



# The Way Home

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1550+ rescued & counting! Celebrating 10+ years!

## PHR's annual calendar ready for sale

As we enter the holiday season, thoughts of “what to buy?” for family and friends becomes a priority in everyone’s mind. We all want to find that “perfect gift,” and often struggle with our decisions.

Well, here is a solution! PapHaven’s annual calendar! This beautiful calendar features photos of PapHaven alumni ... unwanted dogs who have found wonderful forever homes. The gorgeous cover art features one of the PHR fosters named Magic.

This would be a must-have gift for anyone who fosters, rescues, or owns papillon or pap-mix pooches.

Place your orders for the calendar at <http://www.papauction.info/calendar/>.



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Watch for the next issue of *The Way Home* for more exciting and informative stories.

### Calendar pre-ordering has begun. Costs are:

Wall Calendar – \$26 shipping included.

Multiple wall calendars (up to 5) – \$6 shipping added.  
over 5, contact [jorolan@catc.net](mailto:jorolan@catc.net)

Desk Calendar – \$16 each – \$2 shipping.

Multiple desk calendars (up to 5) – \$6 shipping added.  
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# Chili Sundberg is a blogger!



**A**s many of you are aware, our very own poster child, Chili Sundberg is a very popular boy!

His tale from rags to riches is a story many of us have followed since he was found.

We've seen the pictures of the emaciated Chili ... a poor dog who was barely alive, infested with fleas, bearing little resemblance to the robust boy we know today.

## A Human's prayer to a dog:

- Thank you for your bark
- Thank you for welcoming me home with a smile and wagging tail
- Thank you for your kisses and paws without asking
- Thank you for your silly antics
- Thank you for lying next to me
- Thank you for a cold wet nose
- Thank you for accepting me
- Thank you for adopting me
- Thank you for your patience
- Thank you for letting me to be part of your life

**LOVE FOREVER**

Many of us were there for the story Liddy-Ann Everett told about a colleague who was certain he had seen the tiny pup on a Arkansas mountain, but couldn't catch him. Same colleague took food with him whenever he was on the mountain to try to help our little guy survive. This man followed Chili's progress thru photos Liddy-Ann gave him ... delighted that Chili had not only overcome his plight, but had blossomed into the delightful boy we know today.

Chili has his own Facebook page ... chronicalling his exploits to all those who "follow/like" him. (Who could not like our Chili!)

### Taking a new step ...

Now, this intrepid little wanderer has stepped into a new area of cyberspace ... he is a blogger!

Mom Nancy writes, "I just thought I would invite anyone who is interested to join Chili Sundberg.

"He now has his own blog page. The plan is, as it is with Facebook, to promote rescue, adoption and PapHaven.

"Simply to join and the plan is to post, at least several times a week.

"He started yesterday at the beginning of his life (after rescue), as he can remember it.

"Come and join, just for fun. Share with any rescue friends."

[www.chilisundberg.wordpress.com](http://www.chilisundberg.wordpress.com)

# Emergency preparedness ... wildfires DO happen!

<http://dogtime.com/california-wildfire-dogs-cats.html>

## Keeping pets safe in a disaster

By DogTime

If you saw this from the window of your home, would you be prepared to evacuate your family and pets on a moment's notice?



Wildfires and other natural disasters can occur immediately, forcing thousands to flee their homes. Evacuation procedures have improved in recent years, and more plans are including pets.

The southern California wildfires of 2007, for instance, forced the country's second mass evacuation in two years, but this time pets made it out with their owners, according to animal care officials. "The public was good about evacuating with their pets this time around," says Eric Sakach, director of the West Coast Regional Office of the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS).

He, and others, credit the lessons learned from Hurricane Katrina for California's relatively orderly relief effort. In that disaster, which displaced people up and down the Gulf of Mexico, thousands of pets were left behind and many of those were never reunited with their owners. Since then, HSUS has helped spearhead a national movement

Sorry to have to nag ... but it can happen to YOU!  
Are you READY?

It happened to us living on 40 acres with only ONE (1) road in and out. A storm had passed through earlier in the week and the power was off for a few hours ... typical. Then our power did not come back, so we phoned the electric company. They said all was repaired.

