



# The Way Home

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## Congratulations PHR on your 8th Anniversary!

**W**ith the beginning of our 9th year, it's time to take a look back. We have made great strides toward our goals through the past years. With the help and hard work of each and every member, we have found good homes for many of the abandoned and mistreated or those who have endured 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



Daisy as a puppy

people everywhere. Dazy (the spelling has been changed) currently lives with PHR's own Bonnie Bias and her pack in Texas!

Dazy came along when some of us were feeling that the need to care 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? Dazy made it so easy for us to see that opening our hearts and reaching out one step at a time is possible. Dazy showed us we can make a difference!

### The need is still great

PHR would like to invite EVERYONE – you, your friends, and family – to join our Dazy 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 through 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.



Adult Dazy

Dazy 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. Dazy has a puppy's capacity to love and trust everyone she meets. Shouldn't every puppy have the same bright future? Like Dazy, 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've done our best, but many furbabies still need our assistance. 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!

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

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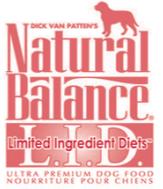
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**As of 7-31-11 (total): 928 rescues**

**For the Month of July: 11 rescued, 4 adopted out**

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**Introducing PapHaven Rescue – [www.paphaven.org](http://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 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 led us in forming Papillon Haven Rescue (Pap Haven). We are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, all volunteer National group specializing in Paps and Papillon mixes, their rescue, and rehabilitation.

Since then, PapHaven Rescue 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, 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*, will try to bring informative articles, feature stories, upcoming events, announcements, and urgent alerts about situations where the need for rescue is great.

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# Pappy play-day in PA!!



Mimi (Amy) & Payton and the pappies! Payton was delighted!

As we all know, it is customary to have a “house-warming” event when you finally get settled into a new home. But have you ever heard of having a “Pap-Warming”?

Well that is just what Amy Fretz and her fiancé Skip Koehler did on Saturday, July 9th at their new Saylorburg, Pennsylvania home. They invited Paps from far and wide (along with their humans) to come and officially “christen” their new home!

While all of the attendees were from the Northeast, some still had a lengthy drive to attend. Chris and Mike Carlson and her three

— sorry, four! — Lacey, Carson, Mika, and foster Angelie, came down from Connecticut. Anita Cornell and Jasper drove down from Scottsville, NY (just outside of Rochester). As well as Lynn Grenier and her husband Bill, who live in Perkasio.

For many of us, it was a group of familiar faces amongst a sea of fur! Annie Paynter helped Amy and Skip host their lovely event; and I made the trip north with my roommate, Sarah Debeneadto, and the three balls of fuzz — Crystal, Noel, and Cutter (all freshly bathed the day before by my dear groomer!) Bebe — one of Amy’s former fosters — and her humans joined the party as well.

But MAN, were the humans outnumbered! Amy said the count was 20 — I know I counted 16 (not including the Bull Mastiff who ran along the outside of the fence and Skip’s son’s HUGE Black Lab!)



(Above) Mika Carlson rests on Momma Chris’ lap. (Left) Annie Paynter has a few hungry friend.



Chris Carlson wrote, “I had to share a pic of Lacey getting her bath to prepare for her VERY important play date tomorrow in PA! She’s excited to attend, but as you can see from the pics, she’s not too happy getting ready for it! LOL!!” (right)



(left) And here is the finished product! Isn’t she lovely sitting on her Momma’s lap!

## Our hosts

Amy & Skip have a GORGEOUS three bedroom home with MUCHO Space!

A formal living room, 2 car garage, full basement with three rooms and a full bath (oh, and two full baths on the main floor); huge NEW kitchen, And several acres of cleared land . . . it’s very lovely! But, WOW, is she in the sticks!!!!

OH MY WORD! THE FOOD! Deli-cious, abundant, and never-ending! I hope several of the recipes will be shared in the PHR cookbook!

## Paps abound

Ryan Grenier was showing off for one and all! For those who are unaware, Ryan is handicapped from the waist down ... but he’s a great scooter! Sometimes the back legs will support him,



Ryan Grenier



Samson Grenier

but if they don’t he’s pulling himself along so he doesn’t miss out on anything! Samson Grenier was a bit shy to start; but soon warmed up when food was presented! Amy brought out a baggie of venison hot dogs and the paps went crazy!

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(Clockwise from left) Mike Carlson with Lacey in his lap, Lynn & Bill Grenier, Sarah Debeneadto, and Ann Paynter holding Jasper watch the pappy-frenzy from the shade of the tent!

## Pappy play-day in PA!!

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Jasper (*above, peeking out of Momma's carry-all*) was a very well behaved little guy – but his momma, Anita Cornell, swears this is not the same dog she left home with! LOL!



The Carlson kids were fun to watch. Carson is a ladies man! (need I say more ...). Mighty Mouse (Amy's foster – *above left*) wanted desperately to play with Mika (*above right*) ... most of the time she just chased him! Angelie was the talker of Chris' crew; but she loves her Daddy! Ann Paynter helped with Angelie's socializa-



tion. Lacey is a beauty!

Bebe (*left*) and her humans came a little later, so I did not get to really meet them.

Crystal, on the other hand, was fast-friends by the time we went home!

Crystal Lenahan was the MOOCH! Any sign of food and she's your best friend! Every time I asked where she was, someone would find her in the screened porch waiting for food to drop! Someone dropped the serving spoon from the meatballs and she ended up with spaghetti sauce on her head and shoulder! Noel Lenahan was the baby protector (she sat near



Crystal Lenahan (*left*), Carson Carlson (*center*) and Nora Lenahan



(Left) Baylee, Amy's sanctuary Pap).

(Left) A rather large "Pap-Wannabe" was given salutations from our greeting committee Crystal Lenahan & Danny Fretz.

Amy's daughter, Paula, & granddaughter, Payton, most of the day). Noel loved Payton! Cutter was the clown, but didn't like the yard. They were having a terrible gnat problem from the recent rains and he got annoyed and laid on the deck under the swing most of the day.

Amy's "D Squad+2" is wonderful! Very gabby, and loving all the attention. Baylee (Amy's sanctuary dog – *shown right*) seemed a bit overwhelmed – but he is 15! And EVERY-



(Above) Amy's kitchen was the corraling station for all the paps, as they looked for tidbits that were dropped!

ONE wanted to take Mighty Mouse (*below*) home! He's such a cutie!

I heard Amy hinting that this would become an annual affair ... one can only hope!



(Left) Anita Cornell (*foreground*) and Mike Carlson

(Right) Mighty Mouse (*below*) says, "That's it! Gotta sleep! Bye!"



## Pet meds for a minimal fee



Did you know you can get some prescriptions for your 4-footed friends from the local Walmart? \$4 per prescription. These generic "human-grade" meds are on a reduced pricing list at many major pharmacies ... possibly at your local grocery store.

