



# HPPL

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news

## The HPPL Commitment. Randall: A Story of Love...and Loss



**Randall** was named after the place he was found when rescued by HPPL: a Randall's grocery store parking lot. This beautiful red chow mix was thought to be about 12 human years old when found. Part of his rehabilitation by HPPL included a desperately needed splenectomy. During his cleanup after admission into the HPPL program, his long fur was so matted that he had to be shaved. However the groomer left a mane and a ball on his tail so that he looked exactly like a lion!

The most amazing thing happened when Randall was ready for adoption!

An assisted living center, Memorial Oaks Guest Home, adopted him, through a very special caretaker named Bill. The home had decided to adopt a dog, and when they saw Randall's photo on HPPL's website, they wanted him right away. He was so beautiful! And the community at the home believed that they would be blessed to have him in their lives. Upon his arrival, he adjusted quickly and took his place as joy giver. He quickly grew into his lion-like haircut and became "KING" of his new domain.

At his new home he was considered the "gentle giant" who greeted everyone who came to the community. After inspecting his guests, he led them to his residents. And when he wasn't busy with his residents, there was a nice couch to spend time on in the office. Here, he was able to supervise the office activities of the retirement community.

In addition to giving his residents affection, Randall also received affection from them most graciously, considering it to be his right. Outstretched hands of residents were always there to touch him and Randall never chose to ignore those generous "touches" and stokes on his soft fur. In doing so, the residents found joy. And Randall found treats!

Bill, Randall's caretaker and roommate, made sure that Randall's name was on the nameplate of the room they shared. Bill did this not only to let folks know how to find Randall, but to show that Randall had an important spot - his own room! Bill loved Randall more than anything.

Sadly, Randall fell ill to leukemia and left his earthly home in the 3rd week of July this year. The community held a memorial service and purchased a headstone for the wonderful guy. They miss him terribly, but feel so very blessed to have had him in their lives. When the time comes for all of us, Randall will be very busy at the Rainbow Bridge greeting his many earthly friends. He was loved by so many and was able to return all that love with gratefulness, grace, and dignity.

### Spotlight on Adoptable HPPL Pets! Please visit [www.hppl.org](http://www.hppl.org) for more information!

Our previously featured dog friends **Beau, Drea and Colby** are still hoping for their foster or permanent home. So are **Billy, Dino, Sam, Cavanaugh** and **Raja**. Were you thinking one of them might be the right companion for you? **Molly** and **Julian** have found foster homes but are still waiting for their forever homes.

spotlight





## tribute fund

The Tribute Fund of HPPL can be used to honor living persons and pets or to memorialize those who have passed on, while donating to help animals in distress. After receiving your tribute donation, an appropriate card of acknowledgment will be sent to the person you indicate.

## HPPL MISSION

- \* the rehabilitation and foster care of stray & abandoned dogs and cats with placement into qualified permanent homes;
- \* the spay/neuter of pets belonging to owners unable to assume the cost of surgery;
- \* humane education to increase the public's compassion for animals in order to prevent future animal suffering and neglect; and
- \* support to other animal welfare organizations.

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## in memory of pets...

### Ruffin

from Joanne Smith  
**Pepper**

from Mary Jane Powell  
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from Stewart Davis  
**Luther**

from Stewart Davis  
**Ruby**

from Norma Richardson  
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**Armor**

from Jersey Village Animal Hosp.  
**Armor**

from Debby Ryan  
**Moonie**

from Pet Tenders  
**Crazy Jane**

from Pet Tenders

### Ethyl

from Pet Tenders  
**Brita**

from Lucile Rodgers  
**Fantasma**

from Pet Tenders  
**Orion**

from Pet Tenders  
**Sara**

from Sue & Dennis Heftin  
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from Libby Shepherd  
**Leela**

from Karen Cureton  
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**Rocky**

from Bob & Libby Shepherd  
**Buster**

from Lou Ann Gore  
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from Debby Ryan  
**Sam**