Hmmmm... so we sat for awhile, then Al noticed flames licking at our yard! Long story short, the electric power lines snapped when the power came back on, and dropped to the ground starting a ground fire!

It traveled to our home and all across the western portion of the property, jumping to the next parcel belonging to others. We had 3 different fire companies here with 30 or so fighters all in yellow fire dress. The National Forest crew came with special equipment and made a fire break around the whole

area. With no power, we had no water from the electrified well, so could not soak our roof, etc. Best they said to prepare to evacuate. YIKES!

We had always had an evacuate plan, but for some reason after 20 years of not needing it, we were a bit rusty. Al deviated and took too much time. I was a nervous wreck. All pets on high alert. Grabbed crates, loaded dogs, including big dog into the 4-wheel drive Jeep. Sent Al in Jeep with Giada (big dog) to the highway to park and leave, picked him up in the sedan which I had loaded a few "precious" items, grabbed meds for all, and got into the RV. Motor running waiting for the signal.

We were lucky... no structures were lost, but our forest was blacken.

It can happen to you... please be prepared!

to make sure animals are included in any broad emergency relief effort.

### Prepared this time

Almost as soon as the fires broke out, dozens of regional animal and disaster relief experts converged on San Diego, and other southern California towns. An adjunct pet shelter was immediately set up at San Diego's Qualcomm Stadium, nearby parking lots were converted into makeshift camps that allowed pets, and at least one local high

school offered a pet-friendly locker room as refuge.

Still, the reality is that some residents were forced to leave home without their pets, and rescue teams are currently trolling evacuated areas in search of them. "At last count, 417 animals have been reached – mostly horses, but some dogs, cats, goats," says Sakach. "Incredibly, almost all of them have been reunited with their owners."

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## Keeping pets safe in a disaster

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“People have finally gotten the message about smaller animals and made appropriate preparations to take them with them,” he adds, noting that relief efforts this time are centering on helping large animals, such as horses and livestock.

### How to protect your pets in an emergency

The best approach to dealing with any disaster is to be prepared. Here are the steps HSUS suggests you take now in the event something unexpected happens to you and your family.

- **Ready your pet's crate, or carrier.** And if you don't have one, get one. Be sure it's large enough for your cat or dog to comfortably stand up and turn

around in. Introduce your pet to his crate by occasionally putting treats or toys in it. Your pet's positive association will make a speedier exit easier.

- **Set aside supplies.** You should have enough pet water and food for at least three days, and a collar/harness and leash on hand.
- **Know your options.** Find out which disaster relief locations in your area accept pets in the event of an emergency or evacuation (most do not), and identify which hotels or motels in the area allow pets, or make exceptions in emergencies.
- **Arrange backup.** Set up plans in advance with a trustworthy neighbor or close friend to

come get your pets in the event you're away when disaster strikes.

- **Microchip.** Your dog may get loose from his collar, but his chip will remain with him/her his entire life. If you've got a cat, microchip him/her as well.
- **Keep photos on hand.** In the event you become separated from your pet, you'll want to be able to provide a picture, as well as prove the animal is yours once you're reunited.
- **Leave early.** If there's even a small chance you'll need to evacuate, just go – and take your pets with you.

For more details on how to take care of pets in an emergency, contact HSUS or the ASPCA.

## Celebrate Fall with Pumpkin Treats

by VETDEPOT – <http://blog.vetdepot.com/celebrate-fall-with-pumpkin-treats-for-dogs-and-cats>

Fall is the season for pumpkins! Cooking pumpkins are plentiful this time of year and relatively inexpensive. Canned pumpkin (NOT pumpkin pie filling) is also an easy ingredient to include in autumn treats for your family without spending a lot of money.

What many people do not know is that pumpkin is healthy for your four-legged family members too! Pumpkin is rich in vitamins A, C, and E. It has plenty of zinc, potassium, and magnesium for minerals. Pumpkin also has both alpha and beta carotenoids which act as antioxidants and help to fight or prevent cancer. Pumpkin has plenty of fiber so it can also help cats and dogs with diarrhea or constipation. Best of all, virtually all dogs and many cats love the taste of pumpkin.