"I got my vet to write a prescription for my Gabby who needs prednisone. One month renew 3 times, for \$4 each time. Hugely cheaper than getting at the vet clinic." writes PHR Board President Jan Jorolan.

So, be sure to ask when getting meds for your doggies/ foster doggies, if, whatever the drug is, it is on the 4 dollar list! Here is the URL for Walmart \$4 list: [http://www.walmart.com/cp/1078664?\\_prevTerm=%244+drug+list&\\_sc=0&search\\_redirect=true](http://www.walmart.com/cp/1078664?_prevTerm=%244+drug+list&_sc=0&search_redirect=true)

## Who's who?

In a recent discussion with several of our members, we noted that while names of members are very familiar, we really know very little about each other. Not to say that we all need “intimate details” about each other’s lives, but even general knowledge is sometimes scarce!

Here are a few questions?

How about this ...

1. In a on-line chat about Bully Sticks, Andy Watson mentioned she lived in the Far East and has eaten some strange foods. Why did she live there?
2. Is there a library of old health care stories that have been previously published in the e-news?
3. Everyone talks about *The Way Home*, Pap Haven’s e-newsletter, but I’m not getting it! Who do I contact?

Curious?

If nothing else, natural human curiosity (I know what they say about the cat!) makes us wonder about our friends and colleagues. So why not put some of that curiosity to rest!

We will re-instate an old column as of this month – **Who’s Who!** And I guess I’ll be the guinea pig (since a few of the questions above pertain to me!) This is an updated version of the story that was originally published in the April 2008 issue of *The Way Home*.



In the spotlight

My full name is Nora J. Lenahan, and I live in Bucks County, PA – where I have lived ALL of my life. While I have the semi-usual story – I am the youngest of four children – that may be where the “normal part” ends!

I was raised by two wonderful people, Jim and Betty Lenahan, in a small house one block north of where I live right now. The statement “youngest of four children” is not an exaggeration; my older siblings are 12-, 17-, and 19-years older than me! So I am really a part of another generation, what could be considered a middle generation between my siblings and their own children – my oldest nephew was born when I was seven! So I have been around



small children for most of my life – we have 9 nieces and nephews and 10 GREAT- nieces and nephews! My great-nieces and nephews (ranging in age from 19 to 9 months) have been raised to know the care and compassion necessary to have pets/furry-friends.

I have worked as a Graphic Designer (big surprise there) for the teachers’ union in New Jersey since 1985. Writing this newsletter is one of my favorite assignments. When I first took on this project, it gave me (a novice papillon owner) a chance to answer some of the questions about our breed that many may think “We all know!” Now, it provides the opportunity to promote our breed, along with helping our fundraising efforts. I have a cross-reference of EVERY article that I have ever published in the e-news. If you need something, give me a call.

I have studied and taught American Sign Language (ASL) over the last 20 years. I use some signs with Noel (born deaf) and it seems to work well for us.

In 1995 (at the age of 35), I became principal caregiver for my father (who was then in his mid 70’s). I had the privilege to care for him until he passed away in 2000, at the age of 80! And I thank God everyday that he had all of his faculties until the end. My mother, unfortunately, passed away before I turned 21.

In 1988, I became the proud Momma of Indigo & Ladyhawke – two Burmese cats (littermates). Ladyhawke was 16.5 years old when she passed over the bridge on March 24, 2005. Her brother Indigo lived a good, long life – 20 yrs, three months – when he joined her over the bridge on Dec. 24, 2007 (I’m sure my Dad was there to greet them both – they adored him).

In 2005 I decided I really missed having a dog around the house. Don’t get me wrong, cats are wonderful, but they don’t have the

same interaction as dogs! Now what kind to get? Did I want a puppy or full-grown dog? And yes, I’ll admit, I didn’t understand the “Don’t buy, Adopt!” philosophy. So I began my search. I decided I would prefer a small to medium-sized dog – too many small children in and out of my house – and the photos of the Paps I’d seen were gorgeous. Pure-breed puppies of any kind were WAY out

of my price range! And I wasn’t really home enough for the whole “house-training” thing. So that pretty much left a rescue. And I found PapHaven ...

I adopted Crystal (*above right*), my first, in 2005 – she was my 45th birthday present to me! Noel (*above left*) followed in April 2006, Daisy was my first foster failure in May (she passed over the Rainbow Bridge in Nov. 2007); and Sandy was my second foster in December (formally adopted in Oct. 2007; and passed over the bridge in Jan. 2008). The newest little one to join our ranks is Cutter (*above center & below*) – named *Sarasota’s Cut to the Chase* – my dog show reject!



The end? Hopefully not ...

*Did I skip anything?* I don’t want to bore anyone. But I can’t ask members to volunteer their personal lives without first giving my own. Fair is fair!

We will re-publish Who’s Who articles of the *Powers that Be* over the next few months. But then I will begin to “bug” people to tell us about themselves!

Which of you will be the next one under the microscope? Please send me some details about yourself, your family, etc., so we can all get to know each other a little better.

Until next month ...



## How to grade your pet's food

Considering a diet change for your pet? There are quite a few factors to think about with any major change like this. Is the product nutritious? How does it measure up against other products out there? How much “stuff” is in this food that is unnecessary?

Here is a way to help you make this important decision.

### Does your pet food make the grade!

Start with a grade of 100:

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| 1) For every listing of “ <i>by-product</i> ,” <b>subtract</b> 10 points   | 1) _____  |
| 2) For <i>every non-specific animal source</i> (“meat” or “poultry,” meat, meal, or fat – not actual protein source stated such as chicken, lamb, turkey, etc.) reference, <b>subtract</b> 10 points   | 2) _____  |
| 3) If food contains <i>BHA, BHT, or ethoxyquin</i> , <b>subtract</b> 10 points for each  | 3) _____  |
| 4) For every grain “mill run” or <i>non-specific grain source</i> , <b>subtract</b> 5 points   | 4) _____  |
| 5) If <i>same grain ingredient is used 2</i> or more times in the first five ingredients (i.e. “ground brown rice,” “brewers rice,” and “rice flour” are all the same grain), <b>subtract</b> 5 points | 5) _____  |
| 6) If the protein sources are not meat meal and there are less than 2 meats in the top 3 ingredients, <b>subtract</b> 3 points   | 6) _____  |
| 7) If it contains any <i>artificial colorants or preservatives</i> , <b>subtract</b> 3 points for each   | 7) _____  |
| 8) If it contains <i>corn</i> (ground corn, corn gluten, whole grain corn, etc.) <b>subtract</b> 3 points  | 8) _____  |
| 9) If <i>corn is listed in the top 5 ingredients</i> , <b>subtract</b> 2 more points   | 9) _____  |
| 10) If food contains any added <i>animal fat</i> other than fish or flaxseed oil, <b>subtract</b> 2 points   | 10) _____ |
| 11) If <i>lamb</i> is the only animal protein source (unless your dog is allergic to other protein sources), <b>subtract</b> 2 points  | 11) _____ |
| 12) If it contains <i>soy or soybeans</i> , <b>subtract</b> 2 points   | 12) _____ |
| 13) If it contains <i>wheat or a component of wheat</i> such as gluten, <b>subtract</b> 3 points   | 13) _____ |
| 14) If it contains “digest,” <b>subtract</b> 5 points  | 14) _____ |
| 15) If it contains <i>beef</i> (unless you know that your dog is not allergic to beef), <b>subtract</b> 1 point  | 15) _____ |
| 16) If it contains <i>salt</i> , <b>subtract</b> 1 point   | 16) _____ |

