



# HPPL Newsletter

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Homeless Pet Placement League Fall/Winter 2012 Newsletter



## Challenges

When an animal is rescued, no one knows the challenges that may arise, but HPPL's commitment helps find ways to turn struggles into successes.



### Bea's Challenge

A kitten barely able to stand and toddle looked up and started crying. The other two piled together were so weak they didn't even lift their heads. Born to a stray mom, these two week old babies were starving and mom was nowhere in sight. Quickly, the man who found them and the HPPL friend that he called were ready to take them to safety. Within moments, however, mom arrived, oblivious to the two near lifeless ones but picking up "screamer" and plopping him in a pile of leaves. The first challenge was to grab mom and then to put her and the kittens in a carrier. Thankfully, she was eager to eat herself, so one obstacle was quickly overcome. Two more veteran kitten fosters became involved and the little crew was cleaned, warmed up, and hydrated. By mid afternoon, the vocal kitten was nursing but the others remained uninterested. By midnight, the screamer had succumbed. By morning, the second kitten was gone and only one remained.

Over the next week, Mom seemed to understand how to take care of this tiny girl and the HPPL foster and friends worked on monitoring her care. A survivor was in the works. But before long, the young mother developed a respiratory infection and sadly shared it with her only kitten. With palliative care, mom shook her "cold" but with such a tenuous grasp on life, the next challenge became keeping little Bea alive. Major medical care and TLC were the only things that would help Bea make it. Anti-viral drugs, antibiotics, eye ointments, and syringe feedings were needed to keep the virus from winning the battle and to eliminate the possibility of blindness from Bea's ulcerated eyes. Weeks of intensive care paid off when Bea began eating on her own, started to play, and gained weight. Unbelievably, six weeks later, the day for spaying and vaccinations finally arrived. In the future, one eye is always going to "weep" and occasionally the virus may manifest itself requiring medicine to smooth the way. For now, Bea's last challenge is to find a forever home who wants a super sweet, ever purring, and playful kitty. As far as Bea's concerned, she is enjoying life never having known the obstacles she has overcome.

### Maverick's Challenge

A big, silly puppy needing discipline and basic medical work along with treatment for mange. For HPPL, that's not really a challenge. With devoted fosters and a great clinic, the remedies should have come quickly. And so it seemed, they would. The mange took very little time to cure, the altering and shots were a one day affair, but this growing boy didn't like to listen. So he was "transferred" to a veteran dog foster to understand the obedience requested for a guy to find a forever home. But in no time, Maverick decided he was the alpha dog and began creating some chaos with another foster dog. Once was a warning, but twice, and HPPL knew he needed to have an expert work with him. A strong willed terrier, Maverick was able to be enrolled in a place that specializes in training this breed. Like many people across the U.S., HPPL knew the reputation of this facility and felt secure



that in six weeks, this guy would be ready for his permanent home. But on a July morning, word spread across Houston and other more distant places that Spindletop Refuge had been raided by officials and dogs were removed. Now a more serious challenge began. HPPL's Program Manager went into high gear to bring this dog back to us. Within days, due to exact record keeping and a microchip, Maverick was located and had a happy look on his face when he saw someone he knew waiting for him at the HPPL van. After a day at the vet, he was pronounced medically sound, yet without a foster home he now had to spend his days in boarding. Daily, the report from kennel staff was how sweet he is, how he is learning to walk better on the leash and how with a consistent person and place he would become the good dog he is destined to be. So the biggest challenge was to find that person and place. Amazingly, out of nowhere, both arrived. Having lost their dog of many years, a lovely couple found Maverick on the website and a meet and greet took place. After hours of discussion, a decision to adopt was made. Falling in love and having a support system has made the transition challenge move slowly forward. Maverick's new mom is beyond patient and dad just thinks this dog is the best. HPPL is there every step of the way as Maverick becomes secure, social and settled. Just recently, his new mom writes, "I think he loves us." And HPPL is sure he does!

