

We have had our little Woofie for 14 years now. Everyday he brings us pleasure and joy. He is a sweet wonderful companion and still runs around like a little puppy bringing us a lot of laughter. The Halo organization is wonderful at finding forever homes for our sweet little furry friends.

Love,  
Kristine, Peter, and Woofie Sedat



We are so happy to be part of the HALO family! We adopted Piper (HALO name Vale) when she was 9 months old. She is a Shavanese, and that is why the puppy mill didn't breed her or want her. She is spunky, sweet and so funny! She has taught our elderly bearded Collie, whom we inherited when my aunt died, to play and enjoy napping together. She is so adorable and we are very thankful to have her as part of our family!

Pat Norton, Curtis Pratt and Laura



We found HALO on Petfinder.com and traveled to Ohio from Long Island, N.Y. to rescue our first Havanese. Filly is now 11 years old. Seems like yesterday. She is absolutely gorgeous, probably could have been a show dog. She is also extremely athletic, and we nicknamed her Mother Theresa, as she is one of the kindest dogs who have become part of our family.

Several years later, after we rescued a Coton De Tulear, Dusty, also in Ohio, we went back to HALO for our second Havanese. Mitzi, now 5, was rescued from Indiana, and is a big girl, upwards of almost 40 pounds. She was so tiny when we first brought her home -- her mom was having trouble breastfeeding. Hard to imagine we'd have this pup that looks more like a small sheepdog. But, she has that Havanese personality and thinks she is a small dog.

We adopted our 4th dog, a Black Coton De Tulear, who was scheduled to be euthanized since Black is unacceptable in the breed. We really hadn't though a lot about having 4 dogs in our home, but we couldn't allow this creature to be destroyed

because of her color. Roxie is the small one in the bunch, now 2 years old and loves to play with her brother, and either Hav that will give her some time. She is still a bit of a pain with them, like the annoying baby sister.

Anyway, HALO runs a class operation. Great people in all facets of the rescue game. They also find terrific foster people to wean these guys until we get to pick them up. I've recommended them to everyone I speak with who would like a great rescue dog from a terrific rescue organization.

We love sharing our home with our 4 dogs. People think we are nuts. We travel with them on vacation and stay at Marriott Residences around the US and Canada. They are the only ones who will generally take multiple pets.

Finally, in case you haven't been advised, there is a push in NY to force pet stores to stock animals from rescues or family breeders. No more puppy mill pets. Of course, not sure how "for profit" pet stores will work with rescues, but if you work it out, Long Island is a hot place for small breeds, and people here are into rescues.

The best of luck going forward, and Thank You for all the wonderful work you have done to make it possible for all of us to bring these wonderful rescues into our lives

The Mermelstein Family



My story is about Nora who was adopted by Nick and Mary Weckman in 2014.

Nora first came to our home as a shy and timid dog who was scared of men and didn't know how to play with toys. Now, after 4 years of care, training, toys and lots of treats later, she is a spirited dog who loves house guests and the opportunity to frolic and play with her family. Nora takes medicine 5 times a day for her seizures that had started to become severe a few months after we got her, but that hasn't slowed her down. She has the best zoomies we've ever seen and is Mary's shadow 24/7. Watching her blossom from scared to joyful has been an absolute pleasure and we are so thankful she joined our family.

Sammy (Quill) brought a lot of love and spunk into our lives and we miss his love for life. Our favorite memory of him was his love for snow. He would dive into 4 ft snowdrifts, tunnel for a while and pop up halfway across the yard. We would have to pull him in eventually and he would be covered in huge snowballs. That boy loved the snow more than any other dog I have ever seen! RIP Sammy 11/2005 -6/1/2012

Nick and Mary Weckman

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I adopted a little guy and named him Rosco. I believe it was back in Sept of 2017. It's hard to keep up when they grow and bloom like a flower and they're so much fun. He has come a long way. Loves his sissy, Penny and is a bit of a mountain goat. I'm so glad to be a part of HALO family and hope other people find their way to you as well. We can't thank you enough for everything you do in rescuing all the dogs and for everything you do to bring the dogs to the adopting families. Forever a HALO family member, maybe one day I'll be able to assist in helping on a rescue. Thanks again

Cynthia Newcomb

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Pippi, aka Brownie, came to live with us on June 14, 2017. She was a shy little thing.....for about two minutes! We call her our cowgirl because she is a wild and crazy dog! She always lets you know what she wants and when she wants it. Which is NOW! She is very loving and adores her big sister, Gracie. Pippi is very energetic, but is also very cuddly and sweet. We can't thank HALO enough for a perfect match!

Barbara Marti



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My name is Lily Rush, and I'm an 11-year-old Havanese. I lived in a puppy mill until I was auctioned off to HALO when I was seven. (When I was auctioned off, my name was Edna. Lily's a better name don't you think?) I found my forever home with my mom, Carol in Palatine, IL. It took me a long time to trust people, but I love my Mom very much, and I know she love me, too. We are two old ladies very lucky to be brought together by HALO. My picture is attached. I am as sweet as I look!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, HALO! And THANK YOU!

Love, Lily

Carol Rush



This is Lacey. She was born about 2 weeks after her mother Claire was rescued. Lacey will be 4 in April. She is such a sweetheart. Always wants to be with me.

Carol Norton



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Poppi was adopted from HALO by a couple in Maine and they decided that it wasn't working, so HALO had to find someone quickly to foster him. Luckily I didn't have a foster at the time. In walks Poppi was afraid of everything and everyone. After about a month my Havs taught him a lot about being a dog and all the joys that come with being loved. Well, what can I say, neither my dogs nor myself could part with him so, yup, another foster failure who is cherished.

Pat Casson



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We adopted Nellie (formerly named Bonnie) in early January 2013. She has come such a long way! Nellie no longer stiffens up when we go to pet her, and she has become a lap dog -- something I couldn't foresee five years ago. Nellie is as sweet as they come. She loves her treats and toys, but most of all she loves to be with her two daddies! We love Nellie. Thank you, HALO, for all you do!

Dale Lund & Cesar Cruz

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I found Lilly, previously Ruby on Petfinder one night and just knew she was meant to be mine. It was this intense, indescribable feeling that she was mine.

Lilly has added so much spice and love and laughter to my life. I am obsessed with this goober. She makes any day better and brighter. Despite her health issues, I would do it all again.

October 25, 2009 was the best day of my life. I am so blessed to have HALO, and so thankful for HALO. Thank you so much for rescuing my sweet baby. She is without a doubt the love of my life.

Cheryl Calder



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When we lost our beloved Havanese Kanga too soon, I was so depressed. He and I were connected unlike anything I had ever felt before. I missed him terribly. The angel that Kanga became, I swear he led me to the HALO website! It was there that I met my precious boy, Pippin (formerly Horton). I felt that familiar connection which motivated me to submit my application to adopt him. From the first time I met him, I knew he would be my next love. Pippin filled that hole in my heart and each day, I'm so very thankful to HALO for bringing us together!