SUB-total \_\_\_\_\_

Extra Credit:

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| <b>*Bonus credit</b> – If food contains NO grains, <b>add</b> 10 points   | *) _____  |
| 1) If any of the meat sources are <i>organic</i> , <b>add</b> 5 points  | 1) _____  |
| 2) If the food is <i>endorsed</i> by any major breed group or nutritionist,, <b>add</b> 5 points  | 2) _____  |
| 3) If food is <i>baked</i> not extruded, <b>add</b> 5 points  | 3) _____  |
| 4) If food contains <i>probiotics or prebiotics</i> , <b>add</b> 3 points   | 4) _____  |
| 5) If food contains <i>fruit</i> , <b>add</b> 3 points  | 5) _____  |
| 6) If food contains <i>vegetables</i> (NOT corn or other grains), <b>add</b> 3 points   | 6) _____  |
| 7) If animal sources are <i>hormone-free and antibiotic-free</i> , <b>add</b> 2 points (these may be hard to determine as many manufacturers of natural holistic food use these products without actually printing the information on the bag)                                    | 7) _____  |
| 8) If food contains <i>barley</i> , <b>add</b> 2 points   | 8) _____  |
| 9) If food contains <i>flax seed oil</i> (not just the seeds), <b>add</b> 2 points  | 9) _____  |
| 10) If food contains <i>oats or oatmeal</i> , <b>add</b> 1 point  | 10) _____ |
| 11) If food contains <i>sunflower oil</i> , <b>add</b> 1 point  | 11) _____ |
| 12) For <i>every different specific animal protein source</i> (other than the first one; count “chicken” and “chicken meal” as only one protein source, but “chicken” and “some other protein” [veal, venison, duck, beef, etc.] as 2 different sources), <b>add</b> 1 point each | 12) _____ |
| 13) If it contains <i>glucosamine and chondroitin</i> , <b>add</b> 1 point  | 13) _____ |
| 14) If the vegetables are <i>pesticide-free</i> , <b>add</b> 1 point  | 14) _____ |

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# July 4th Parade

*Carrie Helle (IA) writes,*

“Just wanted to share with everyone that today Kristen & I along with all our dogs and some friends and family walked in one of the local 4th of July Parades to promote the group.

We kept it simple – just used my car with homemade banners on the doors and packed full of water and crates for stressed and scared dogs. We passed out suckers with business cards that had contact info on one side and info on our adoptable dogs on the other. Almost all the dogs made it the whole route despite the heat and were a great hit!

I don't know if we will get any volunteers or homes out of it, but the fun was well worth it. With as many people that were there, I would hope we might have planted a few seeds of interest.



Mitzee shows off her "Adopt Me" vest



Toby (left) & Tag Goering hang out before the parade begins.



Parade "favors" (above front)



Parade "favors" (above back) featuring Mitzee

We were already chattering about ideas for next year by the end of the route. It was so simple to throw together and I would bet all

together we might have spent \$75 including entry fee, candy, and banners, but I did splurge another \$80 on three adorable 'Adopt Me' vests for our available dogs.

All together we had 8 dogs and 7 people but I would do it again any day even if it was just me walking alone with my pack! I wish I had taken more pictures or even some video but the route was packed and I was more concerned about navigating the chaos and making sure we got info passed out and the group stayed together etc, but I snapped a few before hand and thought I would share. Enjoy the pictures!"



PHR Paraders before the start - (starting bottom left) Katie, Beth (Carrie's Mom), Dan (Carrie's Dad), Mattson, Mitzee, Tag, Kristen Goering, Toby, Sawyer Helle, Craig Helle (Carrie's hubby), Travis, and Randi.

## Pawfriendly Landscapes

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To attract butterflies, incorporate plants that are bright, including red and purple. To attract birds, use scarlet, orange, red or white flowering plants. For bees, use bright white, yellow or blue. Be careful, dogs often snap at bees like they do houseflies so it's best to put them in an area your pooch cannot access.

This time of year we are anticipating autumn color in our gardens. If you have autumn crocus in your garden (Colchicum Autumnale) please be aware they are toxic to all pets. They are identical to the spring crocus. However, unlike the spring crocus, they contain colchicine which can lower blood pressure and lead to cardiac arrest. The entire plant contains the toxin – including the bulb/roots.

These are beautiful, especially in the fall when we only have a few plants blooming, but enjoy them in an area that cannot be accessed by your furbabies (and kids).

**Have fun and get dirty!!!**

Does your dog have allergies? Start checking bags for the ingredient discussed below.

## Is there yet another ingredient to AVOID in pet foods?

<http://www.dogandcatvitamins.com/is-the-vitamin-k3-theyre-putting-in-pet-food-saf-the-answer-is-no/>

Vitamin K3 is a synthetic version of Vitamin K. In fact, technically Vitamin K3 – also known as menadione – isn't a vitamin but a potentially toxic precursor. It's being added to commercial pet foods and that's not a good thing. K1 and K2 are natural forms of vitamin K.

So what about synthetic vitamin K3? Is it good for our pets? Research in Germany shows that K3 damages the natural vitamin K cycle, weakens the immune system, is toxic to liver cells, disturbs the level of calcium ions in the body, is toxic in high doses and causes allergic reactions.

So why is this compound added to some pet foods? The common reply is that it is to help with blood clotting. Yet it is proven that menadione has a very inferior ability to assist in blood clotting while healthy K1 and K2 are available in alfalfa, kelp, liver and fish, and other plant foods.

If you have a dog with allergies, start looking for vitamin K3 also called menadione sodium bisulfate, menandione dimethylprimidinol bisulfate or any combination thereof that has the word menadione in it. Some manufacturers leave out the word 'menadione' and you see only dimethylprimadinal sulfate listed. Thoroughly research any item with an ingredient list that claims a 'source of vitamin K' and contact the manufacturer if you have any questions.

