had lived in the same place for 10 years, and my wife was very attached to the cats, I elected to let them stay with her. I didn't want to separate them. After 10 months of living without a cat, fate conspired to set off a series of events that would result in my having two dogs. I needed to visit one of my clients that was housed in the hospital



Bob Foulk & Zipper

in Delaware, Ohio. I parked on the loading dock in the rear of the facility and as I exited my car I heard what was clearly a kitty in distress. I looked into a ravine behind the loading dock and saw this obviously distressed kitten that almost disappeared except for her head when she came towards me.

Now this was an extremely hot day, and clearly not having taken a lesson from the events of years prior, I sat at the top of the ravine and talked to this kitty for over half an hour before I could get her in hand. She was totally ambivalent; in distress and wanting to approach but at the same time being terribly fearful. I took this poor creature into the basement of the hospital to visit my client but both the cat and I got tossed out. Clearly any type of "creature" was unwelcome in any part of the hospital.

I took her to a vet to have her overall health status assessed. Part of that was a feline leukemia test; a test I always have done for rescued kitties but unlike all the others this one proved to be positive. She was about six months old and in very poor health but otherwise was in no immediate risk of dying. The vet advised putting her down feeling that she would likely survive only a matter of weeks... I declined. I felt that having had such a rough life, having been given this deadly disease from her likely dead mother, she deserved at least a few weeks of quality kitty care.

With good food, lots of love, and a supplement concoction I found on a homeopathic vet site I referred to as kitty gunk she grew into a relatively healthy and robust year old cat; a cat that needed someone approaching her speed as a play mate. The rub was the feline leukemia is almost 100 percent fatal and the vaccinations are only 85 percent effective. I couldn't in good conscience get another kitty as a playmate. What to do, oh what to do?

Two of my brothers and my par-

Janie (Bob's fiance) & Snapper

ents live in east Texas. My one brother had purchased a papillon for his daughter, who had subsequently moved back home for a year. Later, when she announced that she was again going out on her, own my brother informed her that she could leave but the dog was staying. They, my brother and the dog, are even today quite the pair. I like to think of my brother, the consummate alpha male, riding around in his pickup truck, and visiting construction sites with this 4.5 pound dog on his arm. Everyone was amazed; and of course, anybody with a gripping appreciation of their own mortality accepted this without comment.

Being around this little dog on visits, I was taken by just how cat like they were and the personality is, of course, totally captivating. So to solve the problem of Gradie's playmate (she was rescued from behind Grady Memorial Hospital) I located and purchase a papillon puppy who became known to the world as Zipper. They were fast buddies and would play with great energy. If the pup's exuberance became too much Gradie would levitate to the dining table and look down on Zipper, radiating compassion for this lesser creature marooned on the floor.

As Gradie moved into the latter part of her third year with me she developed lymphoma and it was clear that she would succumb before Fall. Sad as this was it nevertheless raised the issue of Zipper needing a playmate. I had encountered a woman early in my tenure with Zipper, who (in the midst of my making over him) stated she worked with a papillon rescue group. **I was stunned.** I had never heard of such a group and given the financial value of these dogs I found it hard to believe that someone would first abuse them and secondly, if they decided the dog didn't work with the family, not sell it to recoup some of the initial expense.

Knowing about rescue I went to work on the web. I worked with another large pap rescue group to find a puppy or young adult to match with Zipper. It seemed that all the likely candidates were always snatched up by group member or their friends so I extended my search and ran into Papillon Haven Rescue

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'08 MINGLE IS FAST APPROACHING...

There are many things planned to make Mingle 2008 a great success. But that success won't happen without you.

Are you planning to attend? Have you thought about attending but need to share expenses? Do you need to carpool? As many of our membership can tell you, we are willing and able to help out with many of these questions – just contact Nora Lenahan. She will be able to tell you who from your area is attending; and how many “roommates” are still needed.

Mingle dates are Oct. 17-20 – you are welcome to arrive earlier, or stay later, if you like. Liddy-Ann and I will probably arrive Wednesday or Thursday.

FYI!

- Do you have information to share with other attendees? It can be included in the packets, if you send me the info. Email a color flyer to Nora Lenahan or you can bring approximately 25 copies of your printed materials to the event. (*For example:* I have fliers to announce the 2008 Santa letter campaign. I will be bringing extras so anyone who is interested can fill out one per child).
- Somerset, Kentucky is a **DRY COUNTY! There is NO ALCOHOL (of the drinking variety)** for 70 miles!!!!!!!!!!!!!! If you want beer, wine, etc., be sure to pack it in your car from home!!!! Several of last year's participants had to share!
- Cabins are completely furnished and include linens, cookware, eating ware, toaster, and coffee pot. All have air conditioning and cable television. The only things you may need to worry about your food, drinks, coffee. BUT!!!
- If your paps sleep on furniture, the bed, etc., you need to cover sofas / chairs with a sheet or blanket and take the comforter OFF the bed. You may want to bring a set of sheets and a blanket to use as SLIPCOVERS (just to be safe).
- No dogs to be left alone in the cabins at any time unless crated and quiet. It is our understanding that sounds echo around the resort from their location and environmental conditions.