Loni Koller

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Tico (rescue name Anderson of the "A" group) turns 10 this year. He brings joy to us and to many others every day. Tico is a registered therapy dog with Pet Partners and every month for the last nine years he has brought love and comfort to the veterans at the VA hospital as well as children in library reading programs. He also earned his advanced rally obedience title and even performed a solo dance in the therapy troupe's canine version of the Nutcracker Suite. Tico is a cancer survivor. He currently lives with his mom and dad, his Havanese brother, Desi, and his kittie brother and sister.





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Lexi was 4 months old when we adopted her. She was in the “P” group from November 2007 and her HALO name was Paige. She was a little 4 pounder and stayed on the smaller size topping out around 10.5 pounds. We lost our Maltese, Casey, just 2.5 years earlier and decided that since I was near the end of my 17-month cancer treatment we were ready to adopt another puppy. She was such a comfort to me and always by my side on my off days. Always willing to cuddle and keep me warm. Everyone loved her and she was such a good ambassador to the breed. She is an amazing pup at 10 years old, a great foster sister to 13 fosters and sister to Charlie. Thank you HALO for entrusting her to us. My passion for this breed started with this little sweetheart.

Marisa Evans





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Whisper is a dainty little pup with messy hair and a mind of her own. She knows who and what she likes and isn't afraid to let us know it! She loves me, tolerates a few, and the rest must work very hard for her affection. She is my girl and I am so lucky to see the real Whisper – the funny, loving, trusting, bouncy, run like the wind, sweetheart

that lies within. She is a complicated little soul who has taken us on a journey of love, faith, and hope. Loving her in each stage, faith that time will continue to bring out the best in her, and hope that she feels so much love that it erases her past. This little one holds a special place in our hearts!

Mia is our “Everything Fabulous” girl. She is loving, sweet, cuddly, and adorable, with just enough spitfire in her to make life interesting! With her big brown eyes, long eyelashes, and a tail that never stops wagging, Mia collects adoring fans everywhere she goes. While she is special to us just by being her silly little ray of sunshine, there is so much more..... Mia is our daily life lesson that you can put bad days behind you and wake up every morning choosing to find joy in the simple things in life. We are incredibly blessed to love and be loved by this beautiful soul.

Rhonda Vingers



Here is a picture of our adorable, loving, best friend, companion... the list goes on. We can't imagine life without her! Thank you for giving us the opportunity to share our life with this bundle of joy!

She was still up for adoption at Halo. Her name was Geneva at the time, but her forever name is Millie.

We absolutely adore her!

Brad & Diana Foor



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In November of 2004, we adopted our princess “Abbey” (formerly Daphne). She is an absolute delight. She is spirited, smart, feisty, well-behaved, loving and joyful. Her tail wags from the moment she wakes until the moment she goes to bed at night. (We’ve often wondered if she wags it in her sleep!) She is the smallest of our 3 dogs and is definitely the “alpha”. Watching her run and play still make us smile. She is our little angel.

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In November of 2007, we adopted our rascal Eleanor “Rigby” (formerly Peggy). She is independent, shy, funny, quirky, smart and loving. She has a mind of her own and doesn’t listen when she doesn’t feel like it. She is the biggest of our 3 dogs and is definitely the submissive one. She is an acrobat who constantly delights and amazes us with her antics. She is our dainty “tomboy”.

Thank you for bringing these beautiful girls into our lives and for all that you continue to do to help others like them find loving homes!

Terri, Frank, Abbey, Rigby & Pepper Norris



Our Zoe was adopted from HALO in Dec 2003 and passed over the Rainbow Bridge Nov. 2017. Those 14 years were filled with joy, fun and companionship. Such an adventure everyday. Added so much to our everyday life. We miss her.

We recently adopted Ellie of the "E's". She is a 4-year-old puppy mill rescue. She’s a sweetie that needs lot of TLC to remove those memories of where they come from. She is making progress and we love her and reinforce each day that she is secure and in a loving environment.

Cindy Walton



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Oliver is my second Havanese and second foster failure. My roommate at the time was fostering him and his sister. He was only 8 weeks old and he would cry constantly throughout the night. I, as a college student, needed sleep so I would put him in bed with me at night and he instantly would stop. I believe he knew full well what he was doing and it worked. Here we are almost nine years later and he still cries all the time about everything but he is the number one snuggler in our house. He is truly one of a kind!

Rachel Shewmake and Family

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Desi is my crazy little Cuban “Firecracker!” His mother was a pregnant puppy mill rescue who whelped 5 beautiful boys on July 4, 2011. He became a Bouwkamp in September of that same year and was a snowbird for 3 years. He spent his summers on a lake in northern Indiana and he wintered in Florida. He currently lives in Port Charlotte Fl.

Des is very handsome, as we keep him in full coat, and he quickly charms all of those he meets. It is not hard to figure out who rules the house. He is often described by his Uncle Charles as “ he is a good dog ...when he’s not being BAD!” I love this little guy to the moon and back! I thank Halo for all there efforts and hard work to make it possible for me to have rescued this beautiful Havanese. Desi also thanks you and is grateful that he never had to spend one day in a puppy mill!

Janet Bouwkamp

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Cooper has been with our family for 2 1/2 years. He came with uncertainty, submissiveness and sadness. Every day he improved and became a spunky, outgoing, loving and playful part of our family. He even likes belly rubs and snuggling with my

husband at night! He loves to play with stuffed animal toys - snoopy, fishy and penguin. When I give him hugs I tell him how much he is loved. His kisses tell me how much he loves me back. Can't thank you enough, HALO, for our sweet Cooper!!

Shelly Pettibone



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Autumn (formerly Petunia) was adopted at the 2012 HALO Picnic, at the age of 7. Neither Autumn or I knew how to relate well with one another. She was so scared all the time, didn't know how to walk on a leash, or even climb a stair. For the first 6 months, her leash stayed on her anytime she was out of her kennel so I had a way to get to her when she would hide (which was pretty much all the time). A couple of weeks after her adoption, since her behavior wasn't improving, my daughter suggested I get another dog (a non-rescue one) to show Autumn how to be a dog. I adopted Ella, a 3 year-old Havanese who we found at a shelter surrendered by her owner. She was just what Autumn needed. Autumn gradually started acting like a dog...walking on a leash, climbing stairs, playing, barking, and trusting people. Autumn has blossomed over the years and now you can't even tell she had an abused past.

Robert Shook

We adopted Bella (Won Ton) in April 26, 2016, she turned 5 on May 5th that year. She was very nervous, got car sick and couldn't walk much farther than down our driveway without getting tired. Now she loves car rides, loves going on walks and

hikes, smelling everything and she has even gotten on her back legs to smell the flowers! Here is a picture of Bella enjoying the garden and the grass - warms my heart considering where she spent 4 plus years of her life.

