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Obie's Story



obie

A kind-hearted rescuer found **Obie**, a scruffy dog, in a field by an industrial area. He couldn't leave him there, so he took him to his mother's house. She knew of **HPPL** and our mission to help strays, so she contacted us for help with the pathetic dog. When our vets examined **Obie**, they found he had a laceration over two inches long on one ear and a very bad infection

in both ears. He was malnourished, and as is common with dogs who haven't received any vet care, he was heartworm positive. Also, while his human fosters had kind and generous spirits, his foster dog siblings didn't take such a rosy view of having a new dog around. He was attacked by the woman's dogs, so he had some puncture wounds too. As if all this weren't enough, poor **Obie** came down with sarcoptic mange. **Obie** stayed in the hospital to be monitored carefully, and to get surgery for the abscesses on his elbows. He was on the road to recovery until he developed a mass on one of his toes, which was recently amputated. Fortunately the tumor was tested and was benign.

Obie may have been without hope, but luckily for him **HPPL** cares about each stray animal. **Obie is now ready for his happy ending.** He is a five-year-old male German Shepherd, probably a purebred, but his ears were so infected, they do not stand up anymore. He is a very large boy, weighing in

around 110 pounds. He can be vocal at times, he loves people and certain dogs, and he's crate trained. No cats for **Obie** please. He has overcome ear infections, heartworm treatment, sarcoptic mange, and abscesses on both elbows and one toe. After all that, he maintains a sunny attitude and a zest for life.

While **Obie** was going through all these procedures, his foster mom needed surgery so she is no longer able to care for him. He needs another foster home, or better yet, a family looking for just such a wonderful new companion!

In a January 24 article in The Houston Chronicle, columnist Claudia Feldman quotes Kent Robertson, the new bureau chief at Houston's Bureau of Animal Regulation and Care, estimating that there are about 50,000 stray dogs in Houston, all needing care and attention. **HPPL's** mission has always been to focus on this segment of animals in need: strays with no owners to provide food, care, and love.

That's a lot of stray dogs, but **HPPL** is limited only by the number of foster homes and the amount of donations that come in. Please consider fostering a cat or a dog like **Obie**. You'll literally make all the difference in the world. If you'd like to think about it, contact us and we could let you speak with a current foster to get a better idea of what all is involved. Meanwhile, please pass **Obie's** info on to anyone you know who might have room in their heart for one big happy Shepherd.

Spotlight on Adoptable HPPL Pets! Please visit www.hppl.org for more information!

Our previously featured friend **Billy** is still hoping for a foster or permanent home. So are **Ruby**, **Obie** (featured above) and **Dulce**. Were you thinking one of them might be the right companion for you? **Julian** and **Beau** have found foster homes but are still waiting for their forever homes.



dulce



beau



billy



ruby



julian

spotlight

tribute fund

The Tribute Fund of HPPL can be used to honor living persons and pets or to memorialize those who have passed on, while donating to help animals in distress. After receiving your tribute donation, an appropriate card of acknowledgment will be sent to the person you indicate.

HPPL MISSION

the rehabilitation and foster care of stray & abandoned dogs and cats with placement into qualified permanent homes; the spay/neuter of pets belonging to owners unable to assume the cost of surgery; humane education to increase the public's compassion for animals in order to prevent future animal suffering and neglect; and support to other animal welfare organizations. we are an all-volunteer, non-profit 501(c) charitable corporation dedicated to public education, medical attention and finding homes for stray and abandoned animals.

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Jonn Wright

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from Loretta & Jim Myers

Suzette Deckert

from Heather Brown

Jim & Betty Bailey

from Mark Bailey

updates

We have some great news on our animals who were featured in the last newsletter!

Dogs Molly, Drea, Dino and Sam and cats Cavanaugh and Raja have all been adopted!



molly



drea



dino



sam



cavanaugh



raja

HPPL PRESENTS A WORLD OF PETS



Please join the **HOMELESS PET PLACEMENT LEAGUE** for its annual dinner party featuring live and silent auctions and the 2007 Spring Prize Drawing as we celebrate 18 years of HPPL's inspiring efforts to rescue, rehabilitate and find loving homes for Houston's homeless pets.

Friday, May 18, 2007

Houston City Club / 9 Greenway Plaza
Cocktails at 6:00 p.m. Dinner at 7:30 p.m.

Dress: Upscale Casual

Once again, pet psychic Myra Logan will be there, so please bring a photo of your pet(s) to the party. Also we will be offering personalized t-shirts which may be pre-ordered or, if you bring a photo of your pet(s) to the party, ordered at the door. For more details and to pre-order and/or pre-register, please visit www.hppl.org.

I would like to purchase:

☐ Table of 10 for \$500. Preferred seating. \$ _____

Please attach a list of names of those who will be sitting at your table.

☐ Individual ticket(s) \$45 (\$50 at the door) \$ _____

☐ Personalized t-shirt(s) (include photo and indicate size) \$ _____

S M L \$15 (\$20 + postage at door) XL \$18 (\$23 + postage at door)

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<http://www.hppl.org/MayParty.aspx>

Homeless Pet Placement League P.O. Box 273027 Houston, Texas 77277 (713) 862-7387.

For more information, please call the office or visit our website www.hppl.org. The fair market value of a ticket is approximately \$25.00 per person. All other contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

it's prize drawing time!!!

Tickets are out! Be sure to return your tickets (or request more) for a chance to win the following fabulous prizes: **1st-Two Continental Airline tickets for anywhere in the U.S., including Alaska & Hawaii** (valued at \$1,500); **2nd-Windows Vista Ultimate** (valued at \$400); **3rd-Choice of 11x14 Linocut from Peggy Wood Gallery** (valued at \$300), http://www.gallery3.net/woods_bio.php.