## In Honor of Pets

Biscuit • Billye Hansford  
Furbee • Holly Huston  
Barney • Dan & Jill Young  
Muffin • Ramona Hairston

## In Memory of Pets

Tiger, Suzi & Preston • Fredna  
Stoli • Linda Marshall  
Honey, Drexler, Shadow & Baby • Pat Johnson  
Sarah, Pooh & Tigger • Pat Johnson  
Millard • Angela Apte & David Church  
Yoda • Genie Dunnage  
Sasha • Mark & Cheryl Piper  
Butch • Elizabeth Zapata



# HPPL TRIBUTES



Lucky • Joann Katona  
Dante • Debby Ryan  
Piebald • John & Heather Burgess  
Boutit • Kristen Cover  
Breesha • Amy Kuehnle  
Cookie & Cody • Debbie Leppelt  
The Poopers • Rob Peterson  
Oscar • Diane Siebels  
Reebok • Susan Sinclair  
Buttercup • Karen Wilkie  
Sandy, Senator & Jack • Brian & Cheryl Ogden  
Rusty • Nancy Bell

Misty, Princess, Heidi & Rodey • Hannelore Kennedy  
Ginger, Morgan, Chester, Ben & Lem  
• Anne Norton Johnson

## In Honor of People

Debby Ryan • Laurie Cohen, Pam Harris  
Phil Risi • Carolyn Baranowski-Risi  
Gail Marlatt • Juanita Bray  
Chuck Schwartz • Marcia Forbes  
Kathy Bernhardt • Myrna Smith

## In Memory of People

James F. Loving • Norma Richardson  
Richard & Dorothy Peath • Joni Peath  
Allen F. Rhodes • Carol J. Rhodes  
Jim Martin • Betty Martin

# HPPL Happy Endings

## Welcome Home Pippa!



Hi HPPL, We are having so much fun with Pippa. Here she is after her grooming. Even though she is down to being a hairless Maltese, it hasn't stopped her from wanting to assert her authority. I do think she was a policeman in her past life. And, she watches TV! Needless to say, we both love

her dearly. Thanks again to all who saved her and for your help in getting us this little sweetie. Sincerely, Pat

## Welcome Home Theo!



Dear HPPL, Here is a cute photo of Mr. Theo. We started taking the dogs to this place called Rummy's Beach Club. Here's a picture of him having a blast! You can tell he is living a great life! Thanks so much for saving him. He's a great buddy and "first" dog. Sincerely, Bobbie Jean and Ryan

## Ways to Help

Over the next few months, HPPL has many events that require lots of hands to help raise revenue for foster dogs and cats. Please check [www.hppl.org](http://www.hppl.org) for a current listing of animal-loving activities. When you see something with "your name on it", just contact [hpplvolunteering@hppl.org](mailto:hpplvolunteering@hppl.org) and we can sign you up!

## HPPL's Been Busy

January 1 - October 15, 2012

Intake: 247 animals • Major Medical Procedures: 29  
Adoptions: 212 • Community Spay/Neuter: 376 cats

## Welcome Home Tempie!



Dear HPPL, From April 21 to June 9, we were very emotional about the loss of our beloved Beagle. Then, we found hope on your website—Molly. I guess you could say it was "love at first sight" as we met her and the adoption process took place. After saying goodbye to the foster, we headed home with the dog we named "Tempie" after my husband's grandmother. At home, she was

ready to meet Madeleine and Ellexis, our two poodles, and they welcomed her as their new friend and the rest is history! Tempie is sleeping with us, just as our beloved Jingles did. And the best part of all – my husband's heart is healing. He has fallen in love all over again and we are so thankful that we connected with HPPL and thank the fosters for the love and care they gave Tempie until we adopted her. We are grateful for all the wonderful work you do and we will be indebted to your organization forever recommending your services to everyone we know searching for an animal to love. Fondly, Don and Cindy

## HPPL SPONSORSHIP

Please take a moment to either complete and mail this form or "go green" by visiting [www.hppl.org](http://www.hppl.org) and clicking on the "Network for Good" icon. Let's help HPPL move into another year of providing stray animals a second chance.

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