



# HPPL Newsletter

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Homeless Pet Placement League Summer 2011 Newsletter

## A Day in the Life...



Every day brings requests for HPPL's assistance to dogs and cats in Houston. Sometimes, the need is simple: altering, vaccinating and microchipping; then it's on the road to adoption. However, there are also calls that bring HPPL a challenge. Here are a few of those recent stories...

### Meet Penelope



From a distance, she didn't look bad. Like many strays, she was hungry and underweight. She had undoubtedly had puppies a few times and now she wandered, not clear on where

she was or what to do. After several days of seeing and feeding this dog, a long term HPPL foster parent decided to rescue her. A McDonald's hamburger was all it took. At home, the struggle became evident. This poor dog was so emotionally damaged that she refused to come out of the car and go in the house. With assistance, that was accomplished, but for days, Penelope would do nothing but put her head down and refuse human contact. Her first visit to the vet was traumatic; the physical problems were easily outlined (the worst being heavy heartworms) and remedies put into place. However, the hardest part of this rehabilitation would be finding the happy dog inside this shell of a dog. Now, months later, due to the foster's enduring work, Penelope wags her tails and runs to the door to go into the yard. Walking around the block is sometimes easy; sometimes not, but she does it. Penelope must still gain security and trust before adoption time, but one of these days, she will be ready thanks to HPPL's attention to the physical needs and the foster mom's attention to the emotional scars.

### Meet Sully



One cold evening, a starving cat came begging. Immediately, the rescuer noticed a bulging, opaque left eye. The right eye was running with thick mucus. But when picked up, he snuggled. Days later, HPPL's vet diagnosed a Herpes infection of both eyes. The left eye could not be saved, so it was removed

and a prosthetic inserted and the eye stitched closed. The next day arriving in his foster home, he was playful and loving. Soon, the stitches were removed and the infection went into remission. However, in a short time Sully's eye started filling with fluid, and he needed surgery again. The prosthetic was removed, the area flushed and a new prosthetic inserted. Same scenario, stitches removed but he would be a permanent member of his foster home. Sully's story shows that HPPL and its surgeons are willing to do anything to make an animal whole. Sully still struggles with fluid buildup, but whenever he comes home from an exam or surgery, he starts immediately playing. What a champ this young cat turned out to be!

### Meet Jessie



Many calls that come in tell HPPL that we are the only one who will help an animal in distress. Jessie is such a pup. The

sight of him day one could bring you to tears. He was sitting by some railroad tracks one morning when a kind hearted soul just had to stop. He was covered in open sores and sat forlornly watching cars zoom by. As he was called to, he would come forward then retreat. The pup must have known that help was just a step away, so he allowed himself to be picked up and put in the car. Unbelievably, his rescuer had once worked as a vet tech and knew right away that this was a case of Demodex mange just out of control. There was pus and blood oozing from his whole body! The rescuer did an internet search and after many negative responses, she received an "enthusiastic" (her word) reply from HPPL wanting to set up an immediate appointment for treatment. In just a little time, Jessie looks better and his sores have started to heal. Amazingly, he is turning into a happy and active pup. Imagine how quickly he will be adopted once his coat is as beautiful as his spirit!

### Meet Tatu



Her name means "3" because her rescuer just knew that front leg would need to be amputated. No one knows if the kitten was born there or dumped there, but she was first spotted at about age six weeks wandering

the grounds of an apartment pleading for handouts and dodging children. A few weeks later, a tenant saw that she was holding up a foreleg and limping badly. A volunteer helped trap the kitten who turned out to only be scared not feral. HPPL stepped up to have her evaluated; x-rays revealed an old, healed injury to her elbow joint. The HPPL vet believed that the kitten would do fine with no repair, and amputation was unnecessary; the leg would help her balance and it didn't seem to bother her. Tatu is proof of the resiliency of animals.



