



# THE HAVEN CONNECTION

The Yorkie Haven Rescue Newsletter

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## ABOUT YORKIE HAVEN RESCUE

Yorkie Haven Rescue is a non-profit organization dedicated to the rescue of yorkie/yorkiemixes 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 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 pupa current list of our donors, etc..

[yorkiehavenrescue.com](http://yorkiehavenrescue.com)

## KIBBLE TALK

### Is a Yorkie the Right Pet for You and Your Family?

The Yorkshire Terrier is one of the small toy breeds of dogs who average in weight from 4 to 7 lbs. Yorkie's may be small in size but have the mind set of a Great Dane. As they say, "It's not the size of the dog in the fight, but the size of the fight in the dog". As with any breed of dog, there are positive points to the Yorkshire Terrier breed, and there are also some special considerations that you need to be aware of before deciding if a Yorkie is the correct dog for both yourself and your family. Some of the positive points Yorkies have may also be negative for some families or individuals due to their living arrangements, schedules or personal preferences.

That being said, before planning to get a Yorkshire Terrier, it is a good idea to make sure that you fully understand them, and exactly what situations the Yorkie does the best in.

Not all yorkies will be exactly the same, but all will possess some of the same traits. After all, they are YORKIES!

#### 1. Life Span

Fact: Yorkies can live to be 13 years and older.

Ask Yourself: Do you foresee being able to provide a yorkie with a loving home for years to come?

#### 2. Attention

Fact: Yorkies are very much companion pups and they love to be with their owners as much as possible.

Ask Yourself: Is your life too busy for a yorkie? Do you have a hectic work/family schedule?

### 3. Grooming

Fact: Yorkies require brushing at least every other day, depending on the amount of exercise and outside time the dog has. The coat is very fine and silky, and will knot quickly and mat if not cared for.

Ask Yourself: Do you have the time to set aside and the patience for brushing your yorkie, bathing him/her at least once a week and the finances to get him/her professionally groomed at least once every two months?

### 4. Health

Fact: As much as we would like to believe that Yorkshire Terriers are the perfect breed, the truth is there are many conditions that are either inherited, congenital or acquired. Below is a list of some, but not all, of the disorders that are somewhat common in the Yorkie breed and can seriously affect the health of your pet.

- a. Patellar Luxation
- b. Dental Problems
- c. Tracheal Collapse
- d. Allergies
- e. Portosystemic Shunt (Liver Shunt)

Ask Yourself: Do you have the finances and will you be committed enough to properly take care of a breed that could possibly require costly medical or surgical intervention?

### 5. Training

Fact: Yorkies have the natural instincts of a Terrier, so need to be taught to socialize with other dogs, animals and people as soon as possible. If not socialized properly, they can tend to be aggressive towards other dogs. They can be stubborn and willful and will learn, "when they want to learn".

Ask Yourself: Do you have the time to socialize your pup? Are you patient and able to be consistent in training methods?

Fact: Yorkies love to please, but if allowed to feel dominant, can easily take over alpha role of an entire family and become quite manipulative. They work best for praise and attention from their owners.

Ask Yourself: Do you have the right personality to give enough love and attention without letting this little fur ball dominate you?

Fact: Yorkies are one of the "harder to house train"

breeds.

Ask Yourself: Does your lifestyle allow the time and consistency to use positive methods to potty train your new pet along with the patience that it will take to do so?

### 6. Exercise

Fact: A yorkie enjoys a moderate amount of exercise. They love going on walks and investigating new territories (weather allowing).

Ask Yourself: Do you have time to play with your yorkie inside with toys, outside in a fenced in area and/or take him/her for walks?

### 7. Children and Yorkies

Fact: Yorkies generally do not fair well with small children, but this is not saying that it cannot work if properly socialized together. Children do not need to pick up a Yorkie since they are so squirmy and could fall out of arms and be severely hurt.

Ask Yourself: Are your children, or the children that visit your home, respect and mature enough to handle a pet of this size. Will you, as an adult, be the alpha role over the child as well as the Yorkie?

Yorkshire Terriers are spunky, intelligent, stubborn little dogs. If you are looking for a quiet, well mannered, little dog, a Yorkie may not be right for you. Most are friendly and expect to be the center of attention. They are fierce defenders of their family and home and this is one of the reasons they can be so vocal.

With all their faults, one cannot ask for a more affectionate, entertaining and loving little friend. And a well trained/groomed yorkie can look like he/she is floating on air. Regardless of their popularity, is a Yorkie really right dog for you?

