

# The Haven Connection

The Yorkie Haven Rescue Newsletter

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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 "New and Improved" boutique page full of fabulous items for your pup, a current list of our donors, etc.

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

## KIBBLE TALK



## BANG! BOOM! YOUR PETS AND FIREWORKS!

As many pet owners know, fireworks can cause a great deal of stress for some animals. Commonly seen signs include:



- \* Shaking and trembling
- \* Excessive drooling
- \* Barking, howling
- \* Trying to hide or get into/out of the house, fence or other enclosure
- \* Refusing to eat food
- \* Some animals may lose bladder or bowel control or experience temporary diarrhea from prolonged stress

**Practice Safety** - It is advisable to close the curtains and turn on the TV or radio to provide some distraction. Many times pets will seek out a small den-like place (such as a crate), if they are fearful or stressed. If you do not already have a crate, bed or similar place that your pet can call his "own", it is recommended to create that safe place and familiarize your pet with it as a means of reducing stress during fireworks.

**Use a leash or carrier** - If you must be outside with your pet, keep the pet on a leash or in a carrier at all times.

**Take pet for a walk first** - If possible, make sure that your pet has time to "use the restroom" before the fireworks start. Some pets are too



frightened to void once the fireworks begin, and this may lead to an "accident" later on.

**Make sure pet ID is current** - Make sure that your pet has proper identification tags, with current information, in case s/he gets away. This will help the local authorities (who are quite busy this time of year handling frightened runaways).

**What can I do if my pet is frightened by fireworks**

- Some animals do fine and don't seem to notice the fireworks. Some do well with just having their owner near, talking in a soothing voice and petting or holding the pet. And then there are some pets that cannot be calmed by petting or talking to them - they are simply too upset. Animals that are frightened or stressed can hurt themselves and possibly escape if left alone, and the results can be fatal. Frightened animals running loose are in great danger of being hit by a car. For these animals, it is best to provide a safe place, such as a carrier or crate, to be in while the fireworks last. This alone may be enough of a comfort to soothe some pets. If the carrier or crate is not enough to calm the animal, medication (in the form of a tranquilizer) may be warranted. Tranquilizers are not for every pet. Talk to your vet about medical options that are suitable for **your** dog. A patient-doctor relationship is needed before dispensing medications, so if your pet hasn't seen the vet yet, an appointment will need to be made to examine the animal to ensure that there aren't any underlying heart or other problems, and base any medications on current weight.

**PUP-IN-THE SPOTLIGHT:**

**CRUISE**



Yorkie Haven Rescue and Carly's Castle (YHR foster home) would like to introduce Cruise, one of the most handsome furry



**Just look at those eyes and that hair!**

knights in the kingdom. He has the most intriguing eyes and with his silky, shiny hair, he is the envy of all the Princesses' at Carly's Castle.

Cruise was pulled from a doggie kill prison at the last hour on March 19, 2005. He apparently was on the run and had outsmarted all the doggie police for quite some time, but in the end and with hunger taking over, he couldn't escape the humane trap that they set up to catch him. Once pulled from the shelter, Cruise had to make a visit to the Castle's vet. Even though he looked healthy and handsome on the outside, he was very sick on the inside. Cruise tested positive for heartworms but he has since been treated and is doing very well. He was also neutered and had all of his teeth polished for that perfect Yorkie smile!

Cruise gets along well with the other pupsters here at the Castle, even though he is a pretty independent pupster. He is also a very good jumper (no low fences for this furry knight). He thinks he's really cool when he jumps up on the patio table and overlooks his playground. There is a not a single squirrel in the Yorkie Kingdom who hasn't had a run in with Cruise, and thankfully, for the squirrel's sake, they've made it out alive. Cruise is your typical male terrier who thinks he is so macho, but is also very lovable.

Although Cruise is loved very much at his foster home, it saddens him greatly that his forever loving family has not found him yet, because he would love to have a home that he can call his very own. Cruise has watched many a castle sibling leave for their new home and is wondering why he has not been chosen yet.



**Cruise is still waiting for you!**

Cruise may not be your typical-looking Yorkie, but when it comes to being a real lover boy with a heart of gold, he is right up there at the top with the rest of them.

Cruise is still waiting for his forever loving family to find him and take him home. Could your family be the lucky one that gets him?

## DOGGONE GOOD EATIN



### Homemade Liver Treats

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

#### Ingredients:

- 1 cup whole wheat flour
- 1 cup cornmeal
- 1/2 cup wheat germ
- 1 pound beef liver

#### Preparation and Cooking:

Preheat oven to 350.  
Liquify liver in blender, add dry ingredients. Grease cookie sheet. Drop teaspoonfuls of mixture onto cookie sheet and flatten with bottom of glass dipped in water and cornmeal. Bake for 15 - 20 minutes.

Your Pup Will Wuf You!



## POETRY CORNER

### I Adopted Your Pet Today

*Author Unknown*

I adopted your pet today...  
The one you left at the pound;  
The one you had for ten years  
And no longer wanted around.

I adopted your pet today...  
Did you know that he's lost weight?  
Did you know he's scared and depressed  
And seems to have lost all faith?

I adopted your pet today...  
He had fleas and a little cold;  
Guess you don't care what shape he's in  
You abandoned him I am told

I adopted your pet today...  
Were you having a baby, or moving away?  
Did you suddenly develop allergies,  
Or was there no reason he couldn't stay?

I adopted your pet today...  
He doesn't play or even eat much;  
I guess he's very sad inside and  
It'll take time for him to trust

I adopted your pet today...  
And here he is going to stay;  
He's found his FOREVER home  
And a warm bed in which to lay.