This recipe makes for a tasty fall treat for your canine and feline friends. (The ingredients are safe for human consumption too!)

### Pumpkin Peanut Butter Wafers Treats

#### Ingredients:

- 15 oz. can pureed pure pumpkin (not filling)
- 3/4 cup uncooked cream of wheat  
(if wheat sensitive, use rice cereal instead)
- 1/2 cup dry powdered milk
- 1/4 cup creamy peanut butter

#### Directions:

- Preheat oven to 300 degrees Fahrenheit
- Mix all ingredients together. Drop small spoonfuls onto a lightly greased cookie sheet
- Bake at 300 degrees for 15-20 minutes

# Pet poisoning ... it's SERIOUS!

If you know or suspect your pet has been exposed to a potentially hazardous substance, contact a pet poison control center hotline. Three options available 24/7, 365 days a year, include:

- The ASPCA's Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435 (\$65 fee)
- The Veterinary Poison Emergency Treatment Services at (800) 572-5842 (\$45 fee)
- The Pet Poison Helpline at (800) 213-6680 (\$39 fee)

## In the Event of a Pet Poisoning

While it's always easier said than done, don't panic if you know of or suspect a pet poisoning. In an emergency, your pet counts on you to keep calm and get help. However, time is critical. Your first step should be a call to a qualified source of help.

Gather all materials related to the poisoning. Safely contain a sample of the substance, if possible, and get the product's container or packaging. If applicable, seal your pet's vomit or stool in a bag for testing. Keep track of all the symptoms you observe and their timeline, and note how much of the toxic substance you believe your pet was exposed to and when the exposure occurred.

When calling a pet poison control hotline or other source of help, be prepared to provide the above information, along with basic details about your pet.

Identify your pet's species, breed, sex, age, and weight. If multiple animals are affected, compile separate information for each one.

## Poison-Proofing Your Home

About 150,000 people call the ASPCA's Animal Poison Control Center (APCC) every year with questions about pet exposure to toxins, and it's just one of the major nationwide pet poisoning hotlines. At home and outdoors, cats, dogs, and other companion animals are at risk of exposure to countless hazardous substances, including harmful food and beverages, plants, cleaning and automotive chemicals, pharmaceutical products, insecticides and other pest control chemicals, lawn care products, and more.



Poison-proofing your home to prevent accidental pet poisonings is critical. Like young children, pets are unable to identify dangers, are curious about their environment, and are very susceptible to toxicity. Ingesting a toxic substance can cause considerable pain and suffering. It can also be fatal.

When poison-proofing, keep these facts in mind:

- Ingestion of human drugs and supplements is the leading cause of calls placed to animal poisoning hotlines
- Pets will potentially eat or drink anything with a scent that catches their attention
- Cats, dogs, and other animals demonstrate surprising ingenuity, resourcefulness, and determination when exploring surroundings or trying to get something they want
- Almost all chemical cleaning products contain at least one hazardous component
- Most pest control products, whether they are made for pets or not, are poisonous
- Numerous common indoor and outdoor plants are toxic to animals
- An estimated 10,000 cats and dogs die each year from ingestion of antifreeze, commonly found in puddles outside

## Pet Poisoning Preparedness

No matter how diligently you work to minimize the risk of pet poisonings, not all accidents can be prevented. Being as ready as possible for a worst-case scenario is just as important as prevention. Like assembling a human or pet first aid kit, putting together a poison preparedness kit prevents panic in the event of an emergency and shaves crucial time off your response.