Fudge is a total sweetheart, he loves to cuddle and give hugs. He had tons of energy and loves to play with his big brother and sister. He has been an awesome addition to our family!

Natalie Bates



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My husband, Paul, and I met 'Quin, then known as Chachi in November 2003. He was 2 and 1/2 lbs. He will be 15 years old this September. About a year-and-a-half later, Mister Magoo came into our lives. He was then known as Santana and was totally blind. He never knew it and neither has any other dog. He is a monument to resiliency and finding joy in life regardless of adversity. Both of "the Boys" gave meaning to Paul's life and continue to bring joy to mine. I join with every other Halo parent in thanking everyone at Halo for bringing such joy into our lives.

Sandra and Paul Voss





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We are Roberta and Harry Dill from Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. Our first adoption from HALO took place on February 6, 2015 when we traveled from lower Delaware to Ohio. This was approximately an eight-hour drive and it had been snowing for days but we were so anxious to meet our new fur baby that we didn't care about snow or cold or anything. This was (Flora soon to be known as) our Tinkerbell she was four years old and it was love at first sight.

Darling Tinkerbell only had two years to enjoy her life with us. On March 22, 2017 she developed a severe idiopathic swelling of her brain and the neurologist was unable to save her. She will never, ever be forgotten for her happy, friendly and outgoing personality. Her hair will always be seen by us blowing behind her as she would run to us and flop down flat on the grass at our feet.

On September 20, 2015, we travelled to Frederick, Md. to pickup Cappy (at that time

known as Sam). He was two years old and we planned to foster with the option to adopt and it didn't take very long for him to adopt us.

Cappy has been an extremely happy dog, although he is not the bravest soul. Tinkerbelle helped him in learning how to go through doorways and up and down stairs. She also taught him to do the happy Havie wave and how to find the right spots on the ground to roll on. It's funny, but he still does the wave but seldom rolls on the ground anymore. He still goes in circles whenever he is anxious but it is not as often as when we first got him. Now he has a new responsibility! He is in charge of showing Winston how good life can be.

Winston is our newest addition to our family. He is four years old and weighs about 10 1/2 lbs. We traveled to Wexford, Pa. on May 21, 2017 to scoop him up. He is very much a momma's boy and barks at poor Harry whenever he comes into the room. Of course then he goes over to him to see if he has any treats for him in his pocket.

Winnie is still unsure of non-family members and tends to hide behind me for comfort. He is definitely a work in progress but so very loving. His hair has gotten longer and it is looking good when he comes running when I call him.

HALO has done fantastic work with placing all these bundles of happiness and we who have been fortunate enough to have been chosen to share our lives with them have received so very much from these often mistreated love bugs. I think that it can often be questioned as to who is rescuing whom! Thankful to all who help with these rescues in any way, especially those who step up to foster. I have noticed that sometimes the fostering can last for months and I know that the attachment is strong but still they find the strength to let go so that another family can continue to love and cherish what they started. Bravo!

Roberta and Harry Dill



We adopted Jordan in 2009. I saw a picture of him on the website and knew immediately that he should come live with us. He looked so scared in the picture. We completed the adoption paperwork and had several telephone conversations with his foster mom. She told us of his rescue from an Amish puppy mill and how he had progressed a little since he came to live with her a couple of months before. She warned that he had developed few socialization skills and that he had a long way to go

toward a normal pet life. We still proceeded and agreed to meet the foster mom halfway between her home in Indiana and our home in Tennessee. One look at Jordan told us he was our dog. He was so scared. On the drive home, he vomited in the car. Each time we stopped for him to potty, he did not know what to do or how to react to a leash. It broke our hearts. He arrived in our home with our other Havanese, Cairn terrier, and a Ragdoll cat. All females. He could not take the Alpha position as that belonged to the Cairn terrier. Jordan just wanted to hide under the bed. He did not know how to run and play in the yard. It was months of working with a trainer, getting him housebroken, teaching him to walk with a leash, but Jordan progressed. Fast forward eight years later and our other 3 pets have passed away. In 2011, we adopted another female Havanese. Jordan is now the Alpha dog. He is our protector and unlike most Havanese, he is a barker and alerts us to anything outside our door. He is now 11 years old but plays like a puppy. He has a great sense of humor. We can't imagine life without him.

Thank you Halo for all you did for Jordan and for us and for all you do to help others like Jordan.

Carolyn Lantz



We got Talbot, HALO name Nate, in August 2015 and he made such a big impact we mark time into BT for before Talbot and AT after Talbot. He is a cuddly, loving boy full of curiosity and ready to explore beyond any open door. Talbot takes great pride in proving that indestructible toys are just a marketing myth.

Don & Brenda Fraser



On December 20, 2006, my family and I drove to Indiana to pick up Valentino from his foster family. I had a previous Havanese named Tobie, that's why I wanted another one. Tino is now 13 years old. We recently had him to the vet for his yearly

check-up and shots. My vet said if he didn't know better, he would have thought that Tino was a dog 8 or 9 years old, not 13 because he is in such good health. Tino sleeps with me every night in the bed and snores like a human...lol. Plus he knows when it starts to get dusky that it's time to go for his afternoon ride.

Tiffany Sewell



We adopted Rocky Road in May 2004. Being in a group of rescues with “F” names, he was originally known as “Fudge.” We loved the idea of a candy name, since we already had a Havanese who was called Truffle. However, we thought it would sound like a cuss word every time we called out, “Oh, FUDGE!” so we needed a new name. On our way home from finalizing his adoption, we stopped at an old-fashioned candy store. Inside we spotted a tray of freshly made chocolate. The label read “ROCKY ROAD FUDGE.” That clinched it! Our Rocky is a funny little guy who likes to entertain us with clever games and sing-alongs. He favors Broadway hits and patriotic tunes, and he can still hit the high notes in The Star Spangled Banner. He’s quite a character!

Cory Goger and Family



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In 2007 Halo named him "Emmit", but in honor of his Cuban heritage, we named him "Paco." Paco's a celebrity in our neighborhood. Boys stop playing their games and yell, "Here comes Paco!" Dog walkers and neighbors often stop to say hello to him. Whenever we arrive home, or family and friends come to our door, Paco is so happy that he barks, twirls, and runs around. However the best times are those quiet moments when it is just the three of us. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to include Paco as a member of our family.