- Dogs are to be kept on a leash when outside and are to be **kept away from the landscaping** (which is really pretty!). We can set up ex-pens or some type of containment, but we need to watch them so that no one escapes.
- **MEALS – \$20/person:** Last year, we had a pizza dinner on Friday evening and a Pap-nic on Saturday (after the PHR business meeting.) Plans for this year are similar (but have not yet been finalized) and the committee is discussing menu options. If you have any ideas, please contact Liddy-Ann Everett. *Make your meal payment with Joan Haddock on Friday afternoon.*
- We are taking reservations for the Pet communicator – so she can arrange her schedule. Email Nora and let her know the number of dogs you wish to have “therapy” with Latifa.
- **Do us a favor?** If you plan to take pictures at Mingle... could you send Nora a copy of your photos? This will help show different perspectives of the event

- to members who could not attend, when she does the retrospective in the newsletter.
- A friend of Nora's, who works for a coffee delivery service, is giving us a case of “one-pot-bags” which will be for sale for \$.50 / bag. This way we won't have to “schlep” coffee cans back and forth – and any remaining bags will be sold or donated to Dona & Mike Howard (resort owners).
- Boat rentals will be available upon request.

This year we will have a survey at the end of Mingle. We ask that everyone who attended, take a moment to fill out the questionnaire and leave it at Cabin #14. We want to know what you think, would like to tweek, change, add, etc.

Have we forgotten anything ... not enough coffee yet this morning! ... Please direct any questions that remain to Liddy-Ann or Nora.

WHO'S WHO (continued from pg. 4)

and Sharan.

That proved fortunate in that Sharan connected me with the 6.5 pound, substantially less than the *sharpest knife in the drawer*, enduringly clueless, but oh so lovable Snapper, AKA little Cujo, the alpha want-to-be. I've been told that the half Pomeranian in his mix is responsible for most or all the traits noted.

After becoming a member I was asked to help in a small way, and another small way, and another small way. So, the next thing I knew, the guy who had no use for dogs was making little contributions to a dog rescue group.

Most people who know me were amazed, but I continue to explain to people just how wonderfully run this group is compared to the majority of rescue efforts I've come to know. This is a group of wonderful, compassionate, and caring people who in a world beset by hardship and heartache do little things to make small corners of this universe just a bit nicer than if the group were not here. I also would

like to note again that I have given my time and attention to PapHaven because it is one of the most well organized and operated not-for-profit I have ever encountered. It is run as though it is a business which is why we are continually able to reach out and help the little critters that come our way. I've come to love these small companion animals and those who work so hard to catch the ones that have fallen away from a good and loving life.

So in the end the guy who hated dogs is working with a dog, pardon me, a Papillion rescue group and is the go-to guy for the Franklin County Human Society for Papillons and Pomeranians. Who would have ever thought?

THE END?

Which of you will next? Please send me some information about yourself, your family, etc., so we can all “get-to-know” each other a little better.

UNTIL NEXT MONTH ...

BE AN 'EDUCATED-OWNER'

WHAT IS PARVOVIRUS???

Parvo is a common and potentially serious viral disease in dogs. The virus is officially known Parvovirus. The disease caused by this virus is commonly referred to as "Parvo." The virus first appeared clinically in 1978, and there was a widespread epidemic in dogs of all ages. Since no dogs had been exposed or vaccinated (the vaccine didn't exist at the time), dogs of all ages died from the infection. The virus can "adapt" over time, and other strains of the virus have appeared since then, but properly administered vaccinations are the best protection. Canine Parvovirus is thought to

be a mutation from the feline Parvovirus, also known as Feline Distemper virus.

WHAT ARE THE SIGNS SEEN WITH PARVOVIRUS INFECTION?

There are three main manifestations of Parvovirus infection:

1. Asymptomatic – No signs seen. Common in dogs over 1 year old and vaccinated dogs.
2. Cardiac – This form of the disease is much less common than the intestinal form due to widespread vaccination. Severe inflammation and necrosis (cell death), of the heart muscle causes breathing difficulty and death in very young (<8 weeks) puppies. Older dogs that survive this form have scarring in the heart muscle.
3. Intestinal – This virus causes extreme damage to the intestinal tract, causing sloughing of the cells that line the tract. This can leave the patient open to secondary bacterial infection. Most of the affected dogs (85 percent) are less than one year old and between 6-20 weeks old – before the full set of vaccinations can be given. Death from infection is reported to be 16-35 percent in this age group.