A basic pet poisoning preparedness kit should include:

- A pet carrier for easy transport to your vet's office or animal hospital

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- Phone numbers for an animal poison control hotline, your vet, the nearest animal hospital, and the nearest 24-hour animal hospital
- A bottle of 3% USP hydrogen peroxide to induce vomiting, along with a baster or oral syringe for administration
- Saline solution to flush the eyes and artificial tears to lubricate them afterwards
- A mild degreasing dishwashing liquid to remove hazardous substances on the skin and coat
- Tweezers to remove stingers or objects embedded in the skin
- A muzzle for safety when your pet is agitated, afraid, or stressed
- A can of your pet's preferred wet food

## Sources

<http://www.americanhumane.org/animals/adoption-pet-care/safety/pets-poisons.html>

<http://www.aspc.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control/what-do-if-your-pet-poisoned>

<http://www.aspc.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control/poison-safe-home>

<http://www.thepreventivetvet.com/stats.html>

### How Saving A Pet Might Just Save Your Life

Physical and Emotional Benefits of Owning Pets & Ways You Can Help

#### Physical Health

- Oxytocin is the "bonding hormone" that is released in humans and dogs during mutual interactions
- On average, those who own a pet live 2 years longer than those who do not
- Oxytocin reduces blood pressures, increase tolerance to pain, and reduces anxiety
- Owning a cat can dramatically reduce a person's chance of dying from heart disease and stroke
- Dogs can learn to detect & warn owners of oncoming seizures before they happen

#### Estimated 4.3 million animals enter into shelters each year.

#### Mental Health

- Animals increase serotonin levels (the "feel-good" hormone)
- 67% of pet owners said their pets provide companionship and reduce loneliness
- Prescription: A Pet
- Therapists have prescribed a pet as a way of dealing with and recovering from depression
- 15 to 30 minutes with your pet will make you feel less anxious and stressed

#### Ways You Can Help

- +Rescue a Pet TODAY**  
You can adopt at your local shelter or on websites such as [petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com)
- Can't Rescue?**
  - Volunteer at a shelter walking dogs or cleaning cages
  - Donate to a shelter or help with fundraising
  - Cross post shelter pets on Facebook
- Never buy a pet; due to pet overpopulation "Four million cats and dogs—about one every eight seconds—are put down in U.S. shelters each year."  
[http://www.humanesociety.org/issues/pet\\_overpopulation/](http://www.humanesociety.org/issues/pet_overpopulation/)

Don't forget! Pet First Aid Kits for sale on the PHR Shopping Mall. [http://www.paphaven.info/doggie\\_items.html](http://www.paphaven.info/doggie_items.html)



# Food Stamps ... For Pets?

<http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/politics/2013/02/food-stamps-for-pets/#.UykQV6RvJg.twitter>

**W**hen man falls on hard times, what's his best friend to do?

A new donation-based program called Pet Food Stamps aims to provide food stamps for pets of low-income families and for food stamp recipients who otherwise could not afford to feed their pets.

Based in New York, the program is open to anyone in the United States. More than 45,000 pets have already been signed up in the past two weeks, according to the program's founder and executive director Marc Okon. Once need and income is verified, the families will receive pet food each month from pet food retailer Pet Food Direct for a six-month period.

"We're not looking for government funding at this point," Okon told ABCNews.com. "Should the government be willing to provide assistance further down the line, we will look into it."

The only way to apply for the program is through an online application, but Okon said applications would be accepted through mail once the program moved to its new office.

Okon said the program's non-profit status was still pending.

There is currently no federal pet food stamp program in place, although the U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service tries to provide protection for animals in case of emergencies or natural disasters. The 1966 Animal Welfare Act also makes no mention of providing food for pets.

Okon's program isn't revolutionary. Other animal shelters and rescue leagues around the country, such as the Washington Animal Rescue League, have been providing pet food banks, in addition to discounted pet care, for years.

"One of our missions is to provide income-qualified families with discounted pet care, vaccine clinics, vaccinations, neutered clinics, and vet care," said Washington Animal Rescue League spokesman Matt Williams. "We have a new medical center on site .. We also have a food bank run entirely on donations."

The new pet food stamp program comes at a time when monthly food stamp assistance could be phased out. A temporary food stamp boost for low-income families was initiated in April 2009 to help offset the effects of the 2008 recession.

Approximately 46.6 million people used the federal food stamp program in 2012, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

## Cookbooks make GREAT gifts

**A**s we approach the Holiday Gift-giving Season, we all try to find that one special thing we feel will express our love for the recipient. Does anyone you know fit these criteria:

- someone who loves to try new recipes?
- a person who feeds their pet a homemade diet?
- someone seeking tips to keep their pet in top physical shape?

