



# HPPL Newsletter

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Homeless Pet Placement League Spring/Summer Newsletter

## HPPL's Continuing Answer

"How is it possible that a dog can be that thin and still be alive?" Those words were the first ones that came to mind when the woman saw the dog. Even at a distance, it was clear that the dog was in bad shape because she was just weaving. Pulling her car over, the kind hearted lady pulled out dog



Sabrina First Found

food and tried to coax the animal toward her, but as weak as she was, the dog was too fearful to come near and so ambled toward a busy street. Quickly, the woman drove away realizing she was about to do more harm than good but in her rear view mirror, she could see the dog eating.

Every day, the woman went back and let the dog see her put the food down. Soon, it was time to make a move. This pathetic dog in such desperate condition had to be saved. One afternoon, the dog was spotted foraging for

food, so after five days of associating this person and plentiful food, hopefully, the dog would come to her.

Hearing the pop of the canned food, the dog came right over and starting eating. The woman took out her leash loop, slowly put it over the head, and that's when the petting took over. Amazingly, this frail dog wagged her tail! Into the car she went as the woman cried tears over her. All the way home, words of encouragement were spoken as the dog lay quietly in the seat.

Arriving home, the dog received probably the first bath of her life. As she went to sleep on the soft bed in a crate, it became too evident that malnutrition was not this dog's only problem. Clearly, she had given birth to many litters, her body was bloody and scarred, and the scratching interrupted her much needed rest. Soon, a visit to the HPPL veteri-

narian revealed severe mange with an underlying bacterial infection, a heavy heartworm infestation, and a pellet in the joint near her ankle where someone had shot her.

It will take Sabrina several months to recover from all of her medical problems but within just a few weeks, her bony body had filled out, her sores were healed, and she had completed her first phase of the heartworm treatment begun.



Sabrina After 6 Weeks

This girl once had a home because she is very sweet and easy going. She likes the other dogs, cats and children in her foster home. The veterinarian says she will be a beautiful black lab in the end. How did she turn into this distressed, diseased dog? HPPL can't answer that question, but one more time, as we have for twenty years, HPPL does have another answer; Sabrina will be cared for no matter the cost until she is adopted into a loving forever home. That's what HPPL continues to do!

### HPPL's GOOD WORK

**January 1 – May 30, 2009**

Intake: 115 animals

Major Medical: 16 (includes treatment of heartworms, distemper, pneumonia; surgical biopsies, and orthopedic procedures)

Adoptions: 108 animals

### GOING GREEN

Part of HPPL's goal for its twentieth year is to GO GREEN. You can help us by providing us with your email address. Just log on to the website and sign up via the homepage. You will then receive our monthly eNewsletters so you know what is going on with the animals and the events.

**HPPL MEMBERSHIP**— Each summer, HPPL asks its supporters to become official members. Your support as a member of HPPL allows us to **continue saving animals** throughout the summer months when the need is ever increasing. Please take a moment and either fill out the form below and send to us or “go green” and click on <http://www.hppl.org/renew.aspx> to help HPPL move into another year of providing stray animals a second chance. The membership drive ends on August 15, 2009. Help us answer the calls that keep coming.

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

\$25 Basic Membership     \$50     \$75     \$100     \$250     \$500     Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I am already a member and I would like to make an additional donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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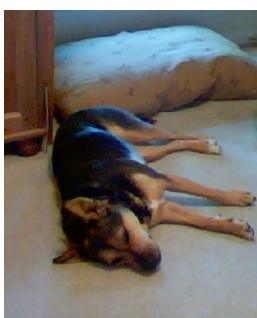
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## HAPPY ENDINGS



**DARLING** — We were looking for a dog because our little dog died last year. When we met Darling, I was nervous because she was so big and I was used to small dogs. My kids and I played with Darling and then the foster parent came with us for a walk. We could see that Darling is so well behaved, so gentle. She's a 40 lb. love sponge with a beautiful smile on her face when you rub her tummy! We all agreed it's such a advantage to adopt an older dog who has been fostered because you get information on the dog's personality and behavior. Darling completes our family. She's learned the school schedule and walks with us to pick up the school kids. My daughters, Sofia and Olivia, and I love Darling very much and we are very grateful to the foster mom for all of the time and effort she put into Darling. Also, we're grateful to HPPL for the excellent work they do in rescues and adoptions! *Thank you everyone! Sincerely, Cynthia, Sofia, Olivia and Darling*



**DUSTY**— Dusty continues to grow and to become more fluffy and handsome! He's a charmer with a definite strong personality. I just love him. He enjoys life with his new family, especially big brother Samson who takes good care of him and likes to wash his ears. They are very cute when they nap together because Samson is about twice as big as Dusty. Dusty en-

joys playing with some of my other cats too. He is very sweet and likes to curl up on my lap. So, you can tell he has made a great addition to our household. *Thank you, HPPL! Cynthia*

### SHOW AND TELL with Emma



Emma came after Thanksgiving and she loves her kid, Kale. He is five years old and she will let you know Kale is hers. They are inseparable; they relax, take naps on the couch, watch a little TV, and sleep together every night.

Recently, Emma visited Kale's school and was his “show and tell.” She LOVED it!! She gets to ride along once in a while, but this time she got to go inside. Every child that walked by petted her. At the front of the class, Kale was all ready to give his clues when Emma decided to bark. So out she came and the kids enjoyed hearing about her rescue after the hurricane and her forever home with Kale. Of course, all the kids wanted an “Emma dog” after that. Before Emma left, she “sang” a little for them. We are so blessed to have such a sweet dog in our family.

*Thank you HPPL, Kale, Emma, mom, dad, and brothers*