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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 of fabulous items for your pup, a current list of our donors, etc.

www.yorkiehavenrescue.com

KIBBLE TALK



WEIGHING IN! IS YOUR POOCH PUDGY?

Canine weight loss is tough for everyone -- two - or four-legged! However, losing weight can not only add years to your pet's life; it can also make those extra years enjoyable. You owe it to your cuddly pal to make sure he is healthy.

Although that pooch on your pooch might look cute, as few as five pounds above your dog's ideal weight can put it at risk for developing some serious medical conditions. Some of the common disorders associated with excess weight include:

- * Osteoarthritis
- * Type 2 Diabetes
- * Heart Disease
- * Hypertension
- * Cancer

Is my pet overweight?

Healthy pets have some padding on them, but a little is plenty. Rub your hands over the ribs of your pet. The skin should move easily back and forth, and you should be able to feel the ribs. Your pet should have a definable "waist" at the bottom of the rib cage, a small tuck-in at the stomach. Take a look from the side: If your pet looks pregnant, he's fat. From above, a bump out from the middle into an apple shape is equally bad news.



The good news is that it is not that difficult to get

Fido fit. After all, pets cannot open the refrigerator on their own, nor can they grab the car keys for a fast-food run. What pets eat is wholly dependent on what we give them.

The treatment for weight loss is (you've heard it before) reduced caloric intake and increased energy output. Less food, more exercise. The best place to start is with a trip to your veterinarian to make sure that your pet doesn't have any problems that might make lifestyle changes difficult or dangerous.

Measure your pet's food

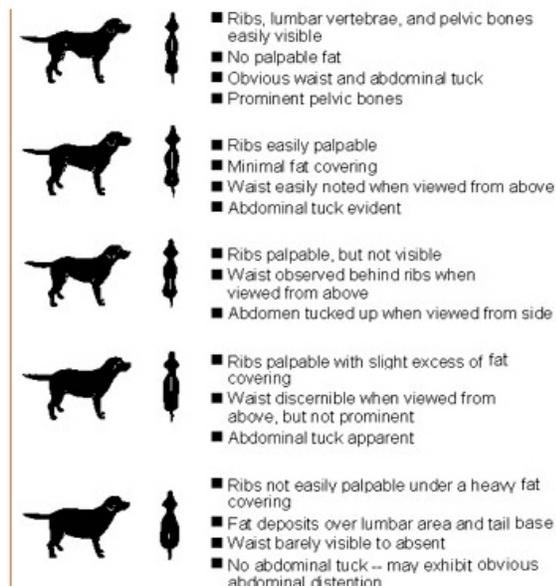
The bag of pet food usually tells how much to feed your pet in one day according to the weight of your pet. Use a measuring cup when feeding to be more accurate.



Weight control diets

Most of the major pet food manufactures have a reduced calorie formula. Purchasing the low-calorie formula of the brand that you currently use is a good starter.

A pet on a diet is never fun. They will beg and cry for extra food and treats. You must remember that you love them and want them to be healthy and live a long life. It was probably a little too much love that got them to be overweight to begin with, but with a little tough love and a lot of patience, you can get them back into shape.



Exercise and Play

This cannot be stressed enough. Walking your dog is good for them mentally and physically and it's not bad for the human either.



Weigh your pet

Monthly weigh-ins are needed to track monthly progress. It's also a good idea to take before and after pictures.

PUP-IN-THE SPOTLIGHT:

TESSA



Tessa first entered Yorkie Haven Rescue in December of 2007. Her foster home pulled her from a high kill animal shelter where she was left by her owner. Can you imagine being 3½ lbs. at approximately 10 years of age and sitting at the shelter with all those noises, smells and not knowing why you were there and when your owner was coming back. Well, Tessa's owner wasn't coming back.

Upon arriving at her foster home, Tessa's foster mom noticed a few medical issues that she had going on. She seemed to be blind in one eye and scooted around using her front two paws. One of back legs was very crooked and just hung there,



Tessa upon arrival at YHR in December of 2007.

but she could use the other back one a little. Also, her teeth were very bad and needed to be cleaned and the rotten ones removed. She also

contracted a sinus infection and kennel cough during her stay at animal control, which is nothing to mess with at her weight. Despite her medical issues that were apparent and the ones that were unknown, Tessa just loved to be with people and you could tell she appreciated the attention and love.

