



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

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

### **KIBBLE TALK**



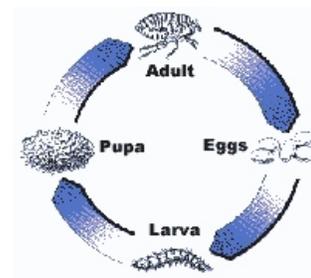
### **TIS THE SEASON ... FOR FLEAS**

As temperatures rise, flea pupa which have been lying dormant outside in the cold winter months are roused. The newly emerged fleas need a source of food and a pet is a prime target, providing a living blood bank. 24 hours after the flea’s first blood meal, adult females start to lay eggs, which then drop off the animal into the environment including their bed and around the home.

#### **Life Cycle**

4 stages:

- \* egg
- \* larva
- \* pupa
- \* biting adult



#### **Warning Signs**

Pets infested with fleas will bite and scratch themselves constantly. Their coats become roughened and the skin can become infected. Watch for excessive scratching and use a flea comb on your pet regularly, checking for black specks or “flea dirt.” The usual flea bite has a small red spot where the flea has bitten.

## Flea-Related Problems

Besides the discomfort a flea bite can cause for people and pets, there are more serious medical concerns that may result from them.

**Flea Allergy Dermatitis** – Some pets or people may develop an allergy to flea saliva. Even one flea bite can result in significant irritation, itchiness and aggravation. It is characterized by small scabs and redness at the bite site, hair loss and secondary infection.

**Tape worms** – This intestinal parasite is a common ailment associated with fleas. Though not transmitted by bites, fleas cause tapeworms when a pet, while grooming himself, ingests a flea carrying the tapeworm larva. After ingestion, the tapeworm larva develops and moves through the gastrointestinal tract. The parasite segments resemble small pieces of rice and may be discovered around the anal region of your pet.

**Flea bite anemia** – Occurs in severe flea infestations or in very young pets. When a flea bites, it feeds on blood. With many fleas feeding at the same time, significant blood loss can occur, resulting in severe anemia. Blood transfusions, iron supplementation and hospitalization are frequently necessary. Flea bite anemia may even be fatal to some pets.

**Flea Removal** – For temporary but immediate relief from severe flea infestation, Capstar tablets begin working within 30 minutes and will kill virtually every flea on a dog. The tablets are affordable and can be purchased at most pet supply stores. NOTE: Fleas can reproduce on untreated pets.

**Flea Treatment** – There are many modern effective flea products, including several “spot on” types that are easy to apply to the skin such as: Frontline Plus (kills adult fleas, flea eggs, flea larvae and ticks), K9 Advantix (kills and repels

fleas, ticks, mosquitos and biting flies) and Bio Spot (kills and repels fleas, ticks and mosquitos). You may not need to use flea treatment year-round depending on your climate, but you should consider using it monthly during flea and tick seasons.

Keep in mind that some adult-strength products are too harsh for young puppies, and that dog and cat products are not interchangeable. Read the product information on the package before using.

### PUP-IN-THE SPOTLIGHT: TEDDY BEAR



Teddy Bear came to Yorkie Haven Rescue on 8/10/07 as an owner surrender. His knees would not bend and he walked with stiff back legs that went out to the side. The family that



### Teddy Bear When First Entering Rescue

surrendered him said that they think he may have been born this way, but had not had him evaluated by a vet in the time he had been with them and they had no history prior to that. On 8/14/07 Teddy Bear visited the vet for his check up. He tested negative for heartworms and his lab studies were within normal range. He had some fleas and ear mites, but those were taken care of immediately. An x-ray was done of his hips and legs and no old fractures or injuries were seen. The vet thought that his problem was probably congenital, and either ligament and/or tendon related. She had never seen a case like his and suggested an orthopedic evaluation. We scheduled an appointment with an orthopedic specialist to determine if anything could be done to help him. He had extremely limited range of motion in his knees and his ankles did not bend, so he walked on his tippy toes and his little nails were ground way down. He was skinning the tops of his feet when he ran. Despite this, Teddy Bear was a cheerful little guy who enjoyed playing with his foster

brothers and sisters. We wanted to see him be able to do that without injuring himself.



**Before Surgery**

The results of Teddy Bear's orthopedic evaluation on 9/23/07 were a bit depressing. The vet did not think there was anything that could be done for him surgically. Teddy Bear's foster mom

refused to believe that nothing could be done, so she brought him to see another orthopedic specialist on 2/25/08. At this visit, he was found to have contractures of the muscles in his hind legs which is what caused his knees and "ankles" to be stiff and unbending. One of his knees actually pulled backwards a bit which is how he ended up skinning the tops of his little feet. After consideration, surgery was scheduled to cut and release the muscles in his little hind legs and then physical therapy would need to be done.

On 3/7/08, Teddy Bear had his surgery. He was scheduled to come home the same day, but he had a reaction to the anesthesia and pain medications and was kept in the hospital over the weekend. Before surgery, an ultrasound



**After Surgery**

was done and it was found that, in addition to the contractures, he had a dislocated right knee, so only the right knee was operated on this day. This was repaired and his quadriceps muscle was released. After surgery, his leg was held in a flexed position with an external fixator on that leg to prevent contractures while his knee healed. Due to the extensive surgery that had to be done on the right leg, the other leg was put on hold. On 3/15/08, Teddy Bear went for a check-up and the vet was

happy with the way he looked. On this visit, he actually put his foot down on the floor. On 3/26/08, the pins and fixator were removed from Teddy Bear's leg and he is now able to bend his knee. His surgeon is very happy with the outcome of this surgery as are all of us at the Haven. He is in physical therapy now and we are monitoring his progress. His left leg will be scheduled as soon as the therapist and vet feel he is ready. Please visit our website when you can to keep updated on Teddy Bear's progress. Also, on our website we have some videos of Teddy Bear showing the improvement he has had thus far.