The intestinal signs include:

- Diarrhea – usually bloody, and very foul-smelling (a characteristic odor, particular to Parvovirus infection)
- Fever
- Lethargy
- Loss of appetite
- Vomiting

The onset of clinical signs is usually sudden, often 12 hours or less. The incubation from exposure to seeing the clinical signs varies from 3 to 10 days.

HOW IS PARVOVIRUS INFECTION DIAGNOSED?

This disease is diagnosed by physical examination, signalment (age, vaccination

status, breed, etc.), and a fecal Parvo (ELISA) test. Additional diagnostics include blood work and radiographs. Dogs infected with Parvo typically have a low white count. Radiographs help rule out other potential causes for vomiting and diarrhea.

HOW IS PARVOVIRUS INFECTION TREATED?

There is no treatment specifically for the Parvovirus at this time. Treatment is supportive care, which includes any or all of the following:

- Oral electrolyte fluids – if the case is mild and the animal isn't vomiting
- Subcutaneous (SQ) or intravenous (IV) fluids to maintain hydration in the face of the extreme fluid losses from vomiting and diarrhea that are so typical with this disease
- Anti-vomiting/nausea medications – to prevent further damage from vomiting and to keep the patient comfortable as possible.
- Antibiotics – because the virus has potential to slough the intestinal tract, antibiotics help protect against secondary infection.
- Blood or Plasma transfusions – to replace protein loss, provide antibodies, help with anemia.

Many puppies infected with Parvovirus need to be hospitalized for supportive care. Hospitalization is typically about 5 days, sometimes longer. Surviving the first three days is usually a good sign for long term survival.

HOW LONG DOES PARVOVIRUS LAST IN THE ENVIRONMENT?

The Parvovirus family of viruses are particularly long-lived in the environment, lasting anywhere from 1 to 7 months – commonly surviving 5-7 months in an outside environment. Due to the large amounts of virus particles shed in the feces of an infected dog (shedding lasts two weeks or more after exposure) and the longevity of the virus, complete eradication of the virus is often impossible.

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INTRODUCING PAPHAVEN RESCUE – www.paphaven.org

This group came about through the love of a small deaf puppy that required transport halfway across the country to her new home. It took the effort and dedication of people from Texas to Washington DC, and onto 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** (PHR/Pap Haven). We are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, all volunteer National group specializing in Papillons and Pap mixes and their rescue / rehabilitation.

Since then, PHR 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 though 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, origins, or looks. We will coordinate with other groups for transporting each other's breed.

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

Our eNewsletter, *The Way Home*, tries to bring informative articles, bulletins, feature stories, up-coming events, and urgent alerts about situations where the need for rescue is great.

**PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CROSS-POST
& SHARE THIS NEWSLETTER!**

WHAT IS PARVOVIRUS? *(continued from pg. 6)*

HOW CAN I DISINFECT AN AREA CONTAMINATED BY A DOG INFECTED WITH PARVOVIRUS?

There are many Parvovirus disinfectants on the market, but regular old bleach is still 100 percent effective against Parvovirus. The dilution for bleach is one part bleach to 30 parts water. Caution is advised for dyed or colored fabrics or objects. **This should go without saying, but to be complete, DO NOT use a bleach preparation on the animal at any time!!!** The commercial Parvovirus disinfectants have the advantage of better smelling preparations. Check the label for color fast warnings. See your vet or pet store for the various disinfectants available.

Be sure to keep feces (and any vomitus) picked up in the yard and kennel area as well.

HOW CAN I PROTECT MY DOG FROM BECOMING INFECTED?

Vaccination is the key to prevent this disease and protect your dog. Breeding

bitches should be vaccinated prior to becoming pregnant to ensure that the pups get the best start at immunity. Vaccinations should start at 6 weeks of age, and be boosted at 9, 12, and 16 weeks of age. Some veterinarians also booster at 20 weeks, depending on the breed and Parvovirus risk in your area. Speak with your veterinarian about what vaccination protocol is the best for your pet and your lifestyle.

I HEARD THAT SOME BREEDS OF DOGS ARE MORE SUSCEPTIBLE, IS THIS TRUE?

Yes, it appears that some breeds, most notably the Rottweiler, Doberman Pinscher, German Shepherds, Pit Bulls, and Labrador Retrievers are at an increased risk for this disease. Conversely, Toy Poodles and Cocker appear to be at a reduced risk for contracting this disease. It is important to remember, however, that any breed can get Parvovirus. Be sure to keep your dog's vaccinations up to date.

BOOK REVIEWS —

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