



## March 2009 eNewsletter

### HPPL Greetings

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Dear «First Name»,

Spring is here, and that's a unique time for HPPL! We are ready to enjoy several upcoming outdoor events, but at the same time we are hearing about stray cats and kittens needing help and stray dogs that are full of heartworms being found. As you know, this is HPPL's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, and we are still working on what the founders set up as the mission back in 1989: rescue, rehabilitation, and permanent placement of stray and abandoned dogs and cats. Nearly every call or email HPPL gets is about an animal with a "fixable" issue, so we want to offer the help and give the animals that second chance that our founders envisioned. Times are still tough for everyone, and tough times often make animal suffering even worse. But, as usual, we turn to our supporters to help us help our four footed friends. So, HPPL is asking once again for **you to help us celebrate this incredible journey with participation in all we do in this, our big, birthday year!**

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!**



### eNewsletter Spotlight

In February, HPPL was able to accomplish the following:

- Heartworms Treatments**  
7 dogs
- Spay/Neuter & Vaccinations**  
27 (15 dogs and 12 cats)
- Adoptions**  
6 dogs and 8 cats

**Thank You!**  
*Let's keep it going!*

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



### Gretchen still 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!



**Gretchen still needs a foster!**

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



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

### What HPPL Does

#### Astro's Story

He's no bigger than a minute so who knows how he ended up on the freeway, but a kind man spied the dog and decided to pull over. The little body wasn't moving...well, not until the man peered down at him. Yes, amazingly, the dog was alive. A neighbor knew about HPPL, so the Good Samaritan called and **YES**, little Astro could be seen by the vet in just a day! After the check up and several x-rays, the veterinarian told us what they both already knew; the damaged front leg was so badly broken and the nerve damage so irreparable that amputation was all that could be done. Surgery was scheduled for two days later; in the meantime, the little guy was medicated for the pain.



If you know anything about animals, they are remarkably resilient. Astro proved that when three days post operatively, he was hopping around and then begging to be nuzzled. Back in his foster home, he has learned how to jump on the sofa and play with the kids there. No ill effects for this amazing dog. Thankfully, he had no heartworms, so he received his vaccinations and was neutered and he is almost good to go.



Astro's medical work was expensive; in fact, the treatment was in the four figures, but it's something that HPPL is committed to do and has done for twenty years now. Please feel free to contribute to Astro's "fund"! We know you believe in the good work that HPPL does.

### Benefit Events



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

By now, you should have received your prize drawing tickets and weren't you excited to see the prizes especially a **Nintendo Wii with Wii Music, Wii Play, and an additional remote!** Maybe you have already sent your ticket stubs back in, but if not, you still have time. Remember this prize drawing helps raise a large portion of revenue that funds HPPL's good work throughout the spring and early summer. The great news is some of you have even called or emailed and asked for more books. Please continue to let us know if you want to sell more to friends, coworkers, family members, and anyone who loves animals. All of us are counting on you to make this fundraiser a big success. Let's help animals together! Just contact us at [hppl@hppl.org](mailto:hppl@hppl.org) for more tickets or you can also [buy more tickets](#) on the HPPL website.



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

Please join us at this first of several events to recognize the twenty year anniversary of HPPL's ongoing assistance to homeless dogs and cats. Imagine the number of animals and people during those years who otherwise would have had nowhere to turn if HPPL had not been there for them. So, help commemorate this remarkable work and at the same time assist with raising of much needed funds to continue HPPL's efforts throughout the summer months. The **Houston Dog Ranch at 9602 Dalecrest Dr.** has graciously offered their fabulous facility and **La Fuente Winery** will be there with their award winning wines for all to taste. What could be more fun than an event like this on a spring evening? You can [buy your tickets online now](#) or call 713-862-7387 and together we will applaud HPPL's long standing and continuing good work. (Tickets will be \$25 if purchased early or \$30 at the event.) We can't wait to see you there!!



#### International Festival – 25 & 26 April 2009, Downtown

Help the public learn more about HPPL's mission while you staff our information booth at this festive event. All you need to do is hand out literature, answer questions, and speak to the public about HPPL and give details concerning stray and abandoned pet rescue as well as facts regarding spay/neuter advocacy which addresses the pet overpopulation problem. Go to the website for more information or contact us to sign up for a shift at [hpplvolunteering@gmail.com](mailto:hpplvolunteering@gmail.com).



**THANK YOU to everyone who helped, made purchases, and supported the HPPL Garage Sale. And THANK YOU for attending the 1st Annual HPPL Bark & Bling event. You helped us raise funds while having a wonderful time!**



### 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

#### Sheila (HPPL Tag Number A4439)

My name is Sheila and I am approximately 3 years old. I am a very affectionate girl who loves to be held and petted. I live with a dog in my foster home and also enjoy playing with her and we get along great. I think the reason no one thinks about me is that I am not perfect (is anyone?). I do have a special need that will require me to have medication in my food daily to help control the problem. The medicine is easy to add to the food and I am used to it and don't have any trouble eating it right down. (It's cheap too!) This problem is a respiratory condition that is not contagious to humans or dogs. It makes me what the symptoms of a common cold and you know what those are. So, I am looking for a forever home with someone that will love me even though I have a few "issues." I would give anyone all the love that they could ever need from a kitty. You could let me sit on your lap and adore my sweet nature and my beauty! My foster mom knows that there is a special home out there waiting for me and she will not stop looking until she finds it. Her dream adopter would be someone who just wants the most loving and gentle cat around. If you are interested in giving me that forever home but would like more information about me and my sniffles, give HPPL a call or send an [email](#). I hope that I will be hearing from my new owners very soon, as I know there is a home for special cats like me; it just takes longer sometimes to find that permanent place.



Sheila is ~3 years old. Can you give her a good home?



#### Sadie (HPPL Tag Number 4089)

What a survivor I am! My tale of woe is long, but after being malnourished, somewhat abused, and raising seven puppies, I am so ready for a wonderful loving home that will allow me to be a good and sweet girl. I am highly responsive to human direction and am very motivated by praise and affection. I have learned housetraining and crate training and am ready to please. My little toe tapping, hip wiggling dance will just win you over to pet me and love me and take me home. I like calm dogs to hang out with, but would love to be the center of someone's life.



Sadie is about 2 years old and needs a forever home. Call us to get more details!

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.

### Happy Endings

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

#### Ranger

Ranger was a perfect fit for the Cohen family. They were looking for a dog that was kid friendly and easy going. You can tell from the Holiday photo that Ranger met expectations. When "mom" sent HPPL her card, she mentioned that Ranger is "such a wonderful member of our family that we can't imagine our family without him." Looks like a lot of happy faces!

#### Smudge

Smudge's mom, Susan wrote us and sent pictures after she received the last eNewsletter. It's great to hear about our adopted friends! (hint, hint!) Susan writes, "Here are some pictures of Smudge. He was adopted in July of '07 and we have enjoyed him so much! He is a true gentleman, sweet-natured and just the best cat ever! At first, he lived under the bed, but with gentle coaxing and lots of reassurance, he finally ventured out, and has never felt the need to retreat under the bed again. He has a new playmate named Theo (also adopted) and the two of them get along beautifully. We can't imagine life without these two best friends forever."

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



Ranger with his family



Smudge relaxing

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