from Philip & Patty Roberts  
**Gellie**

from Dorothy Suchan  
**Holly**

from Pet Tenders  
**Michael J.**

from Mark & LouAnn Gore

### Smokey

from Connie Peacock  
**Randall**

from Connie Peacock  
**Gelie**

from Chuck & Joanne Smith Allen  
**Foodrick**

from John & Suzette Deckert  
**Chan**

from Anne & Mike Johnson  
**Holly**

from Tessa Lesley & Carl Stutts  
**Armor**

from Kaye & Wah Wong  
**Junebug**

from Kaye & Wah Wong  
**Scooter**

from Christy Fojas  
**Bruno**

from Karen Collins  
**Noah**

from Ruby Ryan  
**Noah**

from Dennis & Sandy Heftin  
**Bandit**

from Nancy Davidson, Debby Ryan  
& Nancy Antle  
**Shadow**

from Christina Fojas

## in memory of people...

### Lillian Cork

from Norma Richardson

### Gayle Harris Birk

from Bev Taylor & Sandy Robillard

### Don Hicks

from Norma Richardson

### Eileen Smith

from Mary McDowell, Frederick Carmona,  
Dorothy Hester & Susan Haynie

### Eileen Smith

from Dorothy Suchan

### Eileen Smith

from Harry & Judy Bristol

### Fred Bristol

from Joanne Goff

### Eileen Smith

from Troy & Catherine Hodges

### Curtis Jennings

from Joanne Goff

### Curtis Jennings

from Judy & Harry Bristol

### Shirley Engelmann

from Dayna Engelmann

### Stanley A. Martin

from Chuck & Peggy Compling, Vi Michaels,  
Charles & Ruth Bittner & Sandra Reese

### Cary Minor

from Norma Richardson

### Nancy Sumerfield

from Jean Lacy

## in honor of pets...

### Kasha & Jazzy

from Kristen Johnson

### Meadow

from Linne Girouard

## in honor of people...

### Robert Sobol

from Victor Woldridge

### Kathy Bernhardt

Myrna Smith

### Jim & Betty Bailey

from Mark Bailey

We have some great news on our animals who were featured in the last newsletter!

Dogs Mabel, Wolfie, Atticus and Caleb and cat Cozy have all been adopted! See the Adoption Updates section for more on Mabel and her new family.





# YES, I WANT TO HELP.



membership

I want to become a member of HPPL and have checked my membership gift below.

- \$1000 Sponsor   
  \$500 Patron   
  \$100 Associate  
 \$50 Affiliate   
  \$25 Basic Membership   
  Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 I am already a member and would like to make an additional donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 I want to mail in monthly gifts. Send me designated envelopes.  
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 Check   
  MasterCard   
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HPPL is a non-profit, charitable organization. Donations are tax-deductible.  
 Send to: Homeless Pet Placement League • P.O. Box 273027 • Houston, Texas 77277

happy tails

Note from Mabel, adopted by  
 Barbara Boone & Lance Weidman

**M**y parents...and my Grandma...adore me! After almost a year at the Kennel Club, I was adopted at the end of May and boy, the miles they have put on me and the sights that I have seen! Mom and Grandma took me with them when they took Grandma back to Ohio at the end of June. I loved riding in the car and spending July at Grandma's enjoying the parks, making new friends and just sitting in the yard enjoying the cooler weather. When I got back to Texas, Mom and Dad took me to Galveston and Matagorda to romp on the beach and chase the seagulls. My newest adventure was a canoe trip down the Colorado River (near Columbus.) I got to ride in the front of the canoe by Mom and scout cows (the farmers along the route have cattle that sit in the water to cool off and my cattle dog instincts were kicking in - I could hardly contain myself when I saw them.) I also got to try out my dog paddle when we stopped for a picnic at a swim hole with a mini rapid.

in the canoe!

All these adventures and walks have been great for my figure, too! I just love the HPPL's Tammy who perfectly teamed me up with my Mom and Dad. I know my parents also love the HPPL because I am their third adoptee - Brother Barney was adopted in 1993 and Sister Tara Marie was adopted in 1994. By the way, Dad gave me the middle name of Lean.



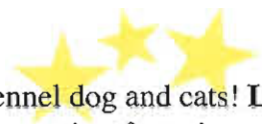
checking out some goats...

playing in the river!



annual dinner/fundraiser at the Houston City Club

The night of May 19, 2006 was truly an "Evening of Stars" featuring our kennel dog and cats! **Lisa Foronda** greeted guests as they arrived. Attendees were treated to a silent auction featuring over 115 items with everything from gift certificates to original artwork. The live auction generated fast-paced action as guests competed to be the high bidder on original paintings, spa visits, elegant jewelry, a nature cruise and even a bi-plane ride. Thank you to the folks who bought tables, attended, donated items for the live and silent auction and worked on the party committee. **We raised almost \$23, 000 to help homeless animals!**



howl-o-ween benefit at the villa capri restaurant

Friends of HPPL enjoyed a delicious Italian buffet and beautiful weather at our **Howl-o-ween Party** at the Villa Capri Restaurant on October 22. Guests enjoyed an array of silent auction items. **Best of all, the event raised about \$3, 600 for our dogs and cats!**



party kids!

our foster kitties take home awards!

Our foster kitties took home lots of ribbons in the **Humble Cat Show's** Household Pets category. To see these and other prize-winning cats, please visit our adoption pages at [www.hppl.org](http://www.hppl.org).



prize winners!

cheers to our wonderful volunteers!