## TRIBUTES



### In Memory of Pets

Cooper • from Janet & Jeff Pozmantier  
Jack • from Brian & Cheryl Ogden  
Mittens, Boomer & Tejas • from Tessa Lesley

### In Honor of Pets

Charleston • from Cynthia Slatton  
The Deckert's Cats • from John Farroba

### In Memory of People

David Patrick Van Zandt • from Norma Richardson  
George E. Tharp • from Norma Richardson  
Helen Johnston • from Norma Richardson & Ann Carroll

### In Honor of People

Rachel Penner • from Joanne Goff  
Dr. Don Collins • from Tari Couvillion

## 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 to either fill out the form below and send it to us or "go green" and visit <http://www.hppl.org/renew.aspx> to help HPPL move into another year of providing stray animals a second chance. The membership drive ends **August 15, 2011**. Help us answer the calls that keep coming. I want to become a member, and have checked my membership gift below:

<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Basic Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> I am already a member and would like to make an additional donation of \$_____.
<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> I want to mail monthly gifts. Please send me designated envelopes.
<input type="checkbox"/> \$75 Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> I want to make automatic monthly gifts with my credit card (MC or VISA)
<input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> MC <input type="checkbox"/> VISA Account # _____ CVV# _____ EXP _____
<input type="checkbox"/> \$250 Membership	Name _____ Phone# _____
<input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Membership	Address _____ City _____ St. _____ Zip _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____	Apt/Suite# _____ E-Mail _____

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## HPPL Happy Endings

### Welcome Home Georgia!



Hi HPPL, I just wanted to say thanks for helping us find the perfect addition to our family. We adopted Havana last September when she caught my attention. Her sweet nature won me over! We were hesitant to adopt another dog because our dog, Lizzie, is very dominant and does not play well with

others. After thinking it over, we decided to adopt Havana and changed her name to Georgia based on her sweet personality! The two dogs got along much better than we thought and have grown even closer and have truly become doggie sisters. They sleep together, eat together, and play together. Georgia has calmed Lizzie down and taught her how to play well with others. They are playmates for life!! Thanks for rescuing Georgia and giving us the opportunity to welcome her into our lives! - Best, Denise

### Welcome Home Jag!

Dear HPPL, Last year, I adopted a two-year old black, long-haired cat known as Fritz, now Jag. He is content with his relaxed and lavish lifestyle. He spends most of the day in his window seat napping or watching the cars, birds, people and all his dog friends who pass by. Later, he LOVES to play with all of



his toys. He also just got a new little kitten friend who has proudly taken over the role of the "annoying little brother," always chasing Jag's tail and stealing his toys (although honestly, Jag secretly loves him). The two are inseparable. I am so thankful to HPPL for fostering Jag for as long as they did, I truly don't know what I would do without him. Thanks for all that you have done and continue to do! You guys change the lives of both people and animals forever and I couldn't be more grateful! - Sincerely, Shelby

### Welcome Home Delano!



Dear HPPL, My husband and I adopted Delano. As our newest member of the family, he is the biggest sweetheart. He has won my husband and me over with his hugs and kisses. He has also been able to keep our other baby, Halo, in line! She used to have way too much energy since she waited all day for someone to come home. Now when we come

home from work she is so pooped out from playing with Delano that she no longer chews on the furniture! I can't imagine life without Delano. - Regards, Ana

## Ways to Help

Visit [www.hppl.org](http://www.hppl.org) for more information:

### Reliant Park World Series of Dog Shows • July 22 - 24

Help at HPPL's booth. Super-friendly dogs are welcome, as well as volunteers.

### Houston Cat Club Show • Aug. 27-28 at George R. Brown

Many hands are needed to help at the HPPL booth and also steward the rings.

### Book Drive - Ongoing

Need to unload books, CDs, DVDs and VHS tapes? Contact us; we'll take them off your hands to raise funds for the foster animals.

## HPPL's Good Work

January 1 - May 31, 2011

Intake: 102 animals • Major Medical Procedures: 21

Adoptions: 113 • Free Altering: 45

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