Gerry Wahlers

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Annabelle Marisa Gowans

Date of Birth: Sept. 16, 2009

Adoption Date: April 17, 2010

Miss Annabelle has lived a quite privileged life! She was blessed to be adopted by the Gowans Family (Bill, Amy, Amanda, and Billy) and joined her older brother (by a different mother) Teddy. Teddy was 12 years old at the time and needed some spice in his life. He showed her the ropes of how to be a submissive dog and ask his

permission for every move she should make. She was always his dainty little sister and he took great joy in mentoring her. Once the trial period was over, Annabelle and Teddy became the best of friends. Teddy crossed the Rainbow Bridge in August 2014. Annabelle was beside herself without a big brother. In March of 2015 we welcomed Hank (ShihTzu/Poodle mix) into our family. Annabelle was appalled and expressed her distaste of him!! In her mind, he was no Teddy. He was ugly and ill-mannered. Well, with a little social grooming and a few visits to the local groomer, her mind was changed. Annabelle finally took on the role as the alpha dog, queen bee, princess of the home. Although she is half his size, she rules the roost. Hank and Annabelle love each other. They play and pick lots of fights with other dogs! Annabelle is quite feminine. She loves meeting pretty girls and adores helping her mom and big sister get ready for the day! Her favorite human is her dad!! She loves going on car rides and watching the news with him at night. When Dad walks in the door from traveling, all is well with her soul. In the future, Annabelle looks forward to maintaining her dominance, posing for princess pictures, and monitoring the distribution of treats.

## The Gowans Family



Wally -- Betsy Webb

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Happy Birthday HALO and thank you for rescuing 1291 Havanese puppy mill dogs. Thank you for letting us have the honor of adopting Aldon, now known as Buddy. My husband and I were a little nervous about adopting a rescue and hoping he would get along with our other Havanese, Teddy. We really did not know what to expect. Well on June 10<sup>th</sup>, our lives have changed for the better, with adopting Buddy. Every day is a day of pure joy with my two Havanese boys. Buddy did not come to us as the typical puppy mill dog. He was the total opposite. We brought him home and it was as if he had been with us since he was a tiny pup, instead of six months old. No real issue, he just fit right in. I cannot thank HALO enough for this sweet furry white bundle of joy. Buddy is the goofiest, silliest, sweetest dog. Our days are filled with smiles, laughter, love and a house full of doggy toys scattered all over the house. Life is good, and sooo sweet with our HALO rescue, Buddy.

Amy and Charlie Picarelli

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When Cato first joined our family, the little bundle of fur stayed in the foyer for a couple of days. But once he started to explore, his personality emerged. He follows Bill everywhere and lets him know when he wants to be chased around the living room. He greets people at the door and expects visitors to greet him in return. He is playful and energetic and we are grateful he joined our family.

The Ryans

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Patches (B&W) was our first Havanese rescue from another group. He had some anxiety when left alone even for a short amount of time, so we looked around for another Havanese, when we discovered Ellie at HALO. So thankful for finding Ellie as she is the sweetest thing! It has been over a year and each day she makes advances. She loves to cuddle with Patches and finally she is learning to play with him too.

Agatha Barnes



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My precious Oreo. She fit right in with my lonely dog Fifi. I have had Oreo for 8 years. She is so much fun. She gobbles up her food and then lays with her nose close to Fifi's dish. Sometime Fifi will save her some food, so cute. I love her so much.

Peaches is a petite girl with a big girl attitude. She aspires to be a fierce guard dog and will bark at the neighbor's German Shepard. She's also heavily influenced by her cat big brother and sometimes acts like a cat. She loves to play outside and chase squirrels and rabbits. Most of all she loves to cuddle with her people!

Chris and Jill Shaw

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Domineaux has brought so much joy to our family. His favorite things are treats, days at the beach, playing with toys and other dogs in the neighborhood. We love him so much!

Sid Garrison



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April will mark four years I adopted my first Havanese rescue from Halo, Emma Jane, she was very skittish, did not do stairs of any size, and it took three years for her to come to me to be patted and picked up. She has always been friendly to all humans and is the most gentle and sweet girl, she has lost her hearing now so she makes sure she knows where her fur sister and I are at all times. She is my princess, and has come a long way from four years ago.

Zoey her sister was adopted two years ago, she was part of the Ruthie Roo rescue. She is a Shavanese, has the most beautiful markings and tri colors and is a clown. She loves kids and plays with my Grandchildren as though they were her pups. When she was rescued she was pregnant and later her foster family delivered her nine puppies! She is a sweet girl is still leary of people but when she gets used to them will let them give her belly rubs. She is my tomboy. Thank you Halo for my girls.

Fay Latimer

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Annie gets sweeter with each passing month! She is no longer afraid of new people and has started shyly approaching strangers to ask for attention. Although she struggles with arthritis, she greets me with a vigorous happy dance whenever I return from an outing. So glad she is in my life!

Kathy Truex

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We drove from Florida to pick Petey up from his foster family in Maryland. Yes it was quite a trip, but worth every minute and mile. We met a great family and brought home the most beautiful pet in the world. Petey, a black 7 year old Havanese, is the

happiest little camper we have ever seen. Having had 4 dogs Bichons prior to Petey, they are the same but very different. Petey loves to hang out, to be petted to play and to just be Petey. We love him to pieces and he is so entrenched and in our everyday lives and etched in our hearts forever – it is his awesome behavior and happiness that puts him there. Spencer is our 11 year Bichon, who did lose his brother a year ago, he was devastated, but Petey managed to work with Spencer to the point now Spencer is surgically attached to Petey and vice versa. We love Petey and there is no other way to express our feelings. Thank you Halo for being there and for bringing us Petey.

Phyllis, Frank, Spencer Louis and Petey Anthony



Finnegan was with us for almost eight years. He crossed the rainbow bridge in January 2018. He was shy and so sweet, but every night he would hear the Law and Order theme song on tv, jump to the end of the bed and actually watch the show. Lenny was his favorite. He will always be in our aching hearts. Love you Finn and love you Halo for giving the gift of Finn.

"We do not remember days, we remember moments"

Cesare Pavese



This is Lucy Lou

Rebecca Neil



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Our Georgie has been the biggest blessing in our lives. He is the sweetest, most gentle pup and he brings us so much joy. We just look at him and can't help but smile. Neither my husband nor I can imagine our lives without him and can't remember what we did before he came to live with us. Thank you HALO for the best "first born" in the world!

Julie & Todd Wagoner

Sammy Jo Dermody -- We never knew a pet could have so much personality! He joined our family almost 14 years ago, but he still thinks he is a puppy.

We have helped him through many dental procedures with periodontal disease (8 teeth left); and now later in life he has developed seizures, which are very well controlled. But all of the joy and love he gives to us outweighs any medical care.

He does “tell” us when it is pill time as well as bedtime - for all of us! What a blessing we received with him.

Patricia Dermody

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Sweet Penny - our owner surrender girl who was turned over to HALO just shy of her first birthday and is now approaching 9 years young, is our first Havanese and made us fall madly in love with the breed. All our family and friends who have known the shy cowering Penny from the beginning are amazed at how social and confident she is now.