## Paps of the Month –

**Ashlie** (9 yrs. 11 mths.) is a wonderful dog, with a lighthearted “go along with the flow” attitude towards life. She’s very chipper, her tail is always wagging! She pays great attention to her foster parents and jumps on cues that it’s time to snuggle! Ashlie even “begs” for attention by sitting back and lifting her front paws to “wave.” **Ashlie came into rescue together with her best friend and sister, Millie.** She is a larger girl, weighing in at 17 lbs. She and her sister do everything together. They eat, drink, play, sleep, sit... absolutely everything. Ashlie acts like a mother to Millie, making sure the “coast is clear!” and that those biscuits aren’t poisonous! Ashlie and Millie love to wrestle together and play outside.

Both girls are absolute snuggle bugs, and want nothing but to be close to their foster parents and loved. They would be fine in a home with children and other pets; they ignore the cats. Ashlie has mastered her “sit” by doing lots and lots of practice.

**Millie** (9 yrs. 4 mths.) is a very, very sweet and gentle dog. She loves her foster parents

very much and loves attention. She likes to rub her face against yours and give kisses, and will try to “hug” her foster mom and dad to show them how much she cares. She doesn’t mind her crate too much when she’s with her foster sister though, she likes the company and doesn’t complain one bit as long as she isn’t alone. Millie needs to find a forever home with her sister. Millie came into rescue together with her sister, Ashlie. She weighs about 13 lbs and has been Ashlie’s best friend for life. They do everything together. They eat, drink, play, sleep, sit... absolutely everything. Ashlie mothers Millie, washes her face and protects her from the unknown. Millie loves to follow Ashlie and will snuggle up to her for naps. They play with each other like puppies, wrestling and having a wonderful time.

Both girls are very loving, and want nothing but to be close to their humans. They would be fine in a home with children and other pets. Millie can be a little reserved, but



Clockwise from left – Ashlie, Millie, and foster sister Margaret Ecklund.

warms up quickly to strangers when given the chance, especially when Ashlie makes sure that those people are safe first! Both girls come quickly and eagerly when called.

**Ashlie and Millie** are eager for their new lives to start. They want a home with a lot of love, hugs, and snuggles... one they have traveled long and far to find. They are hoping for a “forever” home together.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M3\\_NisEsfR8&feature=youtube\\_gdata\\_player](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M3_NisEsfR8&feature=youtube_gdata_player)



### On to a great life ...

Chili Sundberg (above left) shows off his beautiful coat in the bright Minnesota sunshine alongside foster-sister Libby (center) and brother Jesse (right)! Life for this once-emaciated Pap has taken a 180° turn since he joined the Sundberg Pack – and he’s lovin’ every minute of it!

## Another SUCCESS Story!

**March 28, 2011 – It’s SO hard to say goodbye...** but NO words can describe the feeling I get when I see faces like this! ... I love seeing happiness!!

Judy was so excited, I moved Carter’s last vet appointment up to yesterday for his last booster shot so Judy didn’t have to wait another week for him.

Nice meeting Judy and knowing Carter is in good hands! I told Judy we had our tears this morning before we left (oh okay... and now...) and she said she felt bad... but then she said... “well... not really” and laughed... it made me feel better... LOL... she was so happy...

When it was time to go... Carter came over and gave me kisses and then he went to Judy and gave her kisses as well... he is one awesome little guy. I wish them much happiness together and I’m happy I could be a part of it!

**Berdine Martin (WA)**

**March 30, 2011 –** Got this nice little note from Judy and Carter today! So happy to hear he’s doing good... I had to laugh about the yard work, because yes... my pap and Carter were helping me last week with the weeding... too cute! His daddy misses him though.. Tres’ seems a little lost without him.. ;o(

**Berdine Martin (WA)**

Hi Berdine, Just wanted to let you know how Carter is doing. I have to tell you what a good job you did training him. He is so loving and sweet. He is doing very well, I think he likes us. He even sleeps with us. My husband and I are crazy about him. He likes to go outside with Lew and help him with yard work, at least Carter thinks he’s helping, it’s really cute. I take him for a walk every day and he does pretty good; but best of all I just love to hold him. I can honestly say I think he is happy with us, I know we are with him. Thank you... I’ll keep in touch. Bye for now

**Lew & Judy Thomas**

*P.S. Carter says thank you too!*



And the winner is ...

### PHR Necklace Raffle

As we each waited ... wondering if our ticket would reveal us to be the winner ... the reserve amount was finally met for this lovely piece on Friday, July 22. And our fearless leader, Jan Jorolan, made her trip the the vet’s office to have the ticket drawn by Elaine at *All Creatures Animal Hosp.*, Hot Springs AR.



**WINNING TICKET No.**  
448899

**WINNER:** Diane White  
of Florida

**Congratulations Diane!**

P.S.: As a lovely gesture, Diane donated the necklace BACK to PHR! So watch for it to be available in the Fall Auction!

Book review ...

## "We're ALL Ears"

### Scaredy Dog! Understanding & Rehabilitating Your Reactive Dog

by Alison 'Ali' Brown

When dogs growl at other dogs, lunge at people, and bark at everything it's often mislabeled as "aggression." But most aggression is fear-based and should be treated as such. The appropriate term for this constellation of behaviors is "reactivity."

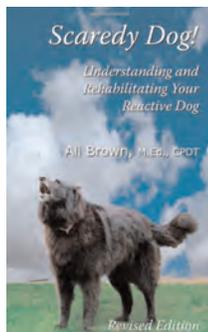
This book helps the trainer and dedicated dog owner to understand the reactive dog and help him change for the better. The process is not an easy one, but once the changes begin to take shape, owners become so encouraged that the rest of the process suddenly becomes easy!

All training methods and classroom techniques are based on fun and on the development of a working relationship with your dog. 149 pages and 68 photographs and graphics to help you recognize and solve problems.

This revised edition, updated in April 2009, includes many new pictures and lots of new information.

#### About the Author

Ali Brown graduated from Ursinus College with a B.S. in Psychology, and earned her M.Ed. in Human Development/Behavioral Science from Lehigh University. Working primarily as a behavior therapist/consultant with mentally challenged children and adults, she made a fulfilling switch to working with dogs seven years ago. She is a board member of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers. Ali takes great pride in providing non-force training methods for dogs and their people. She lives, trains, works and excel at Rally-O with her two Belgian Sheepdogs, Acacia and Bing.



In the Bakery Window ...

## Snickerpoodles

1/2 c vegetable oil	2 eggs
2 tsp cream of tartar	1 c honey
1/2 c shortening	2 tsp cinnamon
1 tsp baking soda	1/2 c cornmeal
3 3/4 c wheat flour	1/2 can pumpkin

Mix vegetable oil, shortening, and honey together until smooth. Add eggs and beat well. Blend in flour, baking soda, and cream of tar-

tar. Add pumpkin. Knead dough until mixed well. Shape dough by rounded half-teaspoons into balls. Mix the cornmeal and cinnamon together in a bowl and roll balls in mixture. Place 2 inches apart on a cookie sheet that has been sprayed with a nonstick spray. Press the ball down with a fork twice going in 2 different directions or press with your favorite stamp. Bake 8 minutes at 400. Remove from baking sheet and cool on a rack. I have also substituted banana and applesauce for the pumpkin and the kids did not complain.