\$1.00 per ticket or \$25 for 2 books of 15 tickets each. Winning tickets will be drawn at HPPL's annual dinner/fundraiser on May 18th (see details on Page 3.)

cheers to our wonderful volunteers!

Individual volunteers have helped HPPL in numerous ways over the last few months! In the fall, volunteers sold Macy's Shopping Passes to help raise funds and staffed a Hollywood Frame Gallery show where HPPL was awarded part of the sales proceeds. More than \$5,000 was earned by volunteers who wrapped packages at Barnes & Noble in Champions during the holidays. Volunteers also worked as Santa's helpers at the Petsmart Christmas photo event.

speaking of volunteering...

HPPL needs volunteers in many areas including party planning, mobile adoption help, foster homes & more. For more information please contact Aurelie Mayeux, our volunteer coordinator at: hpplvolunteering@gmail.com.

upcoming events

HPPL participates in the Houston International Festival

Visit our booth at the **Houston International Festival April 21 & 22** or to volunteer contact Aurelie Mayeux, volunteer coordinator at: hpplvolunteering@gmail.com. This year's spotlight is on China!

On **April 21, Muir Gallery** at 301 Stafford (near I-10 and Highway 6) is having a show where HPPL will be awarded part of the proceeds. Please come out & support us!

Join us for "**Bow Wow Luau**" scheduled for **July 14** at **Hollywood Frame Gallery**, 2427 Bissonnet from 5-9pm. Artist Jim Tweedy is doing a special painting to be raffled off.

Need more information on dog training? HPPL is sponsoring a seminar with a Dog Trainer at "**MY DOG AND ME**," 2215 Lawrence in the Heights this summer. Please watch the website for date & details!

Enjoy watching all the beautiful dogs while helping us distribute newsletters and other information! **Reliant Park World Series of Dog Shows** will be held **July 20-22**. We need volunteers to staff a booth at this event. For specifics, contact our volunteer coordinator.

HPPL's Annual Dinner/Fundraiser will be held **May 18th**. Save the date and join us for an evening of food, fun and wonderful auction items (details on Page 3.)

use this barcode when you shop at Kroger's and use code #944 when you shop at Randall's and HPPL will receive a portion of the purchase.



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membership

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happy tails

Miss Marie's Story, by Margaret Starrett

My sister, an HPPL volunteer, had talked for a couple of months about a sweet, little black cat named Lisa Marie that she had met. Lisa had been in the program for a long time, had some health issues (she has an immune deficiency illness Hemolytic Anemia), along with ulcers in her mouth, that made eating difficult and really needed a good home. Lisa was not in very good health, was very under weight and would need to be on medication for the rest of her life. I also heard of how hard it was to get her to take her medicine. I am a hard core dog lover and had never had a cat before. On Sept. 25, I made an appointment to meet her. I wasn't expecting much personality since she was so sick. Boy, was I wrong. I picked her up and we watched birds out the window while we waited to talk to Dr. Hennessey at Jersey Village Animal Hospital. We talked about what kind of care she would need, how to tell if she wasn't feeling well, and how to acclimate her to her new home with 3 big dogs. She came home with me that afternoon and met all the boys: Juneau and 2 other

HPPL adoptees, Indiana and Smoochy. Now Lisa is a very happy, healthy, shiny, chubby cat. She takes less than half the dose of prednisone that was first prescribed for her (carefully hidden in some gourmet cat food), has no more ulcers and all her test results are within normal ranges. She spends most of her day sleeping on her queen-size bed, chasing balls, or sitting in the sun on her windowsill. In the evenings, she sits on my lap, tries to eat my dinner and watches TV with me. Then she curls up on my hip to go to sleep. She knows how to open the pantry door where the Pounce is kept and likes to crawl into cupboards and drawers. And to think I didn't even know I needed a cat.



...doing what
she does best!



lounging
at home...



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Hello friends!
Colbye here
again, and I'd
like to talk to
you about a
serious issue.
It's springtime,

which means thousands of puppies and kittens will be born in Houston in the coming weeks. Unfortunately many of these babies will end up in shelters that are already overcrowded. So much suffering could be eliminated if only more folks would get their dogs and cats spayed and neutered. One reason that is often cited for not having a pet altered is the expense. But here in Houston we are lucky! There are a number of excellent low cost spay/neuter facilities right here in our area! Here is a list of clinics that perform this vital service for a reasonable fee.

Animal Alliance of Galveston County
<http://www.animalalliancetx.org/>
608 Bayou Road, La Marque, TX • (409) 933-1600

Houston Humane Society
<http://www.houstonhumane.org/>
14700 Almeda Rd., Houston, TX 77053 • 713-433-6421

Houston SPCA • www.houstonspca.org
900 Portway Dr., Houston, TX 77024 • 713-869-SPCA

Spay Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP)
www.snapus.org
Houston Surgery Clinic
1603 Shepherd Dr., Houston, TX 77007 713-863-0010

The Greater Good
<http://www.classicridesauto.com/greatergood/greatergood.html>
11915 Katy Freeway, Houston, TX 77079 281-496-5983

Saving Animals Across Borders will open a low cost spay/neuter facility on the West Side in May of 2007
Watch their website for news:
<http://www.savinganimals.org/>

Please share this info with your family and friends, and together maybe we can reduce the number of animals that end up in shelters. The Humane Society of the United States has an excellent article on all the benefits of spaying and neutering. Just go to their website at www.hsus.org and type "spay/neuter" in the search field. Have a wonderful spring!