Busy Izzy - her momma was rescued by HALO, so she and her littermates were born in a loving and warm HALO foster home December 2011. She's the best foster pup teacher and little sister to her fur siblings, always showing them how to be a happy, happy playful pup. Her talent with nose-poking a tennis and literally rolling it directly to you is a blast.

Mr. Yogi - our retired stud-muffin, was one of the 74 project Roo pups rescued Nov 2015 at 6.5 years of age. He is still learning what life outside the mill has to offer and enjoying every minute of life now. He's definitely a lush and can be found most evenings lying on his back like a baby in daddy's arms. He is our foster failure and we are so very lucky for him to be in our lives.

Doreen and Scott Anderson

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We found Georgi Belle (Ellie) in 2012 on Petfinder right around Thanksgiving and we flew to Chicago to adopt her right before Christmas of that year. She has brought us so much joy that we can't even imagine our lives without her. She has been through a

lot medically, but she now sees a holistic vet and receives acupuncture every few weeks. We are happy to report that she is responding well to the treatments and her home cooked meals and she is healthy once again. She has a new life since her parents divorced, and she now enjoys playing with her step-siblings Lucy, Toby and Jamie the cat. And even though all of our lives have changed, we are all very close and completely committed to her – she is our number one priority. And she's a pretty lucky girl because she now has four parents that love her instead of two and she's surrounded by a large extended family that adores her. She is, without a doubt, a very special little girl and we will forever be grateful to the wonderful people of HALO for bringing her into our lives and for the support of the group over the years.

Steve and Linda (Marion, MA)

Karen and Brian (Somerset, MA)



We picked up our little girl two years ago. The second we saw her we fell in love. We named her Hope. She has the cutest underbite. She follows us everywhere. She taps the back of our legs with her nose to let us know she is there. About four months ago, I was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. She knows when I am having a bad day so she tries to make it better. She will give me kisses or just lays with me. We can hardly wait for spring including Hope. She loves to go for rides in her doggy stroller. She is our perfect little girl. She is our Hope. We are so thankful that she is in our family.

The McHenry's



Harbor, aka Lobster Boy, is the true definition of spoiled, rotten, and a "velcro dog".

Spoiled - Harbor loves it when he gets to go for rides in the car, even though the actual ride causes him to pant excessively. He thinks he is entitled to go anywhere and everywhere, especially to Lowe's! Most years he gets to go on our yearly trips to Bar Harbor Maine or Hilton Head Island.



Rotten - We purchased an entire year's worth of monthly dog fun boxes which included multiple toys and treats - the toys he enjoyed, the treats, well, he only liked certain ones and would otherwise turn his nose to them. And when we took him to puppy classes, he made the teacher eat her words "I've never had a dog NOT sit or lay down on command by the end of classes". He showed her! Not only did he refuse to sit on command during the first round of lessons (though he eventually did learn on HIS terms), when it came to the down command, he not only refused to follow the command during classes, he still groans and takes his time laying down to this day.

"Velcro pup" - in addition to thinking he must travel with us everywhere we go, he feels to need to be in close proximity (i.e. the same room) to the head of the household. If they are not there, 2nd in command is "ok" (i.e. on the same floor). 3rd in command is only acceptable if 1st and 2nd are not around (i.e. front hallway is where he'll stay until 1st or 2nd come back).

He definitely does not act like he's a dog, but definitely makes sure to be the "referee" between the 3 cats (two who don't are for him, but one who loves him and loves to get him to chase, bite, and rough house with).

Christin Martin



Elmer brings such joy to us. We feel so lucky to have him in our lives. He has enthusiasm for everything (as long as one of us is close by). His happiness is infectious and nothing brightens a day more than his little face. To say we love him is an understatement!

Bonnie & Jeff Goldberg

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My little Karli is a sweet little girl. She won't jump or climb stairs. She depends on me for that but when I'm not looking, she does it. I try to encourage her but I think she's just spoiled and that is alright by me!

Marycela Pizarro

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Our family could not be more grateful for Halo. Otto makes us smile everyday! He loves to run, cuddle, and explore. Our home is complete with this little guy!

Kristin Charles



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**Benzi**

Benzi is different than any dog I have ever had or known. He feels everything so intensely and makes sure he shares all his feelings with me. His love and concern

for his fur siblings is so amazing. Although he loves them all, he is very focused on Moses my 13 year old Goldendoodle.

Benzi hates to be without Moses. Moses is a Therapy dog so Moses and I often leave for therapy visits. I used to have to sneak out through the garage with Moses because Benzi would get so upset. Whenever we return home Benzi cries for joy over and over and jumps on and circles around Moses.

Moses, due to age and illness, needs my help getting on and off the bed and getting up steps. Benzi carefully watches every move Moses makes and anticipates what Moses wants and needs. Benzi will then come running to me and clearly and loudly signals me to follow him so I can help Moses. It is touching to see how much love and concern Benzi shows.

Moses was recently in the hospital for a few days. Each day I returned home without Moses, Benzi leaned up against the front door and sadly cried in a pathetic sounding way .... a way that I never heard any dog do before. I had to work hard to distract him from crying. When Moses returned home Benzi could not contain his joy.

Benzi is a constant thinker and a 'born leader'.. He seems to think that I have too much to do so I need him to take charge of the household. He is an automatic alarm system that is capable of thinking for me and all the other furry ones. He sends out automatic notifications when it is wake up time, meal time, play time, outdoor time, potty time etc. He wants his fur siblings with him in all his endeavors. If his fur siblings do not automatically respond to his vocal signals he then physically shows them 'the way'. It is amazing and funny to see how quickly they all respond. Two of the dogs are almost 3 times his size.

Benzi was born 5/2/13 in an automated puppy mill. Benzi makes progress everyday conquering his fears. I am very proud of him. He is a very large Havanese weighing 23 lbs and has a beautifully adorable face. He not only has a big heart but he is also very smart. I adore this boy..... Thank you HALO for saving this special boy.

## **Doria**

Doria is a very sweet, loving and adorable girl. She loves, loves belly rubs. Every morning when I wake up she bestows me with many, many kisses. She is a calm and laid back girl in the house ... except when it comes to meal time. She happily dances and barks while her food bowl is being filled.

She loves to explore my large yard and let every being loudly know who passes that this is her yard. ... and she is proud of that. She gets along very well with her 4 fur brothers, 3 dogs and a cat. .... even though they are all bigger than her.

When I first got Doria I was fostering her and she needed surgery and 4 months of physical therapy. Although I knew the therapy was uncomfortable and she did not like it, she would remain calm and stay still. I worried that she would never forgive me, but this sweet girl totally forgave me.