## Something to learn from our pets

Being a veterinarian, I had been called to examine a 10 yr. old Irish Wolfhound named Belker. The dog's owners, Ron, his wife Lisa, and their son Shane, were all very attached to Belker, and they were hoping for a miracle.

I examined Belker and found he was dying of cancer. I told the family we couldn't do anything for Belker, and offered to perform the euthanasia procedure for the old dog in their home.

As we made arrangements, Ron and Lisa told me they thought it would be good for six-year-old Shane to observe the procedure. They felt as though Shane might learn something from the experience.

The next day, I felt the familiar catch in my throat as Belker's family surrounded him. Shane seemed so calm, petting the old dog for the last time, that I wondered if he understood what was going on. Within a few minutes, Belker slipped peacefully away.

The little boy seemed to accept Belker's transition without any difficulty or confusion. We sat together for a while after Belker's Death, wondering aloud about the sad fact that animal lives are shorter than human lives. Shane, who had been listening quietly, piped up, 'I know why.'

Startled, we all turned to him. What came out of his mouth next stunned me. I'd never heard a more comforting explanation.

He said, 'People are born so that they can learn how to live a good life – like being nice and loving everybody all the time, right?' The six-year-old continued, 'Well, dogs already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay as long.'

Remember, if a dog was the teacher you would learn things like:

- When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
- Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.
- Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.
- Take naps.
- Stretch before rising.
- Run, romp, and play daily.
- Thrive on attention and let people touch you.
- Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.
- On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass.
- On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.
- When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.
- Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.
- Be loyal.
- Never pretend to be something you're not.
- If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.
- When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by, and nuzzle them gently.

Enjoy every moment of every day!

## Are you ready for the Fall Auction?!

**September 10-24 2011** – We will be offering tried and true items for auction as well as adding a new "basket auction" to our event ... complete baskets for gift giving or for yourself ... Papillon basket; Butterfly basket; Pet basket; plus much, MUCH MORE!! *Watch for more details!*

## Be aware of your pet meds!

A news release from UF Health Newsnet:

A dog that barely survived after treatment at University of Florida Small Animal Hospital for acute ivermectin toxicity went home with his owner this month, prompting UF veterinarians to warn pet owners to take stock of all their pets' medications, particularly how and

when they are administered, especially around other animals in the household.

"Many people already know to be aware of medications in their homes, and to be careful how those drugs are stored so that pets and children can't get access to them," said Dr.

Carsten Bandt, an emergency and critical care specialist and chief of the hospital's emergency service. "However, people may not think about environments other than houses, such as barns or farms, where different types of animals frequently mingle and medications may be given outside."

Sandra Johnson, who has a farm in Archer, gave her four horses their worming medication May 17 but didn't see her 2-year-old Australian shepherd, Charly, creep thru the barn. When she did see him minutes later, Charly's head was down, and soon afterward, he was crawling. Johnson knew immediately that her dog's situation was an emergency, but she didn't realize what had happened until a vet asked if Charly had consumed ivermectin.

It turned out the medication she had given her horses, unlike the type she usually purchased, had been flavored, and Charly had eaten what one of the horses spit out. Flavoring in medications may make dosing easier, but it also makes lost doses more enticing to animals not suited for the treatment.

"It's when you deviate from your routine that things start to fall apart," Johnson said. "If something smells good, a dog's going to eat it."

Ivermectin is routinely used to prevent heartworm and to treat ear mites in many pets. The drug is also used as a general wormer in horses.

"In most cases and in most breeds of pets, side effects are not a concern with conventional doses," Bandt said. "However, in Charly's case, not only did he consume an extremely powerful dose, since the medication he ate was intended for a horse, but on top of that, Australian shepherds have a genetic sensitivity to ivermectin that allows the drug to enter the central nervous system."

Acute ivermectin toxicity paralyzed Charly, who was first treated with lipid infusion and had to be placed on a ventilator to help him breathe. On May 26, UF veterinarians disconnected the ventilator and Charly went home with his owner June 1.

He returned to UF because of a small skin infection, but continues to do well, vets said.

## Ten most important things to look for when purchasing a pet vitamin

<http://www.dogandcatvitamins.com/10-things-to-look-at-when-choosing-a-pet-vitamin/>

### 1. *Your cat or dog should like the vitamins, either as a treat or in addition to food.*

If you need to chase your pet around to get him to take his daily supplement, both you and your pet will quickly tire of it.

### 2. *The International units (IU) and milligrams (mg.) of each vitamin should be listed on the ingredients*

This tells you exactly what's in the vitamin and you can compare apples with apples.

### 3. *The vitamins must be complete.*

If a few inexpensive components are placed in a flavored mix, your pet is getting flavor and not a complete formula. Vitamins and minerals provide the body with the correct tools to stay healthy. If you had no nails or hammer but you had a saw and wood you could not build or maintain a house. It's the same with vitamins – the body needs specific tools and vitamins should provide all of them.

### 4. *The vitamins must be correctly balanced.*

Vitamins work together and if they are not balanced with all the ingredients needed to get the job done, the job simply doesn't get done.

### 5. *The sources should be bioavailable.*

This means your dog or cat should be able to absorb and utilize the minerals and vitamins in the mix. Powdered bone meal or oyster shells are often used as a calcium source yet neither is able to be absorbed or utilized. Bone meal has toxic lead and cadmium in it, unfortunately, and these toxic metals are absorbed into your pet's body.

### 6. *The flavorings and formula should be designed with respect to the high incidence of allergies in pets.*

Brewer's Yeast, the inexpensive by-product from brewing beer is often used as a flavoring. It is a dilute source of inexpensive, but incomplete B vitamins and it is one of the top foods dogs are allergic to.

### 7. *New research on vitamins is always coming out in the press and vitamins should incorporate this research into their formulation.*

For example, Vit. D3 has been found to be deficient in many and important for immune function.

### 8. *The vitamin should be designed with the biochemical needs of the species in mind.*

Cats cannot synthesize taurine in their bodies, so they need this amino acid included in their vitamins.

### 9. *A vitamin that helped decrease the toxic load of today's environment would further promote your pet's health.*

Most pet vitamins do not include Vit. C as both dogs and cats can create Vit. C in their body, but Vit. C acts to flush systemic toxins out and to boost the immune system. Our pets are exposed to lawn chemicals, flea and tick preventives, and many noxious substances. Extra Vit. C only helps to keep their internal systems clean and in doing so, promote health.