If anyone you know fits these ideas, we may have just the gift



for them! A copy of the PapHaven cookbook "Dog-Gone Good Food!" Packed with hundreds of time-tested recipes provided my PHR members, this cookbook also provides recipes for homemade pet food and treats and tips for helping to keep your pet in top condition.

Purchase books at <http://www.papauction.info/cookbook/>.

# Success Stories

*PapHaven tries to keep contact with our little four-footed friends after they embark on their new lives. Here are some of the recent notes.*

## Tricky Tray

It's been over a month since Addison (AKA Luna) walked into our home.

She is such a wonderful companion. I can't imagine my life without her.



She has adjusted to her new name and our home wonderfully. She learns new things quickly and what a cuddle bug. She loves cuddling up with me and I love it also. Her sweet little antics are adorable, and I can't help but giggle at all the cute little things she does. She is now starting to bark and protect her forever home.

I cannot thank you all enough for helping with everything to bring Addison to us. She is loved by all in the family.

She is my sweet little girl who rescued my heart more than I rescued her.

Thanks so much.

Love, Elizabeth

## Autry (aka Tricky Tray)

I wanted everyone to know that Tricky Tray is now AUTRY!!!

I have officially adopted him!!!

Welcome home autry!!!  
Yeehawww!!  
(He is named for Gene Autry.)



*Love that little guy!! And love my little girl!!*

Lindsay, SweetPea, and Autry  
NH Foster

## Beaudry

Hi – Just wanted everyone to know that Beaudry (right) went to his “forever” home this afternoon. I took him to PetCo in Bastrop and had him groomed and he looked lovely. His adopter lives in Austin and he was so excited about getting him that he showed up at PetCo an hour before Beaudry's appointment. When I walked in with Beaudry, one of the clerks said, “Oh, so that's the dog he is adopting”.



The adopter is the ex-husband of the lady who adopted Pluto (above left). He baby sat Pluto one weekend and totally fell in love with him. His ex-wife was kind enough to tell him about Beaudry and the rest, as they say, is history. He was a very good dog and got along famously with our dogs. Especially little Scribbles. I will miss him.

Andy

## Brandy Sue

*Brandy Sue is an older girl who was with us a long time until just the right family came along. Sounds like she hit the jackpot.*

*They gave permission to share the pictures.*

Andy



Hi Andy. Thought you might like some photos of Brandy in her new home with us.

Brandy is just the sweetest girl ever! She's so smart ... and funny! She loves treats and when its treat time she gets so excited she bounces! A couple of times she actually got some air, so funny.

She goes walkies twice a day, weather permitting. She loves her brother Jack, always greets him with a waggy-tail and cuddles up to him when the thunder is close and loud. And she has her place on my bed!

She bonded to me quickly and my husband is working on bonding too when he's not working. He spends a lot of time with her on his off-days and she's coming around slowly. We are so lucky to have her. Thank You for giving us a chance.

Sandy, Brandy, Jack, and Lewis

## Duchess

After living with me for about a year duchess has been adopted by a wonderful gal from N.H.!!

She will be living with two other Paps. Here's a picture of Dawn and Duchess. I think Duchess was already bored with the whole thing as she is yawning! I'm sure there will be more pictures to follow!

Paula, MA foster home

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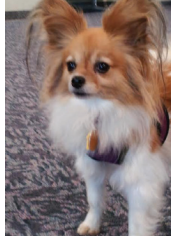


# Success Stories

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## Hannah

These are pictures of our Hannah who was fostered by Angie Schoore in IN.



Recently adopted by the Millers in TX. They had to spend extra time in a couple of airports because of stormy weather, but finally made it home and sounds like they are all happy.

## Jax

Wanted to let you know I picked up Baylor this morning. His new name is Action Jackson or Jax for short... He has a lot of energy so this is appropriate for him.



His original name was Max so Jax is perfect for him without much confusion!

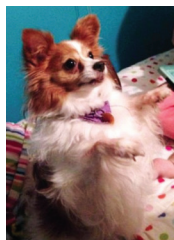
He is a very happy tail along with his new daddy! He will be a very much-loved new addition to my family. He is my new golf buddy and all around companion.