Doria has lovely silky flowing fur with apricot highlights. She was born 10/17/13 and came out of the mill in 2016. Everyday she gets more comfortable being around people and new places. I love her so much and I am so glad that she lives with me. Thank you HALO for saving her.

Sue Feldman



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Buddy was meant to be part of our family! He's so smart, he brings in the mail and newspaper from the bottom of the driveway everyday. He's gentle and playful and full of personality! He follows me around the house wherever I go. He "rescued" us!!!! We love him so much!!!

Anne, Steve, Matthew and Alyssa Greenwald

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Pippa Grace is such a pretty, sweet little girl who loves to eat, bark, go for car rides and walks, and push her big brother Baxter out of the way of the food bowl. Pippa has had some challenges, but we call her our "warrior princess" as she has overcome so much. Every night I say to her "you're so pretty, I love you, goodnight" and she snuggles up next to me. I love her so, so much.

Lorraine Clemente



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Even though we've only had Bridget for a couple months, she's become such a huge part of our family. She's sweet, smart and always happy. We can't imagine what our life would be without her. We can't thank HALO enough for saving her for us.

Paul and Barb Henry

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I didn't rescue Lily, she rescued me. I adopted her 2 weeks after my husband passed away. She was the reason for me getting out of bed everyday. It is so precious to see her skip when she is taking a walk. She loves going outside and chasing the squirrels and the bunnies. Lily is my sunshine.

Susan Marie Frisch



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I so wanted to foster for HALO ... but living near Seattle made it geographically a little difficult... but when HALO helped make it happen I was beyond thrilled. What I

wasn't expecting was to have my heart taken totally by this shy man and although I tried to let him go... he wasn't going anywhere. Nash continues to get "spooked" at times for reasons I sometimes can't figure out... and doesn't run and excitedly greet me like my other 2 Havies when I get home ... but he will stay on the couch and let out this adorable little whimper till I pet him... he now will sleep right beside me and when my alarm goes off will put his paw gently on me and sometimes will actually jump on me like the other two. I'm always surprised when it is him who just pounced!! He watches life mostly from the comfort of his bed...but he explores more everyday!! And I've even caught him romping with his fur brother a few times!! He is just the sweetest little beautiful fur ball!! And watching him become braver everyday has made for a wondrous 15 months!!

Kathy Rae



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Our beautiful Skye (HALO 2012 S-pup) was rescued, with her mom and litter-mate, at 1 week old, after being abandoned at an auction house! Since then, she has known

nothing except tender loving care - starting with her loving foster moms. Skye is true to her S name - she is smart, spunky, sassy, silly and special! She's good as gold in her house, car and on "her" boat! Loved forever by her fur-brother and BFF (best feline friend) and mostly by her mom & dad!

Debi Bayley



I adopted Chloe on 11/05/06. She is my pride and joy. She is always there for me and with me. I love her so much. She's 12 now, but acts so much younger. She is busy every day watching out the window and guarding me. I look forward to many, many years of her and I being together. Thank you to all for all you do in rescuing these angels.

Sharon Rushing

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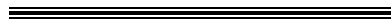
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TRIBUTE TO CALI:



She was a gentle spirit. She fit right in with our other pup and kitty. She made us laugh and love her more every day. Some of the things we remember most about her: We nicknamed her Erkiel for her sitting up on her hind legs begging and “er-er”ing anytime she wanted something. When on walks, I would pick her up and she would want to sit high on my shoulder so she could view the world. Many times she would bark at something outside to get her two sister pups to run outside, only for her to turn and snatch their treats. In the summer, she loved to lay on a floaty in the pool, relaxed and enjoying summer. To the very end, she would stare us down and make her “er-er”ing noises until we acknowledged her wishes. What a goofy, sweet pup! She went over the Rainbow Bridge December 2017, from cancer, a year after diagnosis. We pray we will meet up with her again!

Gloria and Patrick



From the moment Cricket entered my life, my heart began to heal. Dealing with the loss of my mother, I thought rescuing a pup would help my then 12-year-old daughter, as we were both struggling. Little did I know the powers this pup held. She became my shadow and never left my side. She did far more than kiss the tears away- she showed me happiness everyday, she gave my days purpose by caring for her, she listened to me without judgment, she kept me company on the lonely days, and most importantly she became a friend when I had just lost my best friend in the world. She continues to bring happiness and love into my family’s life and our hearts every day.

Karen Bulanda Pagano



**Cuba** - Cuba was our first rescue from HALO in 2004. His foster mom told us he was very smart and that male dogs are in love with you. This was absolutely true about Cuba. He was a soul mate and made sure he was touching you, no matter where you were. Sadly, Cuba became ill from multi-organ failure in August 2016. We lost our treasure and will forever have a hole in our hearts.

**Oscar** - We adopted Oscar (formerly Popper) in 2005, and he has been one happy go lucky guy. Not much fazes Oscar. He was so scared when we first met, but after several weeks, he settled in and became best buddies with Cuba. Oscar is a sweetheart.

**Jellybean** - Jellybean was adopted in 2013, at age four. She easily joined the pack of Cuba and Oscar. She is a sweet girl and doesn't let the guys push her around. Sadly, we know Jellybean went from being a puppy to having puppies of her own. She receives the royal treatment because she is a very special girl.

**Levi** - Levi came into our lives in 2017. His back legs do not bend, and we knew there was a chance he would not be able to go on walks or navigate steps. Well, he showed us he can do both! Nothing stops this strong-willed guy. We have to sprint to catch him. He has adjusted quite well and enjoys wrestling with Jellybean.

Zack and Debbie Smith



I guess I didn't know that our rescue – Henri – was one of the first! Almost 15 years ago to this date (May of 2003 actually) HALO brought what I was told was the sweetest puppy in the world into the office to meet my wife. Henri is the greatest gift we could have gotten – from all of the trouble he got into (and still does!) which only made us laugh, to all of the support and companionship he provides, to all of the love he has shown – we can't imagine a life without him. He has touched so many – all of the neighbor's, our parents (who actually ask if they can babysit), all of the people in our town who all know Henri by name but I am certain only know us as the “the couple with the guy who is always carrying Henri” - with his gentle, fun, loving nature. Henri is doing great – he still gets carried everywhere, still enjoys his walks (although shorter), still gets into trouble just to let us know he is still in charge. How often can you say that over 15 years you wouldn't change a thing? Congratulations on 15 years – Henri and my wife and I can't thank HALO enough for what they brought into our lives.

Chad Edgar

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Becky --- So much to say about this little girl. One month in her forever home and we see her personality shine a little more each day. Between cuddling 'momma', to snuggling with her 4-legged sister, to romping in the park she is recognizing the joys of being a well-loved dog. Oh and bacon.... she has a special radar and knows when bacon is around.