I adopted your pet today...  
And shall give him all that he will need  
Patience, love and security,  
So he can forget your selfish deed

## LOOK WHO'S HOME:

KIKI



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



KIKI

Previously, Kiki's life had not been "something to envy". Through no fault of her own, it seems she had been bounced around to at least 5 different houses in her young life and, in some way, each one failed her. She also endured medical issues, some fixed, some not.

We understand that she had heart surgery as a puppy. After entering Yorkie Haven Rescue, a complete vet exam and check-up were done. Kiki's heart sounded fine and the vet thought that it was more than likely a Patent Ductus Arteriosus (PDA) that had been repaired. PDA is a congenital heart disease in which the ductus did not close at birth, therefore allowing shunting of blood from the aorta into the pulmonary artery.

This condition is typically identified in puppies during a routine exam. Continual blood flow through the PDA into the lungs produces a characteristic loud continuous murmur at the left heart base. If the PDA is closed early enough, heart failure can be prevented and the left heart dilation reversed.

More information given to us when she arrived is that at one of her stops along the way, in a house with small children, KiKi endured some trauma to her front leg. It was obvious that this was never repaired and allowed to heal itself which left KiKi's front leg to heal a bit crooked. Due to Grade 1 and 2 luxating patellas on her two back legs, KiKi walked a little off. Despite this, KiKi gets around just as well as any other pup and surgery was not recommended.

As you can imagine, when KiKi finally made it to her YHR foster home, she was very scared and timid. She arrived in a small carrier that she was "extremely" attached to. So attached, that she spent the first couple of weeks in it **KiKi in her barking at anyone who carrier, her came close. She would "safety zone".** even eat in her carrier and only allow her foster mom to take her out for bathroom time. As time went on, she started to trust her foster mom a little more and started to come out of her carrier on her own, but always retreated back to it for safety.



KiKi's picture and bio were spotted on the website by her new mom and dad and they just knew that they had to add this precious baby to their family. As you can see from the picture, KiKi has now started her new life and could not be happier. KiKi's new mom and dad have updated us on her and we are sharing their "Success Story" with you.

"We would like to thank Yorkie Haven Rescue for bringing another angel into our lives. Our first Yorkie Angel, Itsy, was a gift to us from a colleague at the elementary school where I was teaching and I am convinced that she



**KiKi with her new mom, dad and fur-sister.**

was a gift from God, just as KiKi is. It is my belief that all of these babies are angels put here on earth to bring us joy and enrich our lives as nothing else can.

We were so devastated when Itsy was taken from us eight years ago. We know that no pup can replace Itsy because they are all so unique in their own special way. However, after three months of emptiness we brought another angel into our lives by the name of Sassy and she has brought us untold happiness and joy. We are determined not to let that kind of emptiness enter our lives again. So we decided that we needed to get two new sisters for Sassy. We want to space them out in age so that we have at least one angel with us at all times. KiKi is the first of two new sisters for Sassy. She is four years younger than Sassy and we want the next one to be a younger one.

KiKi is adjusting very well and we love her very much. After many different homes, she already knows that this is where she belongs forever and she is determined to protect it. She and her sister, Sassy, are still trying to decide the pecking order of things. The girls are getting along well but are still adjusting to one another. Sassy says that KiKi has to stop putting the King's X on all of the puppy beds around the house and leave her at least one to lounge in.

Kiki is a real lover and snuggler. She would let us hold her until our arms fell off, and that is ok with us. She is finally where she belongs. Thank you again Yorkie Haven Rescue, we will forever be in your debt! This is another story that ends with happy ever after!"

## DID YOU KNOW . . . .



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A puppy's eyes do not open until it is 10 to 15 days old. Its vision is usually not complete until it is about 4 weeks old.

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## PAWS UP TO YOU

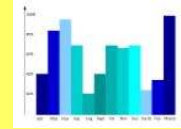


If you have given Yorkie Haven Rescue a donation, purchased from our boutique, donated craft items to sell on our website, etc., we would like to take this time to say **Thank You** very much. Through your acts of generosity, you, the public, are rescuers too.

### May 1, 2008 - June 30, 2008

Agility Club of	Leah Webb
Evansville, IN	Lynetta Moore
Angela Brumley	Michael Freedman
Beth Hampton	Michael McDuff
Carrie Ko	Michelle Belaustegui
Chris Stutz	Patricia Chambers
Cindy Sweeney	Peggy Banks
Debby Bennett	Rachelle Heiner
Elia Tom Georgalis	Robin & Pat Burke
Elizabeth Webb	Ruth Broadbent
Jen & John Beard	Sally & Don Chambers
Judith Britt	Stephanie Hoverman
Kayleigh Defenbaugh	Thomas Bizzell
Laurette Griffin	Vicki Dykes
Linda Freedman	Yun Nienke

## 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 - June 30, 2008

Intake . . . . .	116
Adopted . . . . .	63
Rainbow Bridge . . . . .	13

### January 1, 2008 - June 30, 2008

Intake . . . . .	18
Adopted . . . . .	19
Rainbow Bridge . . . . .	4

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

## WAYS TO HELP YHR



**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

Don't know what to get those "hard to buy for pups"? Check out the Haven's "New and Improved" boutique page 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.

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.

PLEASE



DONATE!

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!

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

**OR**

Use PAYPAL at:  
[www.yorkiehavenrescue.com](http://www.yorkiehavenrescue.com)

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