Just wanted to say THANK YOU!!

Brian & Jax

## Layde

I wanted to share this with the group. My former foster girl, Layde was adopted July 18.



The senior citizen couple that adopted her do not have a computer or cell phone so com-

munication was always difficult. They were a referral to me from a friend of a friend and as Andy can probably attest to, the gentleman was a challenge. He was persistent and it's hard when he can't go online to our website to see the available dogs. He had Papillons all his life and now at the age of 82 wanted another one as his recent Pap had passed away. Age was a bit of a factor as a young, spunky pup would be too much for him and his wife (she is 70). He was looking for a larger dog - tri or brown (not black/white), house-trained, and gentle. He was willing to PAY me to go get a dog anywhere in the US (as we can't fly big dogs in cargo).

Well, long story short, Layde came along just at the right time. We are in Minnesota and Layde was an owner surrender in Wisconsin. She was 7 yrs old and extremely overweight but SWEET, SWEET, SWEET. I sent them a picture of her and YEP, they wanted her.

Last night I got a call from him Thanking me for Layde. He said, "Guess What? She's lost 2 lbs!" He was so proud. He takes her for walks 3 times a day - which is great for him too. He walks with a cane and she's just the right speed for him. They live in a very nice condo on the first floor with a beautiful garden patio. They like their dogs to do their business on the patio and then they pick it up or hose it off. (A necessity here in the winter). Layde will NOT do that. She will only go in the grass. So again, proudly he said he went to the hardware store and got some indoor/outdoor carpet and it worked!

He said she is so happy and loves to meet and greet everyone.

Folks, we have made an old man happy! And saved another Papillon. Awesome.

Nancy Sundberg

## Lewis

Good Morning,

I continue to be in contact with the adopters of my former foster Lewis. They also do some dog sitting for us on occasion. This weekend they sent me the results of DNA testing they had done on Lewis. (I received their permission to share this with the group).



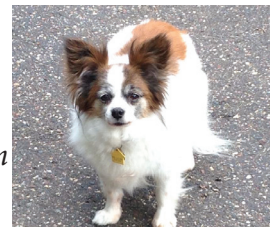
The reason they had this done was more for fun and interest, but they were sure he might have some Pomeranian in him because he has a real fuzzy coat and seems like a bit of undercoat. But of course has all the other characteristics of a Pap. The results were very surprising. No Pom! Mostly Pap, but great-grandparent showed overwhelming markers for Saluki (and a few other options).

Maybe I'll have Chili Bean tested to see what he is. Kind of fun. This test cost them \$79.

Nancy Sundberg

## Libbie

Chili posted this on his Facebook page this morning, but I thought those that aren't on FB would like to see this miracle.



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Libbie has been with us for 4 years (13 yrs. old). She is a puppy mill survivor and is STILL nervous, especially around ME. Of course she never has any reason to fear, as all we have in our house is love, love, love...and dogs. I do everything for her, feed her, bath her, walk her and still she'll run if she sees me coming. This morning Bruce was home, still in bed and said put Libbie on the bed with everyone else and then go to work. I did and this is the photo Bruce sent me!!

Libbie stayed on the bed and snuggled in with everyone else. I can't believe it. After all those years, she finally settled in to snuggle. NEVER has she done this before. She does not sit on the couch or bed with us, but in her bed in the corner where she is most comfortable.

I'm smiling ear to ear today! It's called patience. If Libbie left this earth tomorrow, I would feel we changed her life and she is a happy girl!!! Bless her heart!

Nancy Sundberg

Libbie is adjusting well. Even though she does get closer to John she comes upstairs and lays in the doorway when I go up to bed and John is still downstairs. And she follows me around the house. Our routine in the morning is that I get up and walk them early but after I start the coffee. Both of them get excited when I head to the door and she gives a few woofs as we go outside. She waits in the driveway while Gromet and I walk down the road. When I come back she runs (trots) to get just behind

me and then she starts talking. I kinda talk back to her with the little purr that she does. They get cheese when they come back in and she actually is starting to stay with me while I feed them their cheese now instead of going under the table like she used to do.