### 10. *The quality and the sources of the ingredients, human grade being the best, must be considered.*

Ingredients from poor sources have poor efficacy.

“home of the flea and land of the plague?”

# NM Dog tests positive for Plague

Laboratory tests today confirmed Bubonic plague in a Rio Rancho, NM. dog. State health officials are alerting residents to protect themselves and pets against the zoonotic disease most commonly transmitted by flea bites.

The bacterial disease caused by *Yersinia pestis*, a gram-negative bacterium, can spread to people through infected flea bites or when people come into contact with infected rodents, rabbits and other animals. The bacterium is endemic to most of the Western U.S.

“The infected dog presented to a local veterinarian in Rio Rancho, NM. with a history of killing sick rabbits about a week before illness onset,” says Paul Ettestad, DVM, MS, New Mexico public health veterinarian. “It had clinical signs of fever, lethargy and anorexia. The veterinarian drew an acute serology that tested negative in the state health department laboratory for both plague and tularemia. A convalescent serology drawn three weeks later showed a greater than four-fold rise in the plague titer (from <4 to 256) which is confirmatory.”

The Centers for Disease Control map counties where positive plague activity has been reported. Positive fleas, wildlife, cats, dogs and human cases are included.

“You can see that there is the potential for plague activity in most of the western states though it is concentrated more in the Four Corners area of the southwest,” Dr. Ettestad says. “Most of New Mexico’s human plague cases occur around the person’s residence due to a rodent die off from plague. We have had human cases where the exposure was most likely due to hunting dogs bringing plague infected fleas back into the home where the case patient allowed the dog to sleep in bed with them.”

Ettestad wrote 2010 Plague Information for Veterinarians, an educational guide posted on the state’s public health website. The piece discusses how the bacteria is spread, how to test for it and how to treat an infected patient. Ettestad says cats tend to have more severe illness from plague than dogs.

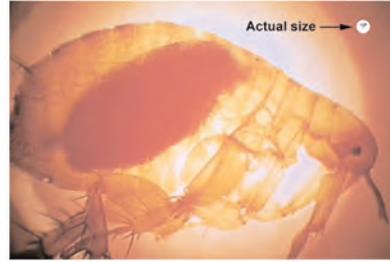
“Every case of cat plague represents a potential risk for human exposure and illness,”

Ettestad says. “Acquiring primary pneumonic plague from cats is a particular risk for veterinarians, their assistants and pet owners. In addition, bubonic plague or primary plague septicemia can result from contact with infectious tissues, exudates or fleas.”

Most people acquire plague by the bite of an infectious rodent flea but about one-fifth of all human cases result from direct contact with infected animals.

“Cats are particularly susceptible to plague and can play a role in transmission to humans by a variety of mechanisms including transporting infected fleas or rodent/rabbit carcasses into the residential environment,” Ettestad says. “Direct contact contamination with exudates or respiratory droplets and by bites or scratches can also transmit disease.”

According to Ettestad, dogs are frequently infected with *Y. pestis*, develop antibodies to the



Above: Male Oriental rat flea engorged with blood. It is the primary vector of plague in most large plague epidemics in Asia, Africa, and South America, according to the Centers for Disease Control. Both female and male fleas can transmit the infection. Source: CDC

organism and occasionally exhibit clinical signs. Dogs haven’t been shown to be direct sources of human infection.

“Maps of plague cases in animals vary by year,” Ettestad says. “There are some years where we will have over 30 cases in cats and over a dozen cases in dogs in New Mexico. So while plague cases in both dogs and cats are uncommon in most of the Western U.S., we encourage people to keep their dogs and cats from roaming and hunting and to use a flea control product recommended by their veterinarian. There have been human plague cases and human fatalities from people getting plague directly from their sick cats, though none known from sick dogs so far.”

*“Four miles to go before I sleep”*  
— Robert Frost

PapHaven Rescue member  
Sally Waite is doing a biking challenge!

*She is proposing to bike 100 miles and would like to get sponsors for her trip!  
Sally hopes to have her trip completed by Aug. 31.  
Can you help sponsor her?  
Would you like to join with her?*

*If you are interested in sponsoring Sally,  
please contact Jan Jorolan  
at [jorolan@catc.net](mailto:jorolan@catc.net).*



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Be a Well-Educated Owner

## von Willebrand's disease

**M**ost people are familiar with hemophilia A, an inherited blood clotting defect in human beings affecting only male children. Most people, however, are not as familiar with von Willebrand's (vWb) disease and hear of it for the first time when they ask questions about breeding their dog. vWb is also an inherited blood clotting defect and breeds at high risk should be screened before being allowed to breed.

### What is von Willebrand's factor?

The arrows in the photo (*above right*) point to two platelets amid a group of red blood cells.

vWb's factor is a protein complex produced both by platelets (the blood cells involved in clotting) and by the cells lining blood vessels. It is made up of several smaller proteins bound together and vWb's disease results when there is a defect in any one of these proteins. When a blood vessel tears and bleeding occurs, platelets are called to the area to clump upon each other thus plugging up the hole and staunching the bleeding. While the platelets are in place, a cascade of blood clotting factors activates ultimately leading to production of "fibrin," the material scars are made of, to more permanently seal the vessel. vWb's factor acts as glue holding the platelets together and holding them onto the surface of the torn blood vessel. vWb's factor also serves to stabilize "clotting factor VIII," one of the proteins involved in forming the fibrin clot.

When there is something wrong with one's vWb's factor, platelets do not stick together properly and inappropriate prolonged wound bleeding occurs.

### TYPES OF vWb'S DISEASE

**There are three types of vWb's disease.**

**TYPE I** – In Type I vWb, all the proteins making up vWb's factor are present but only in very small amounts. This is the type common in the Doberman Pinscher, Shetland Sheepdog, German Shepherd Dog, and Standard Poodle.

**TYPE II** – In Type II vWb, the larger proteins making up vWb's factor are completely absent leaving only the smaller proteins to do the job. This creates more severe bleeding episodes and represents the type of vWb usually

seen in Wire-Haired and German Short-Haired Pointers.

**TYPE III** – In Type III vWb, there is simply no vWb's factor at all. This is the most severe form and is usually seen in Chesapeake Bay Retrievers, Scottish Terriers, and Shetland Sheepdogs. vWb is not limited to the breeds listed here; forms of vWb's disease have been found in over 50 breeds and in cats and humans as well – *including Papillons.*

Unlike the genetics of Hemophilia A in humans, which is reviewed in detail in every high school biology class as a sex-linked recessive trait, vWb is not as simple. Males and females are equally affected and the inheritance seems to be recessive but complicated.

### Diagnosis of vWb's disease: Blood & DNA testing

Classically, testing for vWb is accomplished by measuring vWb's factor in a blood sample. The amount of factor in the patient's serum is compared to that found in "normal" dogs. The patient's results are compared to the normal and expressed in a percentage (thus it is possible for a patient to have >100%).