## DOGGONE GOOD EATIN



### Dixie's Delight

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

#### Ingredients:

- 1 ripe banana
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 1/4 cup wheat germ
- 1/4 cup unsalted peanuts - chopped

#### Preparation and Cooking:

In a small bowl, mash banana and peanut butter together using a fork. Mix in wheat germ. Place in refrigerator for about an hour until firm. With your hands, roll rounded teaspoonfuls of mixture into balls. Roll balls in peanuts, coating them evenly. Place on cookie sheet in freezer. When completely frozen, pack into airtight containers and store in freezer.

### Your Pup Will Wuf You!

## POETRY CORNER



### A Dog's Soul

*Author Unknown*

Every dog must have a soul  
Somewhere deep inside  
Where all his hurts and grievances  
Are buried with his pride

Where he decides the good and bad  
The wrong way from the right  
And where his judgment carefully  
Is hidden from our sight

A dog must have a secret place  
Where every thought abides  
A sort of close acquaintance that  
He trusts in and confides

And when accused unjustly for  
Himself, He cannot speak  
Rebuked, he finds within his soul  
The comfort he must seek

He'll love, tho' he is unloved  
And he'll serve tho' badly used  
And one kind word will wipe away  
The times when he's abused

Altho' his heart may break in two  
His love will still be whole  
Because God gave to every dog  
An understanding soul

gets to be treated like a queen and instead of her taking care of little ones, her new mom and dad are taking care of her.

Since Allie went to her home we have spoken with her mom and dad and here are a few words they had to say: "We are totally in love with Allie. She has fit

into our family so well! She was rather timid for the first two days until she decided that this was a good place. Now she is just a very happy girl.



**Allie adopted!**

She loves to run around our backyard with Wrigley and Tuffy. They take turns chasing one another - I call it the zoomies. She watches the boys and does what they do, especially chasing birds and squirrels. When she runs she sort of hops up on all fours with joy. That's the only way to describe it. She is such a gentle girl and really well behaved inside -- only one "mistake" and it happened on the puppy pad, that's it! She also loves all our squeaky toys and Nyla bones for chewing. Our vet has seen her and says Allie is in great health. She's a cuddler and she loves to sleep with us at night. It's a little crowded in there with all 3 pups but we don't care. I am so happy and I can tell Allie is too. Thank you all so much for the wonderful work you do. We will love Allie forever."

**LOOK WHO'S HOME**



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



**Allie in rescue!**

Allie came into rescue on 11/8/07. She was found running as a stray with 2 friends and picked up by animal control. After no one came to claim her, YHR stepped in and brought this baby to safety. Unbeknownst to YHR, Allie was pregnant. She had a vet appointment to be spayed, but on 11/27/07, this had to be put on hold. On 12/14/07 Allie gave birth to 5 beautiful puppies, 2 females and 3 males. Allie played the role of mother to the finest. She loved and cared for her babies like any mother should. On 2/16/08, Allie was adopted by a wonderful family and now

**DID YOU KNOW . . .**



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**A dog has a normal body temperature of 101.**

**A cat's is 101.5**

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## PAWS UP TO YOU

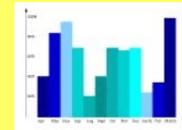
If you have given Yorkie Haven Rescue a donation, purchased from our boutique, donated craft items to sell on our website, etc., we would like to take this time to say Thank You very much. Through your acts of generosity, you, the public, are rescuers too.

January 1, 2008 – April 30, 2008

Angela Brumley	Lindsey Browning
Anita Dragani	Mary Rogers
Anita Maestas	Megan Harty
Barbara Pryor	Michael Drufar
Betty Webster	Michael Schaefer
Bobbie Dykes	Michelle Belaustegui
Brenda Van Valen	Mitzi McCall
Carla Tate	MSN YorkiFriends
Carol Breal	Nadine Combe
Catherine Rodriguez	Nancy Houghtelin
Celilia Breigh	Pat Tessman
Cecilia Hoyle	Patricia Chambers
Channon Thurmond	Penny Mitchell Luft
Chris/Ernie Stutz	Penny Walters
Charles Koller	Priscilla Gufierrez
Denise Ure	Qingqing Zhou
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Louis DiBernardo/	Vicki Dykes
Ryan Jones	Wesley Foster
Linda Freedman	Yvette Morhee

## 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 – April 30, 2008

Intake	112
Adopted	58
Rainbow Bridge	11

January 1, 2008 – April 30, 2008

Intake	14
Adopted	14
Rainbow Bridge	2

YHR currently has 43 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](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. Also, right now, at [www.igive.com](http://www.igive.com) there is a **Surfathon Contest** going on. Each month, through July 2008, Igive will award \$1,000 each to 5 winning causes. Just designate Yorkie Haven Rescue as your cause and "click" on ten stores a day. No purchase is necessary, so **Start Surfing!**

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.

At [www.petfinder.com/petrescue](http://www.petfinder.com/petrescue), Oust is sponsoring a sweepstakes. Each day go to the website above, designate Yorkie Haven Rescue as your charity and fill out the form requested. One lucky charity will win \$5,000 each month through June 2008. No purchase is necessary!

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.



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)

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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