She has become very talkative and she watches me all the time. She and Gromet immediately switched beds; now Gromet sleeps in her bed and she sleeps in Gromets. Gromet clearly likes Libbie a lot. Libbie is not as demonstrative but she does tolerate him and they seem to "talk" to each other frequently.

John picks her up and holds her but I have not done that yet. I would prefer her to feel comfortable with me and I try to respect her space.

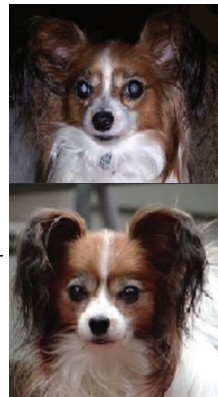
Anyway, we just love her and she is a great addition.

Michelle

## Joy

*Becky, a PHR member, has "fallen" into the trap of the papillon foster ... the same one many of our other members have done ... becoming a "foster-flunk" as we refer to it. The "spell" cast by these delightful dogs is sometimes more than a foster family can "endure" before they give in and make their foster a family member.*

Just a quick note to say that Joy is officially adopted by Larry, Gracie Bilas, and Becky. These are before and after pics of Joy, from when she came to us blind, and



now that she can see her forever home.

Joy is thriving in here in her forever home and is a little beauty. I am thrilled to have been a foster failure, though my intent had been to adopt her out and continue to foster. But I do not regret keeping her, and believe that she will continue to thrive and blossom in our home.

Becky

## Mac (aka Mighty Mite)

I just wanted to let you know that little Mac passed his Canine Good Citizen test last week with flying colors! I am so proud of him. The test came at the end of 18 weeks of obedience training at a very good place in Burleson, TX. I highly recommend it if anyone is looking for a place. Our trainer was Carole but the other one, Stacy, is very good, too.

All American Dog Training, Grooming & More 418 NE Wilshire Blvd Burleson, TX 76028 817-295-2238

I hope this finds you and yours doing wonderfully.

Blessings,

Nancy

## Mia (aka Peanut)

We recently received a picture of Mia (formerly our darling Peanut) from her forever home. She is doing well and, as we can see, she is now "all grown up"



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# Success Stories (continued from pg. 10)

and has become a lovely lady.

*PHR fostered Peanut at Sandee Jordan's house for a long time; then she was adopted by someone from the New England area.*

## Millie (aka Lillie)

*We received this message on Facebook from Lillie's mom and I have attached the picture. She adopted Millie now Lillie from us almost 10 years ago :) Thought I would share with the group!*



Annie Johnson

Lillie is a very energetic young lady. She loves helping out on the farm, from rounding up the chickens to talking to the goats. She enjoys spending her quiet time snuggled up on anyone's lap that she can find. She has lots of brothers and sisters to play with. They come in all sizes, from 4 lbs to 60 lbs. She enjoys going for long hikes on the Appalachian Trail also. Lillie is a complete joy to have and everyday we are thankful that she is part of our family.

## Mona

Here are some pictures of one of our recent adoptees (Mona the black and white one) out camping with her new mama and family. Mona was fostered by our Tacoma Wa fosters Tina and Michael Grove.



And it looks like Mona adopted into a wonderful family.

## Pink

I got Pink in early July. She was tiny and thin. Yesterday she was adopted by a wonderful couple Bill and Catherine Bernal. They were so excited to get Pink and add her to their Pap family. Pink will have a very playful sister Gidget to fill up her days of exploration in her new environment.

I told Jan that Steve and I were getting very attached to Pink and I wasn't letting Steve keep this one! But guess what?? I was the one that got so attached I actually let a few tears loose. Christine saw how sad I was, and immediately hugged me. I knew in that moment, Pink was going to the best home she could go to.....and I had done my job well as a foster Mom. Miss my Pinky-dink.....