After her first vet appointment it was determined that Tessa would likely end up with pins in either both or at least one of her back knees. The vet said that even though they were some of the worst he had ever seen, they would have to play second fiddle to having her teeth cleaned and removing the bad ones to get the infection out. They also found a benign lump in her belly that they needed to watch and make sure it did not grow or it would have to be removed. As if this weren't enough, results of her cultures determined that she had Mycoplasma which is a bacteria that affects the white blood cells and could cause coughing, sneezing, fever, urinary problems, etc. And, review of her blood work showed that her liver and kidney levels were highly elevated, so she was sent to a specialist to have an ultrasound performed. The results of the ultrasound showed that Tessa has liver disease and that her gallbladder was enlarged

This poor baby had so much ahead of her, but with her being so sick and her immune system so low, everything had to be put on hold until she was strong enough to go under anesthesia.

Over two months after Tessa entered her foster home, she was finally strong enough to be spayed and had a biopsy of her liver done.



All dressed up and no place to go but the vet's office - constantly!

She was going to have her teeth cleaned and bad ones removed also at this time, but her temperature started to drop so they felt it better to bring her out of anesthesia and perform the teeth cleaning at a later date. The results of the liver biopsy concluded that poor little

Tessa had MVD. She was not presenting symptoms of MVD, but they needed to watch for the symptoms to start. Since they were able to determine what was wrong with her liver, she was then able to have her teeth cleaned.

During her dental, Tessa had several teeth removed (leaving her with only 4 teeth) and removed the tumor in her belly.

Next step, Tessa's back knees/legs. After meeting with the orthopedic surgeon, it was determined that Tessa's problems were due to Grade 4 luxating patellas and a torn cranial cruciate ligament in her right leg. Surgery was scheduled on September 5, 2008 and Tessa was under for 2.5 hours while they worked to repair her torn ligament and fix her knee. The surgery was a success and Tessa seems so thrilled to be able to stand and walk around now. Her foster mom said that after seeing her scoot around for so long and now to see her walk, brings tears to her eyes.

While having her surgery, the vet noticed that her one eye that she seemed to be blind in had been getting smaller and had discharge. We will watch this and he will determine if it needs to be removed.

Believe it or not, other than all this, Tessa is doing great! She gets herself around well and LOVES everyone and everything. She is the happiest little girl if she can be held all day long. She does have separation anxiety, so the best home for her would be one where she and her new mom and dad could be home together all day watching television and taking occasional naps.

NOTE: BEFORE JANUARY'S ISSUE OF THE HAVEN CONNECTION CAME OUT, TESSA HAD ALREADY FOUND HER FUREVER HOME - CONGRATULATIONS TESSA!

DOGGONE GOOD EATIN



Easy Vegetarian Kibble

(found at healthyrecipesforpets.com)

Ingredients:

- 4 cups 3-grain cereal
- 2 cups soy flour
- 1/2 cup whole wheat flour
- 1 tablespoon bone meal
- 1 tablespoon yeast
- 1 tablespoon kelp
- 1 teaspoon cod liver oil
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 400 IU vitamin E
- 4 eggs

Preparation and Cooking:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix dry ingredients until combined, then add wet ingredients and stir until moist. Drop 1/2 teaspoons pieces onto greased cookie sheet. Bake for 30 minutes.

[Makes 8 cups]

Your Pup Will Wuf You!

POETRY CORNER



Here in the House

Author Unknown

HERE IN THIS HOUSE...

I will never know the loneliness I hear in the barks of the other dogs 'out there'.
 I can sleep soundly, assured that when I wake my world will not have changed.
 I will never know hunger, or the fear of not knowing if I'll eat.
 I will not shiver in the cold, or grow weary from the heat.
 I will feel the sun's heat, and the rain's coolness, and be allowed to smell all that can reach my nose.
 My fur will shine, and never be dirty or matted.

HERE IN THIS HOUSE...

There will be an effort to communicate with me on my level.
 I will be talked to and, even if I don't understand, I can enjoy the warmth of the words.

I will be given a name so that I may know who I am among many.

My name will be used in joy, and I will love the sound of it!

