



# Homeless Pet Placement League

A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO THE RESCUE AND REHABILITATION OF STRAY AND ABANDONED ANIMALS

## December 2009 eNewsletter

### HPPL Greetings

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Dear Friend,

HAPPY HOLIDAYS from Colbye, the HPPL mascot!

It's hard to believe another year, HPPL's 20th one, is drawing to an end. This year has certainly presented HPPL with challenges in keeping our programs for our animals running smoothly. Every day, the phone rings and it is often another request for help with an animal that will otherwise have a very different fate.

HPPL likes nothing more than to say, "We can help!" And, with our donors' incredible support in 2009, in spite of a down financial time, HPPL has been able to say "Yes" quite often. That must mean you believe in what we do!!

As the year does come to a conclusion, it would be great to say that the requests for assistance are slowing down, that the animals are not suffering as much, but sadly this is not the case. However, with your continued generosity, more dogs and cats will have a second chance and for that, we thank you. Let's keep the good work going in 2010!



Colbye—HPPL Mascot

### eNewsletter Spotlight

In October and November, HPPL was able to accomplish the following:

**Heartworms Treatments**  
5 dogs

**Spay/Neuter & Vaccinations**  
24 dogs and cats

**Adoptions**  
17 dogs and 23 cats

**A Big Thank You from HPPL!  
And from the Dogs & Cats!**

[Donate](#) to help us find more forever homes for pets!



**Stevie, an HPPL dog, underwent a difficult and costly orthopedic surgery to repair three massive breaks in one of his legs.**

**Your donations make this type of treatment a reality for dogs like Stevie!**

Stevie—A day after surgery

### Volunteer Events

**Volunteers Needed! It's fun to be with other animal lovers, helping dogs and cats! There's still time in 2009 to help out! And then start the New Year off right by giving your time to support HPPL's programs.**

**Santa Photos at Baybrook PetsMart, Saturday Dec. 19 from 11 AM to 4 PM**

This event is the perfect one to help animals and keep that festive spirit going. We guarantee tons of fun! And even though it may not be close for you, you could come by and then go shopping at the Baybrook mall right across the street for those last minute gifts! Please contact [hpplvolunteering@gmail.com](mailto:hpplvolunteering@gmail.com) for details.

**Gift Wrapping at Border's Bookstore on Kirby, Sunday, Dec. 20 from 2 PM to 10 PM**

There is no charge for our service, but the "tips" go to help the animals. There will be two shifts 2 PM – 6 PM and 6 PM to 10 PM, so please contact [hpplvolunteering@gmail.com](mailto:hpplvolunteering@gmail.com) to enjoy the holiday spirit while helping get contributions for the HPPL foster dogs and cats.

**Houston Cat Club Show at George R. Brown Convention Center, Hall A on Saturday, Jan. 9 and Sunday, Jan. 10 2010 from 8:30 AM to 5 PM**

This is HUGE!! So, come one, come all because this year the Houston Cat Club Show at George R. Brown will be bigger than ever! HPPL needs many, many hands to help us earn a large donation for our foster care animals' medical needs. The job is simple, just steward the rings and before or after your shift, enjoy the show itself. We need morning and afternoon assistants to make our part at this big event a huge success. We will also have booth space to publicize our programs and have items for sale. Please contact [hpplvolunteering@gmail.com](mailto:hpplvolunteering@gmail.com) right away so that you can help the HPPL animals start the new year off right.

### Benefit Events



**Canines & Cats Comedy Hour at the Improv on Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2010 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM**

Laugh the night away at the Canines & Cats Comedy Hour at the [Improv Comedy Club](#) located at **7620 Katy Freeway #431, Houston 77024**.

Comedians Alan Adams and Joe Saba, both of whom have been on either Jay Leno or David Letterman, will perform and entertain. We guarantee an evening full of smiles and hearty laughs! You can come straight from work, settle in for some refreshments and unwind all while you help support animals. Tickets are \$25 in advance (and \$40 at the door). So purchase tickets early and come de-stress while you benefit the canines and felines of HPPL. For more information, [read the flyer](#). And then [click](#) to purchase tickets online.



### Adoption Highlights

**Nicholas (HPPL Tag Number A4689)**

My name is Nicholas and I was a tiny kitten just dumped in a parking lot. A nice lady who had some other kitties just about my size in her foster care took me in. I am thriving in my foster home and am a very sociable boy. But you know being cute and playing with toys all day at the adoption site really makes a guy tired. Sometimes, I just have to make myself comfortable and peek out with my sleepy eyes. It would be terrific if I could be adopted and have a nice warm sleeping place in my new home. If I am not the guy for you, please take a look at all the other wonderful cats available for adoption.



Nicholas (~5 months)

For other wonderful dogs and cats needing homes, please call us at **713-862-7387**, or view them on our website at [www.hppl.org](http://www.hppl.org) or go to [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com) and search for HPPL.

**All HPPL animals would love to be home for the Holidays!**



Jack

Now a therapy dog!

### Happy Endings

**Read on to learn about one of our recent success stories!**

**Jack**

This is Jack, sometimes, referred to as the "Infamous Jack." Jack was a street dog when I began to foster him. He had no manners and in fact the better he felt the worse he acted. He was very sick, beat up and beat down. HPPL cured his physical problems and I began the journey of healing his mind (since I ended up adopting him!).

Jack has a huge heart and lots of exuberance so he began the road to recovery with much exercise and intensive training which he took to like a duck to water. He passed his CGC (Canine Good Citizen) test about 6 months ago and then we found Faithful Paws which is a wonderful group that visits nursing homes and hospitals with therapy dogs who work with patients.

Jack is a pit bull and so his testing was more rigorous than the other dogs. Jack passed his tests last month and went on his first visit recently. He was a huge hit with all the patients and had the best time showing off all of his tricks. The trainer said Jack is a wonderful ambassador for the pit bull. Thank you so much HPPL for saving this dog.

**We Love Happy Endings!**

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