

The Haven Connection

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ABOUT YORKIE HAVEN RESCUE (YHR)

Yorkie Haven Rescue is a non-profit organization dedicated to the rescue of yorkies/yorkie mixes regardless of age, sight, hearing, or other handicaps and is run solely by unpaid volunteers. We ensure that all yorkies we rescue from “throwaway land” are safe and can live their lives in a loving, caring, healthy and safe environment until their forever home can be found. Our main goal is not finding the right pup for a home, but finding the right home for each and every pup.

YHR receives no outside government funding and is supported by private donations and our own fundraising efforts. 100% of the monies received goes directly towards the care of the pups in our rescue.

Please visit our website to see our rescues that are available for adoption. We have an online application for adoption and also a form for surrendering a yorkie. We also have a boutique full of fabulous items for your pup, a current list of our donors, etc.

www.yorkiehavenrescue.com



CONTESTS



It's that time again! So pull out last year's costume or the sewing machine, run to the fabric store, **dress up that baby and enter them into the 2008 YORKIE HAVEN PET PHOTO HALLOWEEN CONTEST!**

All types of pets are welcome here! All entries must be received by Tuesday, October 28th at 12:00 noon CST. Winners will be announced on October 31st. The winners will be notified by email and also posted on the Yorkie Haven website. Entry fee for each picture is \$5.00 and each vote will be \$1.00. Each entry will get 5 beginning votes. All proceeds will go towards the veterinary care of the Haven pups.

For more details on prizes, how to enter your pet or just vote for your favorite pet, go to <http://yorkiehavenrescue.com/halloween.php>.

Care2.com, is sponsoring an animal shelter contest. To vote for Yorkie Haven, simply click this link:

<http://www.care2.com/animalsheltercontest/71676/?refer=6683.13.1222139491.795>, fill in the required information and submit your vote. **NO PURCHASE IS NECESSARY.** You may only vote 1 time from each computer during the voting period. The contest began on September 22, 2008 and will end at 11:59 Pacific Time on November 1, 2008. The shelter with the most votes will win a \$10,000 cash reward. 2nd place will receive a \$3,000 cash reward; 3rd place will receive a \$1,000 cash reward; and 4th and 5th place winners will each receive a \$500 cash reward.

Also, beginning Monday, September 22, 2008 and ending Sunday October 26, 2008, there will be a random drawing each week among all shelters who receive at least five eligible votes during the applicable week period, and one lucky shelter (per week) will receive a \$1,000 cash reward.

100% of any monies awarded to YHR would go to the care of the pups in our rescue.

KIBBLE TALK



GHOSTS AND GOBLINS AND DOGGIES, OH MY!

Hordes of goblins and power rangers roaming the streets on Halloween might not scare you, but pets often find these strange sights frightening. Dogs/cats are creatures of habit and may become frightened or agitated by the unaccustomed sights and sounds of trick-or-treaters.



The best way to keep pets safe during trick-or-treat is to keep them inside the home, not outside in the yard or with the kids trick-or-treating. These distractions can scare pets causing them to escape from the yard or break the leash. A pet running loose may fall victim to possible abuse by misguided individuals.

Your best bet is to leave your pet at home where it will be safe, but if you must take your pet trick-or-treating, use a harness and short leash to keep it from fighting with other animals or biting strangers.



When at home, confine pets away from the front door in a separate room. Pets, especially dogs, are

easily excitable or threatened by strangers. You open the door many times during the evening, providing lots of chances for your pet to slip outside. Confining dogs to a closed room will also reduce the chances of them biting strangers.

Halloween also poses some other real dangers for pets. Sadly, pets are often the victims of pranksters' cruel tricks during Halloween. Take extra precautions if you own a black cat by confining it in your house several days before Halloween. This will reduce the chances of someone abducting your pet. The mythology about black cats and witches can lead people to do harmful things to them.

Not quite so sinister, but, dangerous nonetheless, is candy, especially chocolate. Tell your children not to share their candy with the family pet. Chocolate is toxic for animals and can cause vomiting, restlessness, heart disturbances, and even death. If you suspect your pet has eaten chocolate or other candy that causes discomfort, consult your veterinarian IMMEDIATELY.

Your companion animal may look very cute in a costume, but be wary of pet costumes that use rubber bands to hold the costume in place. If you mistakenly leave rubber bands on your pet after the costume comes off, they can quickly burrow into the animal's skin.



Make sure your cat or dog wears a current rabies tag and one with your name and number on collar. If your pet is lost, it is 10 times more likely to be returned to you if your pet is wearing a license tag.