Cindy Ratzlaff

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A few sentences about my HALO pup. Why do I love my little guy Jack in a few sentences? I love the way he wakes me in the morning. The day starts with a laugh when he sits up in bed and begs. I am truly jealous of his perfect balance. I love the way he snuggles at night and wants his tummy rubbed and his ears scratched. I love the way he runs around the yard as if he is flying. I love his patience with the cats and with me. I could say lots of things about Jack and why he makes me happy. But simply said, "I love Jack and he loves me."

Patricia Bohn

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Paquita Fidela Alicia del Carmen is quite the princess. She loves people, especially little ones, and insists on saying hello to everyone we meet on our walks. She loves to ride in the car and 'unmake' freshly made beds that are not made to her liking and comfort. She brings joy to us every day.

Mafalda Margarita Matilda del Pilar was an affectionate little girl. She gave the best 'hugs' one could ever want. She loved to have her belly rubbed and would love to

spoon on cold nights to keep us warm. We loved her very much and she is missed every day.

Gary Palmer



Bella is 15 years old and is doing well for her age. Although she has slowed down, she still has some spunk. She loves to run around the back yard and gets very excited to see me when I come home. We love her very much!

Thomas Rauch



The day we adopted Guinness (formerly Princess), I fell deeply in love with her. Her quirky personality started out being very camera shy so we have lots of photos of her backside from those early days. Once she settled in and made this her home her fun-loving personality came out. She is the only one of our three Havis that fetches. She hops like a bunny and lightly jumps on things like a cat. Guinness makes every day a fun!

Patchoulli (Patch) was our foster failure. She came to us with another female that was pregnant (Petunia now known as Autumn). The day Patch found her way into the house through the doggie door without any training is the day she chose us, it just took us a little longer to realize it. We always say we never planned to have three dogs but Patch needed us more than we needed another dog. She is the sweetest, smallest one of our bunch!

Cindy & Tony Winslow

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It's been almost 12 years since we adopted Lucca from Halo and we have loved every minute of it. He bonded immediately with his big brother Kramer and they are inseparable. Lucca is a cuddle bug. Every morning while watching the news, the three of us (Lucca, Kramer and me) cuddle on the couch. It is our morning ritual. We couldn't imagine our lives without him. Thank you to Halo for doing such a great job in rescuing these pups. Without your hard work and dedication we wouldn't have our Lucca.

Anita Laidlaw

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I adopted my first Halo pup on March 2012. His name was "King" and he was a black ball of fur. I renamed him "Noche" (night in spanish), but we affectionately call him "Monkey". He is such a happy go lucky boy and everyone loves him. I adopted my second Halo pup on May 2012. I had a bit of an addiction problem. His name was "Mr. Big" and I renamed him Bogart. He is a huge mama's boy. These 2 are constantly playing and wrestling. They are so attached you'd think they were from the same litter. I love them so much and couldn't imagine life without them.

Olga Trujillo and Robert Lugo

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Willson is our 32 pound pup, adopted in August of 2017. He is as full of love and joy as he is full of curiosity and playfulness. He entertains from the time he wakes up till he goes to bed. Our world will never be the same because of Willson.

Sherry Petro

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Beau is a brown beauty I adopted a little over 2 1/2 years ago. He is a happy beautiful 5-pound boy, who has added so much happiness to my life. He goes everywhere with me and makes me smile more than I could ever have imagined. He is the best decision I have made in years. Thank you Halo!

Patricia Bellino

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Thank you HALO for bringing precious little Maya into our family.  
Here is a little ditty ...

Sweet Maya arrived quite timid and scared,  
But her spirit and courage were never impaired.  
With love and patience and time to heal,  
Her gentle soul discovered its zeal.

At night she sleeps between us warm and snug,  
Laying by arms which always provide her a hug,  
We greet the mornings with kisses to her belly and nose,  
And each day our vast love for her grows and flows.

The list of her virtues too long to extoll,  
She completes our family and makes it whole.  
Let it be said, we love her through thick and thin,  
And now our hearts glow, dance, and spin.

Christina Danyluk

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Monte is a loving, affectionate boy that brings much joy to us. His tail wags in a circle when he's excited & rings a bell to go outside. It took him a long time to play, but now he throws his toys in the air and pounces on them. He is definitely an alpha dog, but minds well. Loves my 3 and 8 year old grandchildren, mostly loves the food they always have. We are thankful for him every day. Several of our neighbors have gotten rescue & Havanese pups because they all love him. You should hear him talk -- he goes on and on.

Joanne & Larry Adams

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I have the pleasure of having two Halo pups. They are the delights of my life!!

Bella was my first dog and she has serious energy! At eight years old, she still gets into trouble like a puppy. She loves to rip up tissues, investigates everything and has never met a stranger. She has a real sweetness toward people, especially kids. She is also the first to greet me and give me a kiss when I get home. She was my first fur baby and I love her so much!!

Bruno was rescued at two years old and has been such a great addition to our family. At nine years old now, he is such a loving dog. He will follow me around waiting for me to sit down so he can sit in my lap. While he has many wonderful qualities, he is a trash can diver. He loves to open the cabinet door and get the trash can out to find tossed out treasures. While he has some "grumpy old man" tendencies with age, I am still thankful everyday he joined our family!!

Thanks for all the HALO team does to give these rescued dogs the lives they deserve!

Hope there are 15 more years of rescues to come!!

Lindsay Williams



Remi came to her forever home on Christmas Day 2017. She has made great strides she has mastered the stairs inside and out, plays with her toys is learning to go for walks on a leash and has found her bark. She loves her big sister Roxie and they are becoming the best of buds. She is such a sweet little girl and we are so glad she part of our family.

Sharon Eckler





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Darla is a sweet, spunky, personable little girl and she is showered with love each and every day. We adopted this little nugget just over a year ago and she amazes us daily with her bravery and her amazing capacity to love. She is pure sweetness and she is loving every minute of being doted on and spoiled. We love you Darla!

Denise Stephens

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Pablo Ohlsten-Yao, died May 4, 2017 - one day shy of his 12th birthday

“He’s not going to be like your first one.” - someone at the home where we went to see Pablo told us. They were comparing him to Sancho, our first Halo pup who was still a very young puppy and well adjusted when we got him.

Pablo taught us so many lessons. He taught us a love so deep that we never felt before. He was so much work, he needed to learn not to fear everything in the world. We worked with him, got him everything we could to help him, training, behavioral vet consultations, medication, and protected him from everything we could that caused him to be fearful.

He loved us, he loved his big brother, Sancho, - we still love him and he has left a hole in our hearts.

We are better humans for having Pablo in our lives.

Kristi Ohlsten and Ray Yao



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Parker here, formerly known as Wellington. I need to thank a few people for rescuing me and 27 others like me from a puppy mill in Missouri. It was a crowded ride home in the two vans, but well worth it. They shaved me and I looked like a chihuahua. My teeth were rotted from neglect and my breath was very bad. I now have only two teeth but my Dad says it makes my smile “cute”.