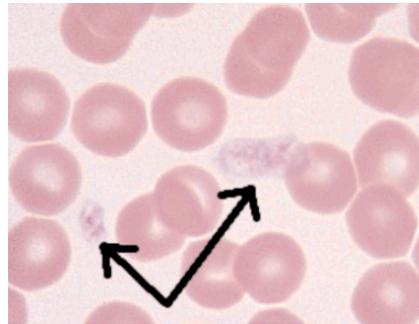
**Normal** is considered to be 70-180%

**Borderline** is considered to be 50-69%

**Abnormal** (affected or genetic carrier) is considered to be less than 49% though these results in part depend on the laboratory running the test. Dogs in the "Abnormal" group are at risk for bleeding and should definitely not be bred.

A dog may test differently on different days, when blood is drawn from different veins, when the dog is more excited, or if the dog is pregnant, so it may be necessary to test a dog several times before being comfortable with the result. This type of testing doesn't indicate what type of vWb is present and further testing by a technique called "electrophoresis" is needed to do this if one is interested. Knowing the Type of vWb is unlikely to change therapy thus testing is not commonly done.

DNA testing is currently available for, at the time of this writing, 11 breeds through a



company called VetGen ([www.vetgen.com](http://www.vetgen.com)). A swab of the inside of the patient's mouth is all that is required to determine whether the dog is clear, a carrier, or affected.

A simple screening test often done before a surgery is a "bleeding time." A small wound is created in the mouth

using a spring-loaded blade created just for this purpose (a Symplate Device). The time required for clotting to occur is measured and should be under 4 minutes or so. The patient is generally under anesthesia at this point. The test has previously been accomplished by clipping a toenail short and inducing bleeding but this technique has largely been abandoned as it cannot be standardized. Bleeding times are tests of platelet function in general and are not specific for vWb's disease.

### Suddenly symptom?

One would expect a congenital disease like vWb's to manifest in puppyhood and in fact this is usually so. vWb's disease is usually detected when there is unexpected hemorrhage during a spay or neuter or when screening tests are done in anticipation of surgery on a member of a vWb's breed.

Borderline dogs often show signs of bleeding later on. For example, sometimes a dog with borderline vWb's factor will show a slight drop in platelet function and will experience inappropriate bruising or bleeding transiently. This is something that may be seen later in life.

### Treatment of the affected dog

When hemorrhage is occurring or is anticipated (as with a planned surgical procedure), the best treatment is administration of vWb's factor by transfusion. Pure vWb's factor cannot be purchased from a blood bank but a blood product called "cryoprecipitate" which is particularly rich in vWb's factor can. Complete plasma is the next best choice and is much more available than cryoprecipitate. Administration of cryoprecipitate improves bleeding time for approximately 4 hours after administration.

A hormone called DDAVP (or "desmopressin acetate") can be helpful as its use seems to cause a sudden release of vWb's factor into the bloodstream. After a 30 minute onset period,

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the use of DDAVP shortens the bleeding time for approximately 2 hours after the injection.

### Conclusion

There are two considerations with vWb's disease: screening breeding animals so that this genetic disorder is not passed on and identifying and treating affected animals. If you own a member of one of the "at risk" breeds, consider having a screening test especially if you are considering a major surgery. If you plan to breed your pet vWb's testing is a good idea regardless of the breed but is a special concern for the "at risk" breeds.

### A Dog's Plea

Treat me kindly, my beloved friend, for no heart in all the world is more grateful for kindness than the loving heart of me.

Do not break my spirit with a stick, for although I should lick your hand between blows, your patience and understanding will quickly teach me the things you would have me learn.

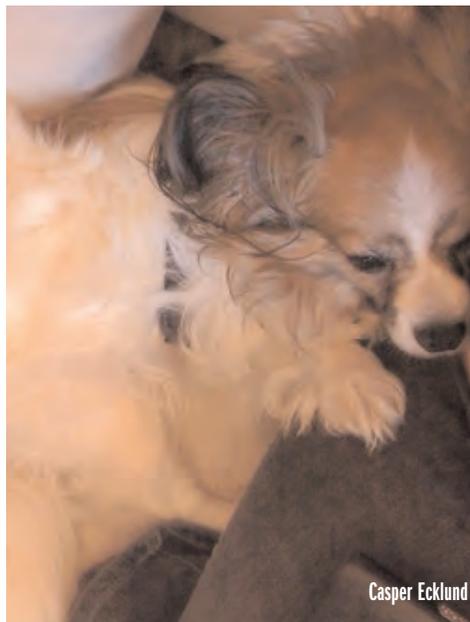
Speak to me often, for your voice is the world's sweetest music, as you must know by the fierce wagging of my tail when your footsteps falls upon my waiting ear.

Please take me inside when it is cold and wet, for I am a domesticated animal, no longer accustomed to bitter elements. I ask no greater glory than the privilege of sitting at your feet beside the hearth.

Keep my pan filled with fresh water, for I cannot tell you when I suffer thirst. Feed me clean food that I may stay well, to romp and play and do your bidding, to walk by your side and stand ready, willing and able to protect you with my life, should your life be in danger.

And, my friend, when I am very old, and I no longer enjoy good health, hearing and sight, do not make heroic efforts to keep me going. I am not having any fun. Please see that my trusting life is taken gently. I shall leave this earth knowing with the last breath I draw that my fate was always safest in your hands.

## That's why I'm here –



Casper Ecklund

### Dear PH,

For those of you who don't know, I joined PapHaven in August of 2009. Not that long ago! Especially since many of you have been around since its inception. In November of 2009 (just four months later), we adopted Casper. At that time I only had ever owned one dog – Maggie – who we purchased as a puppy. We did foster a little before Casper, but all in all my experiences owning a dog were limited. We helped in Casper's transport up to Peggy Pendill in Maine, which is how we fell in love with him (even though he was only with us for one night and extremely frightened). The moment he looked into my eyes I knew he was meant to be a part of our family. So like I said, Peggy fostered him for awhile and then we adopted him.

Casper is a very special boy. All the doggies we've had the privilege of working with have their own quirks and habits, and I just love his. He loves to chase his tail, and when he starts wagging... which doesn't take much to do... his whole butt sways back and forth and it looks like he's going to hurt himself! It's so funny! He loves to clean his face like a cat, and loves attention. You just have to say "Casper? What are you doing?" and he gets excited and happy. If you say "Casper! BARK BARK!" He will respond with a precise "BARK BARK!" He's not an overly intelligent dog... it did take him almost a full year to master a "sit"... and any-

time you ask him to do anything he will jump up on the couch thinking that's what you want from him (which is hysterical). He also has SEVERE separation anxiety, and will get angry and tear things apart if you don't follow the routine to a tee. But that's alright. Because this dog is my whole world. And if that means he stays in an xpen when we aren't home... oh well! No harm there!

