

# The Haven Connection

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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS  
FROM  
YORKIE HAVEN RESCUE**

Yorkie Haven Rescue would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has donated needed funds, purchased from the boutique, entered the Halloween Contest, adopted from YHR or just been to our website and read the bios of the pups in our organization.

YHR first started in April of 2006. We are proud that we are still here rescuing yorkies/yorkie mixes in need and look forward to saving the lives of more in the years to come.

**TIS' THE SEASON - - -  
TO SHOP**



Thanksgiving is over and Christmas is right around the corner. Your furbabies have already written to the YHR Santa and suggested a few items from the Boutique. Please don't disappoint them. Visit <http://yorkiehavenrescue.com/boutique/home.php> for the latest apparel and gifts. We are adding new items weekly.

As always, 100% of your purchase will go toward the veterinary care of the Haven pups. Many people ask how we are able to do the things we do for our fosters and the Boutique is part of it. Our members and supporters donate and/or handcraft each item in the Boutique and most are one of a kind!

**KIBBLE TALK**



## **PETS AS PRESENTS! PERFECT PRESENT OR POOR PLANNING?**

It seems like a good idea – a playful pet with a bow around its neck under the Christmas tree. The simple truth is that a pet should **NEVER** be an impulse buy or adoption process at any time of year, Christmas included. I know that a little furball under the Christmas tree with a wet nose sounds so adorable and is sure to bring **TEMPORARY** joy, but please rethink it – and if you know anyone who plans to do it, ask them to rethink it. I'm quite sure we can all come up with something else to give that "special someone" or "child" that will make them just as happy.



**This year's  
Christmas gift!**

The holidays are full of excitement and commotion for everyone. Your home is full of extra people, the excitement level of the holidays take things up a notch, the children are wound up with expectation, the parents are running around taking care of last minute details. Where does a live animal that needs care, fit into all this? It doesn't. A new pet adjusting to a new home is stressful at any time of year. The environment is new, the people are new, where is the food, where is the water, where will I relieve myself. So why add to the pet's difficult transition by making doing it at Christmas time.

For children especially, it is a time of too much stimulation and a new puppy or kitten can get lost in shuffle. Yes, it will be the center of attention for a few days, but what then? The care of the pet

often falls to a parent who already has their hands full and can become resentful of the extra work. Young children turn to their other toys, and tend to forget that the live "toy", needs more than putting up on a shelf. It needs food, attention, vet care, training, and in the case of puppies, frequent trips outdoors.



**Last year's  
Christmas gift!**

Before getting a pet at any time of the year, the family as a whole, needs to take into account that there must be a sharing of duties, so not just one person gets burdened with the needs of your newest family member. Pets can be demanding, just like children. But unlike humans, they ask only food, shelter, care, and the love of the people they live with.

Animals give their affection unconditionally, and do not expect to wind up in an Animal Shelter, right after the holidays. But sadly, this is what happens every year. The puppy is too bouncy, too big, too much care and everyone is too busy for it. The kitten climbed the tree, knocked over Mom's best china on the dinner table and broke it...these are just a sample of what is heard in facilities across the country, as another pet is left there, wondering where their humans went.

Getting a new pet is a lovely experience if done for all the right reasons and at the right time. For the safety of the pet and the happiness of all concerned, resist the urge to get a pet for a holiday gift. This can certainly be delayed a couple of extra weeks until the holidays have been successfully overcome and life can return to normal. Then, the pet and its new human can begin a happy and healthy life together. Pets are a lifetime commitment. When we purchase or adopt one, we should be prepared to care for it, for the span of its given life, and to ensure it has all of its needs attended to.

## DOGGONE GOOD EATIN



### Icy Paws

(found at [healthyrecipesforpets.com](http://healthyrecipesforpets.com))

#### Ingredients:

- 2 (32 oz.) cartons plain or vanilla yogurt
- 1 (8 oz.) can tuna in water
- 24 (3 oz.) plastic [not paper] cups

#### Preparation and Cooking:

Open yogurt, if they are full to the top, use a spoon and scoop out one cup (these will be frozen as plain yogurt). Put half of the can of tuna in each yogurt container and stir thoroughly. Use a spoon and scoop the mixture into the cups. Place on a tray and freeze overnight.

[Makes about 24 treats]

### Your Pup Will Wuf You!

## POETRY CORNER



### Twas the Night Before Christmas-Rescue Version *Author Unknown*

Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the house  
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.  
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,  
In hopes that St Nicholas soon would be there.

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,  
With nary a thought of the dog in their heads.  
And mamma in her kerchief and I in my cap,  
Knew he was cold, but who cared about that?

When out on the lawn there rose such a clatter,  
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.  
Away to the window I flew like a flash,  
The dog must be loose; he's into the trash!

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow,  
Gave the luster of mid-day to objects below.  
When what to my wondering eyes should appear,  
But Santa Claus with eyes full of tears.

He unchained the dog, once so lively and quick,  
 Last year's Christmas gift, now thin and sick.  
 More rapid than eagles, he called the dogs name,  
 And the dog went right to him, despite all his pain.

Now DASHER, Now DANCER, Now, PRANCER and VIXEN!  
 On COMET on CUPID on DONNER and BLITZEN!  
 To the top of the porch! To the top of the wall!!  
 Let's find him a home where he'll be loved by all!!

I knew in an instant there were not gifts this year.  
 For Santa had made our mistake very clear.  
 The gift of a dog is not just for the season,  
 We had gotten a pup for all the wrong reasons.

In our haste to think of a gift for the kids,  
 There was something important that we had missed.  
 A dog should be family, and cared for the same.  
 You don't give a gift, then put it on a chain.

And I heard him exclaim as he flew out of sight,  
 "YOU WERE GIVEN A GIFT!! YOU WERE GIVEN A LIFE."

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If you have given Yorkie Haven Rescue a donation, purchased from our boutique, donated craft items to sell on our website, entered our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Halloween Costume Contest, 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**

Amy Lowery                      Houston Lab Rescue



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Yorkie Haven Rescue  
P.O. Box 219  
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[www.yorkiehavenrescue.com](http://www.yorkiehavenrescue.com)

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