PUP-IN-THE SPOTLIGHT: AJAY



Ajay in 2006

No, your eyes are not playing tricks on you. I am not a purebred Yorkshire Terrier. I am a Yorkie Chihuahua mix, but after you hear what I've been

through, you'll understand why Yorkie Haven Rescue made me a part of their family without blinking an eye.

Foster mom has given me the name "Ajay", because it means "unconquerable", which she says describes my determination to survive.

Once upon a time (2006), Ajay was turned into a shelter by his original owners. Things started looking up when he was adopted by an individual who cared enough to have him neutered. We guess 6 days was the extent of that caring span since it was at this time that this person surrendered him to yet another shelter giving no reason for not wanting him any longer. Next on the savior list, a yorkie rescue group pulled Ajay out of this animal control and kept him for 8 days before deciding that he did not look "yorkie" enough and tested heartworm positive. Heartworm treatment would be needed and they were not willing to do this for Ajay, so began the hunt for another shelter/rescue group to take him. In all this shifting around, this sweet soul of an animal had a bad cough, heartworms, fever, tapeworms, tracheo-bronchitis, and struvite crystals in his urine, none of which were ever addressed. As soon as Yorkie Haven Rescue found out about this baby, we took him in and immediately brought him to the vet who started him on antibiotics and cough medicine. Heartworm treatment was started the following week.

Even though Ajay was now in a loving foster home getting all the personal and medical attention he could ask for, he was still not out of the woods. The heartworm treatment which seemed to last forever for he and his foster mom, was extremely difficult on his body. The smallest task of being brought outside to use the restroom would send him into a coughing fit. This would frighten him even more and he would hide in a corner as if he had done something wrong.

Finally, after a long, hard road, Ajay completed his heartworm treatment, was retested, and the results were **NEGATIVE**. YHR cannot express how important heartworm prevention is for a dog and we

strongly urge everyone to make sure that their own pet(s) are current on prevention. Heartworm treatment (which is costly and dangerous), can be prevented with a simple monthly heartworm pill, but since a dog has no thumbs, has to be administered by the human (there's the problem).

Ajay is still in his foster home waiting for his furever family to fill out an adoption application and come and take him home. He has packed on quite a few pounds just lying around the house enjoying life and food like he has never had it before, but he is on a diet and we are working on getting some of the weight off.

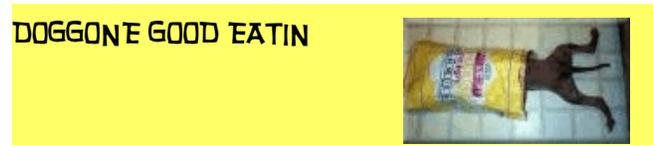


I've seen thinner days!

Ajay is just about the sweetest pup you could ever meet. He is quiet, totally devoted to his human and if given a chance (further than seeing his picture on a website full of yorkies), will win anyone over with his big, brown, caring eyes that will mesmerize you.



I'm looking thinner already! Are you that special someone who wants to add Ajay to your family and reap the benefits for the rest of his life. Don't miss out on the chance to look into those beautiful brown eyes and see what his foster mom sees on a daily basis.



Tricky Treats for Dogs (found at petplace.com)

Ingredients:

- 2 cups water
- 3/4 cup canned applesauce
- 1/8 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 egg
- 3 cups whole-wheat flour
- 1 cup white flour
- 1/4 cup chopped nuts
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 cup oats

Preparation and Cooking:

Preheat oven to 350. In a bowl, mix water, applesauce, vanilla and egg thoroughly. In separate bowl, combine flour, nuts, baking powder, nutmeg, an cinnamon, stirring well. Add wet ingredients to dry and mix well. Spoon into greased muffin tins, filling each cup completely and back for about 1 1/4 hours.

[Makes 14 treats]

Your Pup Will Wuf You!

POETRY CORNER



The Canine Bill of Rights

Carolyn Krause

I have the right to give and receive unconditional love
I have the right to a life that is beyond mere survival
I have the right to be trained so I do not become the prisoner of my own misbehavior
I have the right to adequate food and medical care
I have the right to socialize with people and dogs outside of my family
I have the right to have my needs and wants respected
I have the right to special time with my people
I have the right to only be bred responsibly-if not at all
I have the right to some time and space all my own
I have the right to be foolish and silly, and to make my person laugh
I have the right to earn my person's trust and to be trusted in return
I have the right to be forgiven
I have the right to die with dignity

LOOK WHO'S HOME:

RAMBO



One of the great rewards in doing rescue is the joy of seeing these wonderful pups find their own forever homes with loving families.

