



# Homeless Pet Placement League

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

## February 2009 eNewsletter

### HPPL Greetings

Dear «First Name»,

It's hard to believe that we are already well into 2009. And this year brings a huge milestone for HPPL. **We are 20 years old!!** When HPPL was first founded in 1989, we were on the ground floor of using foster care as a way to help animals. The seven founders saw too many dogs and cats with "fixable" conditions going to places where they would end up a sad statistic. So with a pocket full of change and a dog named Lucy, these seven people set up what today has become one of the premier animal non-profits in Houston. **Won't you help us celebrate this incredible journey with participation in all we do, in this, our big 20th anniversary year!**

HPPL has been hard at work planning lots of exciting events for you to take part in during the next two months. Many of these events will provide the funding for the help we give during Spring to our four footed friends. Already, most of the dogs that are coming into the foster care program are heartworm positive. As you know, we are one of the few agencies that will provide the treatment **FREE** to the foster family. We do receive a "reduced rate" for the treatment, but even then, it is an expensive endeavor to help these dogs out. However, we know that you will help us get them well so they can find their forever home.

Making a donation to HPPL is easy! You can make a secure donation through PayPal by clicking [here](#) and underwriting a service for an animal. If you are more comfortable making a donation by check, you can send it directly to HPPL at the following address: **P.O. Box 273027, Houston, TX. 77277.**

**Remember all amounts matter and all donations are tax deductible!**

### Gretchen needs a Foster Home!

Gretchen is a young girl who just loves to play and romp. She would best be served in a foster home with another dog and one where she can practice her obedience lessons. Having been in a kennel for quite a while now, this sweet dog is desperate for a place where she can settle down.

If you have been thinking of fostering a dog, just call the HPPL office at 713-862-7387!



Missed the HPPL Fall/Winter Hardcopy Newsletter? Don't worry! You can read it on our website. Just a [click](#) away...

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### eNewsletter Spotlight

In January, HPPL was able to accomplish the following:

**Heartworms Treatments**  
6 dogs

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

**Adoptions**  
16 dogs and 19 cats

**Thank You!  
Great Start in 2009!**

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



**Gretchen needs a foster!**

Call 713-862-7387 and talk to our Program Services Manager if you can help!

### Benefit Events



#### ANOTHER HPPL GARAGE SALE - 28 February 2009

Our next garage sale is just around the corner and we need both helpers and shoppers. On **Saturday, February 28th at 5638 Wigton** (in the Meyerland area), you can arrive early and stay late and provide much needed assistance at the sale itself or you can help the week of February 23<sup>rd</sup> as we price and prepare all the "goodies" for sale. Please contact us via the web site ([www.hppl.org](http://www.hppl.org)) or email us directly at [hpplvolunteering@gmail.com](mailto:hpplvolunteering@gmail.com) if you want to help with the sale. Of course, you can just show up to shop! We know you can't resist, so put this all important event on your list right away!

#### Spring Prize Drawing – through May 13, 2009

You should be receiving your spring prize drawing tickets the week of February 23. Wait until you see what great prizes we have for you! Remember this prize drawing helps raise a large portion of revenue that funds HPPL's good work. So take advantage of two easy ways to help the animals: first, send in your entries as soon as possible and second, let us know if you need more booklets to entice your coworkers, family members, friends and neighbors to take a chance too. You can also [buy more tickets](#) on the HPPL website.

#### Spring Bark & Bling Jewelry Party – 26 March 2009 (NEW DATE)

Join HPPL from 6:30 to 8:30pm at 11903 Valley Vista Court for the first annual Bark & Bling Jewelry Party! Come enjoy a glass of wine, some wonderful hors d'oeuvres and buy a gift for your loved one that will help out our four-legged friends! HPPL will receive a nice portion of the proceeds for the evening. Jewels by Park Lane is providing all the bling with designer-inspired masterpieces, trendsetter pieces, and classic collection pieces. Visit [www.hppl.org](http://www.hppl.org) for more details.