HERE IN THIS HOUSE...

I will never be a substitute for anything I am not.
 I will never be used to improve peoples' images of themselves.

I will be loved because I am who I am, not someone's idea of who I should be.

I will never suffer for someone's anger, impatience, or stupidity.

I will be taught all the things I need to know to be loved by all. If I do not learn my lessons well, they will look to my teacher for blame.

HERE IN THIS HOUSE...

I can trust arms that hold, hands that touch...knowing that, no matter what they do, they do it for the good of me.

If I am ill, I will be doctored.

If scared, I will be calmed.

If sad, I will be cheered.

No matter what I look like, I will be considered beautiful and thought to be of value.

HERE IN THIS HOUSE...

I will never be cast out because I am too old, too ill, too unruly, or not cute enough.

My life is a responsibility, and not an afterthought.

I will learn that humans can almost, sometimes, be as kind and as fair as dogs.

HERE IN THIS HOUSE...

I will belong.

I will be home.

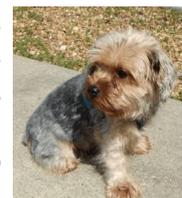
LOOK WHO'S HOME:

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

Bentley entered his foster home with YHR March 12, 2008. He was surrendered by his previous owners to a local high kill animal shelter because they could no longer take care of him. This was very apparent noticing the shape he was in and the fact that he was



Bentley at his foster home

high heartworm positive. Bentley's foster mom let him get settled in before starting heartworm treatment, but this didn't take long since he was such a happy young man.

Once he completed heartworm treatment and was given a clean bill of health from the vet, Bentley was ready for his new home. This did not take too long, because Bentley's new mom, Stacy, had been looking to add another furbaby to the family. Her Aunt saw Bentley's picture and called Stacy right away to tell her to check him out on the website. Stacy knew that Bentley was the one as soon as she saw him. So she quickly filled out the online application to begin the process. Once all the necessary steps were taken and YHR was sure that this was the perfect home for



Bentley at his furbrother's birthday party!

Bentley, the arrangements were made for Bentley to leave YHR and start his new life with his new mom and fursister, Cassie. This was on 6/28/08, just a little over 3 months since this poor young fellow was sitting on a cold concrete floor about to lose his life, but the odds were in Bentley's favor. Now this heartworm free man has a last name, a home to call his own and a family that will love him forever.

This is what Bentley's new mom had to say: I, like most individuals, always bought puppies from pet stores or from ads in the newspaper and never considered adopting until I started looking at all of the disadvantaged pets on the internet. That is where I found Bentley. I am so grateful to Yorkie Haven Rescue for saving Bentley so that we could be brought together as a family. Bentley was welcomed into our family by his older fursister Cassy, a 13 year old Miniature Schnauzer and his younger furbrother Griffin, a one year old Shih-Tzu.

This has been a very rewarding experience and I now truly have my very own "Bentley".

DID YOU KNOW . . .



A dog's whiskers are touch-sensitive hairs called vibrissae. They are found on the muzzle above the eyes and below the jaws, and can actually sense tiny changes in airflow.



PAWS UP TO YOU

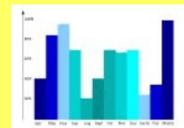
If you have given Yorkie Haven Rescue a donation, purchased from our boutique, donated craft items to sell on our website, etc., we would like to take this time to say **Thank You** very much. Through your acts of generosity, you, the public, are rescuers too.

December 1, 2008 - December 31, 2008

April Helton
Bobbie Dykes
Cathy Norton
Christine Stutz
Defenbaugh Family Foun.
Jacquelyn Johnston
Jennifer Beard
Jennifer Rendon Belanger
Kateia Wolff

Lauretta Griffin
Linda Freedman
Ruth Ann Johnston
Megan Harty
Michelle Belaustegui
Patricia Chambers
Rachelle Heiner
Sandra Murrah
Vicki Dykes

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 - December 31, 2008	
Intake	136
Adopted	77
Rainbow Bridge	15
January 1, 2008 - December 31, 2008	
Intake	38
Adopted	35
Rainbow Bridge	5
YHR currently has 29 pups in foster homes that are available for adoption.	



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)
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for your taxes at the end of the year
regardless of your method of payment.

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