Rambo arrived at Carly's Castle (one of YHR's well-known foster homes) after his owners lovingly surrendered him to the Yorkie Kingdom. In August, 2005 Rambo began to



Rambo in his foster home.

have seizures and after his owners took him to their vet for testing, they were told that Rambo most likely had a liver shunt. The owners were given a few options on what to do for Rambo but after carefully looking everything over, they

decided that what was best for Rambo, was to allow Yorkie Haven Rescue to take him.

The first thing we did was get Rambo to our vet to have more testing done. The results showed abnormalities with his liver and his bile acid numbers had doubled from when his owners had him tested last year. Rambo was then scheduled for a scintigraphy to determine, if in fact, he did have a liver shunt. The results came back that Rambo did NOT have a portosystemic shunt. Further testing with an ultrasound and biopsy revealed that Rambo unfortunately, has HMD or Hepatic Microvascular Dysplasia. HMD is managed by feeding a low protein diet and giving daily medications. At that time, Rambo was placed on Hills Science Diet I/d canned and/or dry food, Lactulose and Denosyl. Carly's Castle was also given a couple of low protein diet recipes from the vet to prepare for Rambo so he could have a little more variety at feeding time.

The longevity of HMD dogs is never certain, but one thing is for certain and that is that Rambo was determined to live a happy and fun-filled life (as long as his foster and long-awaited new fur-ever loving owners) are faithful about following the doctor's order and keeping him on the prescribed foods and medications.

Rambo is an extremely sweet little boy who loves to give kisses and thoroughly enjoys life! He loves playing around with other pupsters at the castle, but every now and then you could hear a little rumble which usually meant that one of the other furry knights was trying to steal a toy from Rambo. See, Rambo LOVES toys



Turn my toy loose!

especially the kind of toys that squeak non-stop or the soft stuffed ones that he would tear apart. His all time favorite thing to do is wrestle with and vigorously shake his stuffed toys. Don't let this "all

boy attitude” fool you though, Rambo also appreciates having quiet time with one on one attention of snuggling and belly rubs.....he can never get enough belly rubs!

On Sunday 6/15/2008, or better remembered as Fathers' Day, Rambo's long wait was finally over. He went to his new home and forever family. He was greeted by his fur siblings, Roxie and Chelsea. Rambo's new mom and dad were no strangers to adoption or to Carly's Castle. You see, they previously adopted Chelsea, who was a "special needs" furbaby from the Castle. After adopting Chelsea, this caring soul could not stay off the website looking at yorkies in need. Her husband jokingly said he was going to take her internet privileges away. (Since Rambo has arrived, he sure is glad he didn't).

Unlike Chelsea, Rambo had been given up by people that really loved him, but could not care for him after he started having seizures. But, like Chelsea, Rambo has to eat a rx dry food and take medicine after he eats to help his food pass quicker so the toxins don't build up. They are both little chow hounds and along with Roxie, will always hang out in the kitchen if they think they will reap the benefits!

Now a few words from mom and dad:



One big happy family!

“Rambo, and the girls give us back ten fold what we give them. They are such a joy to have around and you can bet our home is never with a dull moment! They are both very smart, adjusted well, and learned the routine quickly. Now

it's 3 dogs, 3 personalities, and 3 times the love and joy! Rambo has such a zest for life and his toys. He wakes up with a toy and goes to bed with a toy!

Had we not looked past their special needs, we, as well as the both of them, would've missed so much. It is no different than any of us needing medication or being on a restricted diet for whatever reason. Chelsea

has thrived in the last 3 years and is doing extremely well. Rambo has so much life in him as long as we follow doctor's orders with his food and medicine, he can live a happy life.



Mom, can I have breakfast in bed?

We have become very pro rescue since adopting Chelsea. We have been educated beyond words about what goes on in puppy mills, backyard breeders and throwaway pups. Most of these people don't care one bit about the dogs. It's all about \$\$ and they will breed until a dog can't go anymore or they get busted. Others just tire of the family pet and decide it's time to dump them off somewhere hoping someone will come along and take them. That's where the rescue groups come in to take care of and save these poor pups. Some pups have medical conditions that are genetic while others haven't been given basic proper medical care.

We urge you to please look deeper than a pup's medical history when considering adopting. Giving a rescued pup a second chance is one of the greatest gifts you can give them. I firmly believe they know what they've been given and make wonderful loving family members. We experience this day after day and would do it over and over again. Knowing you made a difference in one of these little guys lives is beyond words.

Can you open your heart and home to one of these angels? Not everyone can do this and that's okay. If you would still like to help, donations are always appreciated and welcomed. All donations go toward the care and well being of the pups. The foster Moms and Dads are dedicated, loving people who put their heart and soul into loving these guys until the day comes for them to join a family of their own.