## DOGGONE GOOD EATIN

### Easy Vegetarian Kibble



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

#### Ingredients:

- 4 cups 3-grain cereal
- 2 cups soy flour
- ½ cup whole wheat flour
- 1 tablespoon bonemeal
- 1 tablespoon yeast
- 1 tablespoon kelp
- 1 teaspoon cod liver oil
- ½ cup vegetable oil
- 4 eggs

#### Preparation and Cooking:

Mix dry ingredients until combined, then add wet ingredients and stir until moist. Drop ½ teaspoons pieces onto greased cookie sheet and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Remove from oven when lightly browned.

## POETRY CORNER

### A LIGHT LOST

Author: Elizabeth Sommers

You were frightened, but you wanted to love.  
You distrusted, but there were moments when -  
almost - you would rest your head.  
You were always on guard, but you dreamed of  
learning to play.  
You knew no one would protect you, but there were  
thoughts, or memories, of having a friend.  
And we wanted to rescue you, to let you know you  
were safe.  
If we had stroked your lovely coat just one more  
time.....

If we had run with you just a little faster, or more  
often, in the grass..... Then maybe you would have  
been able to believe.

We will never know if we failed you, or if life had  
failed you too harshly before we met.  
We will not know if you heard us and couldn't answer,  
or if you had lost the power to hear before we spoke.  
We cannot know if you will forgive and wait for us at  
the Bridge, But we know that we will look for you.  
You, also, are one of ours -- and we loved you as best  
we could.

## PUP-IN-THE-SPOTLIGHT: MISSY



On June 17, 2009, a surrender form came into Yorkie Haven Rescue for two senior yorkies living in awful conditions. They were an elderly gentlemen's dogs and he was unable to take care of himself, much less his beloved pets. They had not been to the vet in several years and had not been groomed in well over a year. When he moved into a nursing care facility, his son reached out to YHR knowing that Missy and Mr. Jiggles deserved a second chance.



They were both 15 years of age and, at one point, very loved, which was evident by the way they interacted with people. The son paid for Missy and Mr. Jiggles to be groomed and for their initial vetting and then they entered their foster home to get adjusted to being cared for again.

When they first entered their foster home, we thought, since they had lived together their entire lives, that they would need to be adopted out together. After watching them, it became apparent that they would not need to go together.

In July of 2009, Missy had her dental and lost all but a few teeth. At that time, she had two growths removed that the vet was concerned about and a cyst on her eye was also taken care of. Once she got back to her foster home, she was a new woman. She was not feeling 15 years old and ate like a puppy would. Her foster mom did learn that she was probably losing her hearing, but was quite active for her age and a very sweet girl that loved to be held.

In September of 2009, I started having problems with my eye and the vet said that it was just dry eye and prescribed some drops for me. He did say that I'll need to be on them daily for the rest of my life, but that's a small price to pay for owning a loving, adorable pet and giving her a place to call home and a family to call her own.

**On August 27, 2009, Mr. Jiggles went to Rainbow Bridge cradled in his foster mom's arms. He had been ill for a few days and had become increasingly weak. He had a seizure and taken to the vet where he passed quietly. Now this little angel is at peace and can watch over his sister, rest his weary bones and send his love from up above.**

## LOOK WHO'S HOME: GEORGE

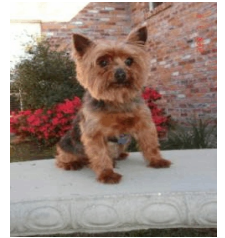


### DID YOU KNOW???

Dogs are mentioned 14 times in the Bible.

George entered YHR on March 2, 2009. He was in pretty bad shape, but his foster mom still chose to name him George because of his curious nature and the fact that she could see a "King" waiting to shine through.

At his first vet visit, the vet was not pleased with the shape George's teeth were in. He only had 7 teeth left in his mouth and each of them were infected and rotten. They immediately put him on pain medication and antibiotics so the extraction surgery could be scheduled. He also had grade 4 luxating patellas. These are very common in yorkies, but grade 4 is the worst and mine could not even be manipulated back into place by hand. Seems they had been that way for quite some time since scar tissue had built up so severely. At my age, and due to the fact that I was getting around quite well and used to my unusual walk, surgery was not recommended.



After George had his teeth removed and all the primping a King should have, he proved to be quite the spry little fellow with the sweetest disposition. This poor baby probably never had anyone to love him and give him belly rubs and "By George" he was eating it up now.