So why am I writing about Casper? Well – tonight we took the dogs for a walk (our two plus the two fosters). It was nice! It's still cold up here in New England, it was around 40 degrees for our walk, but the sun was high in the sky. Casper LOVES walks – that brings out more of his quirks. He likes to do circles around your legs, and will try to walk up EVERY single driveway we pass, as if saying "oh, can we stop by and say hi!" even though he's never been to these houses. But now we're home and everyone is resting and Casper is sitting up as close as he can get to me. He's not a "lap" dog, but a "let me be very near" dog. He's sitting with his chin on my leg falling asleep right now. I looked down at him and his eyes met mine. I don't know why, but it made me tear up a little and I starting thinking about what life would be like without Casper. My dear Casperpotomus. He is my BEST friend. I've attached a picture I just took of him now, I'm looking down, his head is resting right where my leg meets my tummy and his footie is on my leg (*shown above*).

We rescue dogs and we often talk about the dogs and how wonderful it is that we can save their lives. You know what I'm talking about. But I want to highlight just for a minute the PEOPLE we touch. I am so grateful that I have the privilege of volunteering for PH. I'm grateful that someone out there submitted an intake form for my little man Casper, and somehow fate came together at the right time for me to meet and fall in love with him. It is my opinion that having Casper in my life has made it better all around from every angle. And it's all thanks to you guys.



So, thank you for not only saving Casper's life, but also for completing MY family. We wouldn't be the same without each and every one of you. THANK YOU.

Love, **Linda E.**

## Success stories abound



Tally is my little pap/chi mix who came last October as a temporary foster (Ha!). A day or so with him and I was offering to permanently foster.

Christmas Eve, Tally got in the midst of a dog fight with some of my own dogs, and came out of it with a broken left front leg (radius and ulna). He spent from Christmas Eve until the day after Christmas in an animal ED near where my sister lives, then I picked him up and drove straight back to Gainesville that evening to the University of Florida vet school emergency department. He had surgery December 27 to repair the fracture, and seemed to do well, then started limping badly a week later. X-rays at the vet school showed the screws and pins that had been placed had slipped and he had refractured his leg.

He went back to surgery with more plates and screws and wires on Jan. 6. He had yet a

third surgery in April to remove one of the plates when he kept getting an open wound over the end of the plate. Cultures from THAT surgery grew out a resistant infection, which was then treated with 6 weeks of double antibiotics (and daily treks to drop him off for a “day stay” at my own vet to make sure he did not miss any doses of his medications).

He has been the greatest patient through all of this, enduring many weeks of medications, and physical therapy, and crate restriction for 4 months with only short leash walks allowed.

I am happy now to report that 6 months, 3 surgeries, 1 bad infection (and many dollars later), Tally had his final vet school visit yesterday and is completely healed, back to normal activity-and, best of all, I have adopted him. :)

I am attaching pics – one of Tally last November visiting my mom at the rehab center after her hip surgery, and the other is Tally relaxing in his favorite spot (now that he is out of the crate!), lying on the couch.

*Judy Geroni  
Gainesville FL*



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# DNA nails owners who don't clean up after pets

By Zach Howard | Reuters - Wed, Jul 6, 2011 - <http://news.yahoo.com/dna-nails-owners-dont-clean-pets-231605086.html>

**CONWAY, Mass (Reuters Life!)** – Some U.S. pet owners who failed to clean up after their dogs got a nasty surprise from apartment complex manager Deb Logan.

Using DNA evidence, Logan started fining the irresponsible dog owners \$100 per offense.

Logan, property manager at Twin Ponds in Nashua, New Hampshire, started using a dog DNA-testing system to reveal which pooches were leaving feces scattered about outside.

Logan says the DNA technology called “PooPrints,” developed by *BioPet Vet Labs* of Knoxville, T.N., is working “amazingly” well for Twin Ponds, a 339-unit complex that is home to about 241 dogs.

“And for a property manager to not have to guess who the violator is, is absolutely wonderful,” she told *Reuters* in a phone interview.

Dog-friendly Twin Ponds is *BioPet's* largest client using PooPrints to solve the mystery of who left the offending mound.

Using doggie DNA to solve the puzzle which dog left the feces is becoming increasingly popular in apartment complexes nationwide from Jupiter, FL to Rockville Center, NY, where violators are fined up to \$1,000 per steaming pile.

At Twin Ponds, all tenants with a dog now must use a *PooPrints* pet DNA sampling kit when they move in. To set up a profile, owners come to Logan's office, swab their dogs' cheeks for a saliva sample, and Twin Ponds then sends that to *BioPet*, which creates a reference data-

base that includes all the community's canines.

When a canine deposit is left on the communal grounds, Twin Ponds mails *BioPet* a sample of feces to be matched to a dog through DNA. *BioPet* claims its testing has a 99.9 percent accuracy rate.

DNA is the individual biological coding that makes each creature unique.

“It's really not a Big Brother-type thing, and we don't test a lot of feces,” said *BioPet* president Jim Simpson.

“So the program is doing what we want it to do and what the property manager wants it to do – simply to encourage folks to clean up after their dogs, so they don't need employees and services out there doing it,” he said.

Simpson and Logan both believe the majority of pet owners are responsible people who dutifully clean up dog droppings.

But complaints about dog waste nationally have been piling up in recent years.

An average dog leaves behind 276 pounds of feces a year, according to the PooPrints web site. And there are about 77.5 million owned dogs in the United States.

The problem of dog excrement hit No. 6 on the list of America's top gripes last year, according to a survey by *Consumer Reports*.

Experts say serious health and environmental concerns go along with unscooped pet waste.

Even though livestock account for the vast majority of animal waste, according to the U.S.



Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), dogs are significant contributors to source water contamination. Probably the greatest human health concern linked with animal waste is harmful pathogens like *Cryptosporidium*, *Salmonella*, *Giardia lamblia* and *E. coli*, the EPA says.

So far this year at Twin Ponds, Logan has issued about 20 fines to residents for failing to clean up after their dogs. If a resident refuses to pay, she begins eviction proceedings the following month.

## Statistical analysis of PHR

Source	2007	2011
<b>Intake</b>		
Owner Surrender	146	201
Local Shelter	96	117
Another Group	85	26
Sub-standard Breeder	30	59
Breeder	29	21
Vet Surrender	25	13
Stray	14	16
Adoption Return	10	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>480</b>
<b>Transfer</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Adoption</b>		
PapHaven Web Site	127	188
Foster Flunky	102	96
Word-of-Mouth	55	46
Petfinder Web Site	54	41
Just "stumbled onto us"	5	18
Adoption Event	1	1
Newspaper Article	1	1
Other	9	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>409</b>
<b>Death</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>OVER-ALL Totals</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>924</b>



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