We are grateful to Anne at Carly's Castle and the other foster families for all the work they do to ensure a safe, healthy environment for these little souls. Rambo thanks you from the bottom of his furry little heart.

Bless you all,
Ernie and Chris

DID YOU KNOW



A dog's heart beats between 70 and 120 times a minute, compared with a human heart which beats 70 to 80 times a minute.



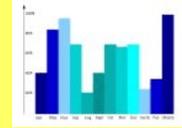
PAWS UP TO YOU

If you have given Yorkie Haven Rescue a donation, purchased from our boutique, donated craft items to sell on our website, etc., we would like to take this time to say **Thank You** very much. Through your acts of generosity, you, the public, are rescuers too.

July 1, 2008 - September 30, 2008

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| Betty Webster | Loretta Griffin |
| Cheri Fults | Mandi Wilson |
| Clifton Browning | Marlene Bean |
| Deanna Barnes | Marti Cathey |
| Ernie & Chris Stutz | Megan Harty |
| Gina Melton | Michelle Belaustegui |
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| Jennifer Rendon-Belanger | Rachelle Heiner |
| Jennifer Beard | Sally Chambers |
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| Kayleigh Defenbaugh | Sherri Stenberg |
| Linda Freedman | Sophie Browning |
| Linda Suttles | Teresa Osborn |

YHR STATS



Below is a summary of the pups Yorkie Haven Rescue has taken in, adopted out, and those who have crossed over to Rainbow Bridge while in our care.

May 1, 2006 - September 30, 2008

Intake	125
Adopted	72
Rainbow Bridge	14

January 1, 2008 - September 30, 2008

Intake	28
Adopted	30
Rainbow Bridge	5

YHR currently has 35 pups in foster homes that are available for adoption.

WAYS TO HELP YHR

How You Can Help!

Fostering - YHR does not have a shelter and our members integrate each pup into their families. This is a very big responsibility and fostering is not for everyone, but if you are interested, please send an e-mail to yorkiehavenrescue06@yahoo.com to request more information and an application. All foster homes must go through the same process as an adoption applicant.

Grooming - Yorkies are a high-maintenance breed when it comes to coat care. Many of us have learned to groom our own dogs and can groom the rescues as well. Unfortunately, some of the rescues come to us as one giant, matted mess, making professional grooming necessary. If you are a groomer and live in a state near where a YHR pup is being fostered and can donate or offer a discount to groom a rescue pup, you will be listed on the donor page of our website and your services

will be greatly appreciated. To offer your grooming services, please e-mail us at yorkiehavenrescue06@yahoo.com and let us know where you are located so we can determine whether we have a foster pup in your area in need of grooming.

Surfing the Net - When surfing the net, use www.goodsearch.com as your search engine and designate Yorkie Haven Rescue as your charity. For every search you perform, a donation is made to YHR without any cost to you. Your clicking helps keep the Haven ticking.

Shopping on the Internet - When shopping on the internet, shop through www.igive.com and select Yorkie Haven Rescue as your charity. At no extra cost to you, a portion of each online purchase will be donated to YHR. You shop, they donate, the pups benefit.

Don't know what to get those "hard to buy for pups"? Check out the Haven Boutique at www.yorkiehavenrescue.com. You'll get a great gift and at the same time, donate much needed funds to the welfare of YHR's foster pups.

Last, but not least, by telling your family and friends about Yorkie Haven Rescue and all of the ways to help listed above, you bring awareness to YHR and animal rescue. Thank You!

Join Yorkie Haven Rescue in providing care and food for animals in shelters and sanctuaries. To do this, go to www.theanimalrescuesite.com and click **ONCE A DAY - EVERY DAY** on the "Click Here to Give - It's Free" box. That is 365 chances each year to care for animals in need. If your memory isn't that great anymore, don't worry, you can sign up for "free click reminder service" and The Animal Rescue Site will send you a free e-mail reminder as often as you like to remind you to click to feed.



Monetary donations are a great way to help the Haven pups! (Some employers offer a "matching gift program". If yours does, consider donating through them)

Date: _____ Donation Amount: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

My gift is for _____ (specific pup)!

My gift is for all YHR pups!

Please cut the top half of this section and send your check or money order to:

Yorkie Haven Rescue
P.O. Box 219
Seabrook, TX 77586

OR

Use PAYPAL at:
www.yorkiehavenrescue.com

Keep this bottom portion for your records. Yorkie Haven Rescue is a 501(c)(3) organization, therefore your contributions are tax-deductible. You will receive a statement for your taxes at the end of the year regardless of your method of payment.

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