In August of 2009 (while still in foster care), George back right hip popped out of socket and was very painful for him. The vet popped it back in, but it refused to stay. Surgery was scheduled to have the ball removed from his hip socket so it would not be able to manipulate itself out again. George recovered from this surgery the same way he tackles everything else in life – with ease and spunk. His right back leg will never be 100%, but he is able to walk and doesn't let this stop him.

Despite all of George's imperfections, he captured the heart of his new mom and fur brother on August 20, 2009, when she went on the site and saw George and read his story. She filled out an application and the rest is history. George is now getting the physical therapy that he needs (walking twice daily) and the love he deserves. After a few days of adjustment, George has taken to his new family and home like a fish to water. His foster mom came back to visit recently and the love George has for his new mom and his fur brother is evident. He just stares at her as if she hung the moon. We at YHR agree with George because not many people want a senior with issues and that is exactly what George's new mom did want. Although, he is perfect in her eyes.



## 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.

### October 1, 2009 - December 31, 2009

Angela Durst	Laura Pinch
Ann Langlois	Lauren Ditman
Annette LaRue	Lee Bowman
April Smith	Linda Butts
Ashley Davis	Linda/Terry Chenore
Barbara Luzynski	Linda Dreher
Beth Santiago	Linda Freedman
Bill Brown	Linda Jenkins
Bonny Sheppard	Linda Taylor
Brenda Van Valen	Lindsey Browning
Brigitte Chorey	Lisa Edwards
Bruce Chesworth	Lissette Rodriguez
Carol Porter	Louis DiBernardo
Catia Sebastiany-Cho	Lynetta Moore
Cecilia Hoyle	Mandy Selmer
Charles Savage	Margaret Gregory
Cheryl Dockery	Margaret Hammerle
Christina Mehl	Margaret Luther
Cindee Copeland	Mariko Hernandez
Cindy Lewis	Marilyn Connell
Cynthia McNeil	Marlene Bean
Dana Ball	Mary Dorsey
Deb Sillers	Maxine White
Debra Harscher	Megan Tisdale
Denise Glover	Melissa Oggs
Donna McSloy	Merry Jones
Elisar Saade	Michael Johnson, Jr.
Elizabeth Santola	Michelle Belaustegui
Elizabeth Voyles	Morgan Lamandre
Elizabeth Webb	Nicole Kurek
Esmeralda Serrano	Pamela Langstein
Gary France	Patricia Gonzalez-Powell
Gena Koepke	Paulette Ditman
George/Lorayne Hritz	Penny Needman
Gerald Bryant	Priscilla Chan
Gloria Carson	Rachelle Heiner
Hazel Levatino	Robert Maiellaro
Heather/David Lyerly	Robin/Pat Burke

Heather Moore	Rochelle Morris
Jacki Dilg	Ruth Ann Broadbent
Jackie Pittenger	Ruth Ann Johnston
James Kingsbury	Ruth Monnig
Jamie Ratliff	Sandra Flinchum
Jennifer Carnahan	Shari-Hilding-Kronforst
Jennifer Rendon-Belanger	Sharon Davis
Jenny-Lynn Design	Sheryl Moulden
Joanne Hickox	Stacey Louque
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John/Jennifer Beard	Sue Hegdahl
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Jose/Gloria Gonzalez	Teresa Poche
Joyce Baker	Terri/Larry Way
Julie Thompson	Timothy Harbor
Karen Scott	Timothy Hendon
Karen Walker	Tina Norman
Karin Dowers	Vicki Dykes
Kathleen Carasella	Vicki Latham
Kathy Coldewey	Waggiewonders
Keith Banks	Whitney McIntire
Kimberley Atherley	William Brown
Kristin Balon	Wonnie Brown
Kristina Reed	
Lana Hebert	

## 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, 2009

Intake .....	170
Adopted .....	124
Rainbow Bridge .....	21

### January 1, 2009 - December 31, 2009

Intake .....	47
Adopted .....	38
Rainbow Bridge .....	6

YHR currently has 25 pups in foster homes that are available for adoption.

## WAYS TO HELP YHR

- 1. 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](mailto:yorkiehavenrescue06@yahoo.com) to request more information and an application. All foster homes must go through the same process as an adoption applicant.
- 2. 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](mailto: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.
- 3. Surfing the Net** – When surfing the net, use [www.goodsearch.com](http://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.
- 4. Shopping on the Internet** – When shopping on the internet, shop through [www.igive.com](http://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.
- 5.** Don't know what to get those "hard to buy for pups"? Check out the Haven Boutique at [www.yorkiehavenrescue.com](http://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.
- 6.** 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](http://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.