Individual volunteers have also initiated various fundraising projects:

- \* Over \$800 was earned by volunteers who wrapped packages at Barnes & Noble in Champions before Mother's and Father's Days.
- \* Other HPPL volunteers negotiated for our organization to be the recipient of over \$700 from admission fees to a party at Helio's on Westheimer.
- \* Still other volunteers hosted a garage sale with all proceeds benefiting HPPL.

want to be involved?

Do you have ideas on new ways to raise funds? We'd love to hear them! We would also appreciate your participation on our Events and Activities Committee. Please see our Mascot Message on Page 6 from Colbye for more information on how you can become involved!

Mobile Adoption Volunteers are also needed!

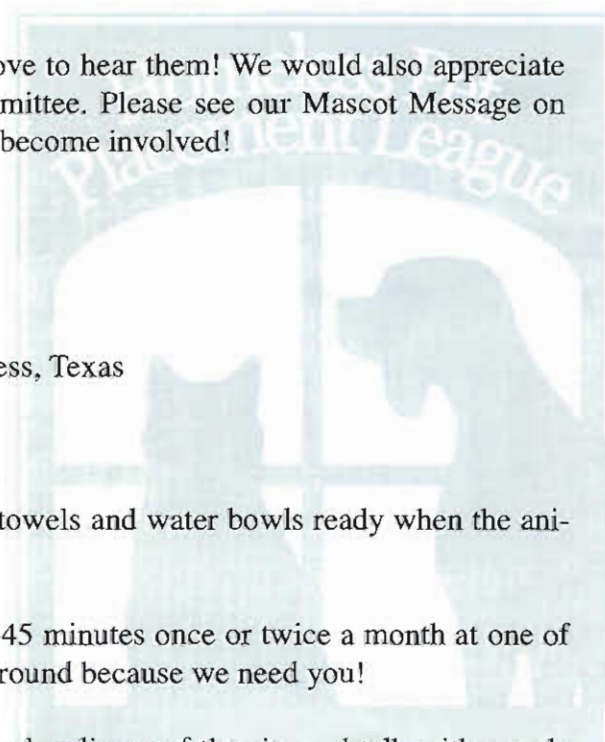
**When:** 10 a.m. each Sunday

**Where:** PetsMart, 7050 Highway 6 North  
 PetsMart, 25829 Northwest Freeway, Cypress, Texas  
 Petco, 2110 South Shepherd  
 PetsMart, 1549 West Bay Area Blvd.

**What:** Cages for the dogs and cats need to be set up with towels and water bowls ready when the animals arrive at 11 a.m.

**Time Required:** 30-45 minutes. Could you commit to 30-45 minutes once or twice a month at one of our four adoption locations? If you have more time, stick around because we need you!

**Mobile Adoption Volunteers** walk the dogs, maintain the cleanliness of the site and talk with people who are considering an adoption. You must be 18 to participate in the dog walking or any direct contact with the animals (liability reasons) but we welcome younger volunteers accompanied by an adult to help us watch the cages and answer questions from the general public.





# mascot message

Hi again. It's me, Colbye, with some suggestions on how you could help more animals find wonderful homes like I did. Did you know HPPL has only one paid employee? Everything we accomplish is done by volunteers. **AND WE NEED YOU!!!**

Here are a few of our volunteer opportunities:

**Mobile Adoption Help** - please see Page 4 for our Mobile Adoption locations, hours and a description of volunteer duties. Mobile Adoption sites are the way our dogs and cats get to meet the public and find their forever homes!

**Foster Care** - If you've got extra room in your home and your heart, consider providing a temporary home for one of the many stray and abandoned dogs and cats that HPPL helps each year. HPPL provides all the veterinary care and eventual placement into a permanent home, while the foster home contributes shelter, food, transportation to the adoption site on Saturdays and, most importantly, an abundance of love for these discarded animals.

**Publicity and Mail-outs** - If you like meeting and talking with people, consider working the booths HPPL staffs at various events in the community throughout the year. In ad-

dition, the Events Committee is always looking for new and creative ways to increase the public's awareness of

HPPL. We also need help several times a year preparing our mailouts. We need people to stuff the envelopes and attach the mailing labels. Spend a couple of hours with other people who love animals while helping us get our mailings ready.

**Fundraising** - Join the Events and Activities committee! HPPL holds several fundraisers every year including raffles, silent auctions and our annual birthday party in May. Volunteers are needed to help organize these events to make them a huge success.

HPPL does some incredible work, but the group depends almost entirely on volunteers. Whatever your talents or interests, we hope you get involved. Together we can make a difference! ***Volunteer with us and make a difference in the life of a homeless animal!***