#### Canines and Wines – 18 April 2009 from 7 to 9 pm

This year, HPPL celebrates 20 years of service to animals and people in the Houston community. The Houston Dog Ranch at 9602 Dalecrest Drive has graciously offered their fabulous facility for an evening of wine, appetizers, and a tour of the ranch. HPPL will also have a silent auction with some awesome items. This is the perfect way to spend an evening applauding HPPL's long standing and continuing good work. Tickets will be \$25 if purchased early or \$30 at the event. [Buy your tickets online now.](#) We can't wait to see you there!!

**THANK YOU to AVANTGARDEN for a wonderful Valentine Day event and to all the VOLUNTEERS that turned out at Petco on Valentine's Day to help get the HPPL Spring Prize Drawing mailing ready!**

### Other Ways to Help

#### Shop at Kroger's for HPPL

The previous Neighbor to Neighbor program has changed so now you need to "reenroll." All you have to do is click [here](#), print the letter from our website and take it to your nearest Kroger's. Hand the letter with the HPPL barcode to the cashier when you checkout. After they have scanned your KrogerPlus Card and this barcode, you will be enrolled for the rest of the year in this donation program. Your shopping helps our animals since we receive a percentage of the purchase costs.

**How easy is this! Remember you can pass the word to all your coworkers, friends, family, and neighbors.**

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ADOPTERS AND THEIR ANIMALS

HPPL began microchipping its foster animals late in 2007 and continues to do so at every intake day. When the animal is adopted, the new owner receives the information on how to register the pet.

Will you take a minute to be sure you have done that? It takes no time at all if you go to the web site [www.24petwatch.com](http://www.24petwatch.com) or call 1-866-597-2424. HPPL wants to be sure that your animal will always be safe. Feel free to contact the HPPL office at 713-862-7387 if you have any questions.

### Adoption Highlights

#### Maddie (HPPL Tag Number A4537)

Maddie was just a little girl when she was found. In her foster home, she is a very sweet girl, but like a typical cat, she does have a mind of her own. She picks the buddy cats in her foster home and does fine with the big dogs there as well as the children who visit. Her personality is outgoing and fun loving. Toys and lots of interaction just make her day. But like everyone, she does run out of steam and then becomes a bed buddy and purrs like crazy.

#### Mabel (HPPL Tag Number 3680)

She is a great girl with a sad story to tell. A few years ago she was adopted from HPPL by a fabulous woman who spent loads of time with her and they had fun going places together. Believe it or not, that all ended for Mabel last year when her wonderful mom suddenly died. She had no where to go so she has stayed at several different spots in the last nine months. Today, Mabel is sitting in a kennel just waiting for a place where she can be the "Queen" again. She is a perfectly mannered girl who is housetrained, crate trained and good on a leash for the long walks. She'd appreciate a new home kind of like her former one.

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.



**Maddie is nearly 1 year old. Can you give her a good home?**



**Mabel is about 5 years old and needs a forever home. Call us to get more details!**

### Happy Endings

Read on to learn about two of our recent success stories!

#### Hattie

Hattie's new family calls her the "princess of the house." She is quite the helper not only with the computer, but with homework too! Hattie immediately made friends with the other cats in the family, so her new "mom" comments that "I can tell that she was very well taken care of" in her foster home. Everyone agrees that Hattie has the cutest personality, and so "we love having her as part of our family."

#### Shane

This gentle giant was seen by his new family on the HPPL website and it was love immediately. When Shane was met at the adoption site, it was clear he would be the most perfect dog for the family. Now, the report that has come in is just that: perfect. Listen to what his new "mom" has to say: "Shane has only been in our family a few days but already we love and adore him! He is the most loveable dog I have ever known! He is so gentle and kind. He loves to be cuddled, petted, and hugged. He will put his paws on my shoulders and bury his head in my neck for a big hug! I love it! He is the perfect companion! We love him and couldn't have hoped for a better dog! Our family cannot imagine life without Shane! Thank you HPPL!"

**How's that for Happy Endings?**



Hattie in her new home



Shane and his new friend

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