Tina Bergstrom, Las Vegas

## Pippa

Just wanted to touch base and let you know how well Pippa is doing. She is not only a sweetheart, she's an all around awesome girl! Zoe is doing wonderfully with her. They even sleep on our bed together! We have her on a diet and she is doing well. She lost a half a pound. I'd like to get her down to at least 12 pounds. Zoe is a bit bigger than Pippa and she weighs 13 pounds. We take her (and Zoe) for nice walks every day. She's on Earthborn holistic food and only gets organic treats or fresh zucchini slices (which she loves) so slowly but surely she will get there. She shows no



signs of limping anymore! Probably because of the walks. She is also getting better in the car. She doesn't throw up anymore and the drooling has gotten a lot less. We take her up to our cabin in NY State and she loves it there as much as Zoe does. When we go up again, I'll get some photos of her there!

I was just wondering if you heard anything from AKC Re-unite regarding her microchip registration yet? I sent in the letter along with the check to have her chip transferred over to me on August 21st but haven't heard anything back yet.

Well, hope you had a great summer! I'll keep in touch!

Maria

## Sid

There are so many people to thank. Sid is very energetic, happy, and playful. It is obvious that his foster family treated him with much love. I am so grateful to all and this is most definitely his forever home. Thank you so much. Kay K.



## Sunny

I wanted to let you know that Sunny is so happy and we, his new family, love him so much! He brings us so much laughter and joy, it is hard to imagine what we did before we had him.

He has adapted so well. He loves to be outside with us and we crack up when he zips around the yard trying to find a place to



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# 8 Somewhat Surprising! THANKSGIVING DAY FOODS that can kill your dog.



## 1 Turkey Skin

High fat foods, like that delicious turkey skin, can be extremely hazardous to your dog's health. The skin holds any marinade, spices, butter and oils and is difficult to digest. High fat foods can lead to pancreatitis. Symptoms include vomiting, abdominal pain and lethargy.



## 2 Cooked Bones

Cooked turkey and ham bones are NOT safe for dogs. They can splinter in the dog's digestive tract and your holiday may include a pricey trip to the emergency room and worse. Dispose of bones carefully so that your pup isn't tempted to eat them.



## 3 Onions & Garlic

Onions and garlic contain sulfides, which are toxic to dogs, and can lead to anemia. Onions are more toxic than garlic and cooking them does not reduce their toxicity.



## 4 Alcohol

Many dogs love the taste of beer, but this does not mean you should share your frosty brew with your best friend. Any alcohol, and particularly the hops in beer, is toxic and in some cases can cause death in dogs.



## 5 Nuts

Specifically walnuts and macadamia nuts and very dangerous for your dog. They could cause a toxic reaction called, "macadamia nut toxicosis." Within 12 hours of eating them, dogs are unable to stand, vomiting, having tremors, fever, weakness and elevated heart rate. Usually symptoms go away but this can lead to deadly shock.

## 6



## Nutmeg

Used to spice sweet potatoes and pumpkin pie, nutmeg can cause seizures and central nervous system problems if your dog ingests it. In extreme cases, it can even cause death. Both sweet potatoes and pumpkin, in moderation, are good for your dog - just make sure they don't have any nutmeg on them before you feed him any!



## 7 Sage

Sage contains essential oils that can cause stomach upset. Best to keep this herb out of reach from your pup's paws!



## 8 Chocolate, Dough, & Batter

We all know chocolate is a no-no, but did you know that dough can actually rise inside your dog's stomach, causing bloating and severe pain? Additionally, dough and batter contain raw eggs, which may contain Salmonella. Keep your furkid out of the kitchen while you bake and clean up any spills right away.

If you think that your pet may have ingested a potentially poisonous substance, call the **ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435**

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# Success Stories

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go potty. He is just delightful and I want to thank you all for helping him find his forever home here in Nashville.

He is featured below in a newsletter my friend sends out. She has always been a cat person, but finds Sunny irresistible! Everybody does.

I've attached a couple of photos - one with our cat, Bella, who is in his bed. J

Hope you've all had a nice summer.

Pam

## Zach

Mark adopted Zach from us last year- Zach is the black and white pap... he sends pictures from time to time....I have his OK to share.



Happy Fall!!

Attached is a couple current pictures of the boy that I thought you guys would enjoy. It says:

"Hi Gang!!

Just thought I'd send you a postcard of me relaxin' in the fall sun. Say hello to everyone!

Always, Zach"

Have a great weekend...

Mark