The forever home I went to is wonderful. I have my own big bed and a brother and sister to play with. Storms and loud noises don't bother me much. I freak out when I have to cross the hardwood floors though. I don't understand why my Mom has to polish them all the time but she does put down rugs just for me.

My mom Sue makes these delicious cookies made with pumpkin and has a little peanut butter in them. They are easy to eat with the only 2 teeth I have left. I just

wanted to say thanks for my forever home. I couldn't have asked for better parents. Sometimes I think I see Halos over their heads but dad says his Halo is supported by horns.

Again thanks for the rescue and keep up the good work.

Yours truly,  
Parker Chrisman

Rescued: November 2015 W group  
Sue Chrisman

Dear Halo,

My name is Allie formally Isabella. I came from a mill in Ohio. I think I was treated very well as I have all my teeth and when I was picked up I was 10 years old.

Did you know that I have a brother named Croc and a cat with the name Gator? My Mom and Dad said I had to be called Allie. So they now have a Croc-Allie-Gator. Aren't they funny! I now also have a brother Parker he came from Missouri. He didn't have it as good as me. He only has two teeth but he is fun to be with.

I hate all loud noises but my Mom protects me. I follow her around all day so I can be as close as possible. She makes cookies for me from Pumpkin and adds a little peanut butter, yum!

She also takes us to the cemetery every day. We get out of the car and walk and run. There aren't loud noises or cars up there. We have such a good time!

My feet were sore when I was rescued, my foster mom walked me for short walks then when my feet hurt she pushed me in a stroller. I had to learn how to climb stairs and walk on grass when I first came here. But now I hop and run around like crazy!

I have the best parents and they keep bringing in new fosters for me to teach. After a couple of sniffs, I am happy to be the little Mother to the new pups!

My Mom whispers in my ear that I am her favorite but I see her whispering to the others too. I wonder what she is saying? We have become best buds. When she leaves I get depressed but when she comes home I twirl in circles and hop on my back legs.

I am very thankful for my foster mom's failure as she adopted me about three years ago.

I want to thank you for rescuing me! I am so happy living here!

Yours truly,  
Allie Chrisman

Rescued: February 2015 I group  
Sue Chrisman



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Gotcha day in the Spring of 2015, was the best time. That's when Kirby adopted us. He was a little hesitant at first, but he immediately fell in love with Fred my husband. I don't know why we waited so long to be adopted, but we are glad we were. Kirby is a ball of energy. He can play with a toy all by himself or get Bear his brother to run after him just by wiggling his tail at him. At night when I tell him it is night-night time he has to run up the stairs first & give out the cutest bark as if to say hurry up.

Whether he is watching TV & barking at all the dogs or sitting up to get his belly rubbed, I must say he had us at "woof woof"!

Cora and Fred Harrison



I'm not sure what it was. I had always been a "cat person." Never had much use for dogs. But something happened to my psyche (maybe menopause :)), and I began Jones-ing for a dog. But not just any dog, it had to be a "cat-dog". So I set about Googling "dogs that are like cats," and the Havanese breed kept coming up. My partner Cheryl thought I was crazy and that this phase would pass. But when I showed her the images of two little sisters on PetFinder (Duette and Dolly) , she saw the look on my face, and we were all in. And so began our amazing journey with Darby (Duette). This fearful, timid, sweet pup has come around (though it had taken most of her 10 years) and has shown us both what patience, strength, and tenacity are. We love this little girl so much and thank HALO for letting her be a part of our family.

Rebecca Smith



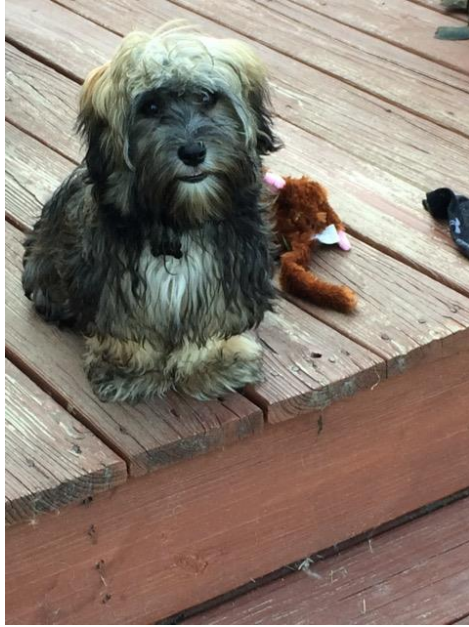
Our dear sweet Ziggy (aka Memphis) is the master of Havi spins. He comes flying into the room, makes several spins and dashes, and then it's done. He always leaves us laughing with his unexpected activity. His nickname is Bob Barker, because he is very vocal about any stranger or unusual movement in the house. But the best part is watching him snuggle with his 13-year-old brother, Brewster. They are best friends and Brewster's Velcro buddy. He's such a love and a perfect fit for our family!

Linda Schaut

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Pistol came to HALO at 9 weeks old with a very bad heart. I said I would foster him and get him to a cardiologist. His condition was so bad we were not sure he would live until he was old enough to have the surgery. He is now 3 1/2 years old and doing great. If it had not been for HALO he would not be alive. Just love him, even though he has lived up to his name!!!

Cindy Chandler

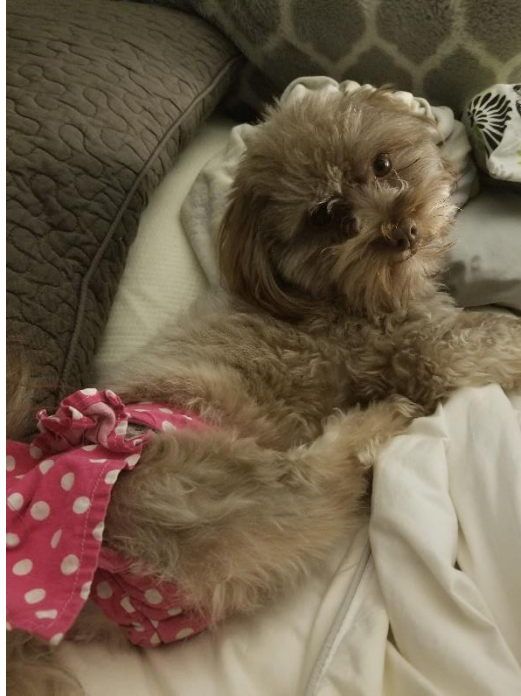


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We adopted Luna (Lunar) a little over a year ago. She was a 4-pound ball of brown fluff. We had another Havi that needed a sibling after the passing of our furbaby of 16 years. We knew he or she would have to be special. We looked for a rescue or shelter pup and stumbled upon HALO. Little did we know that we would find our perfect little princess!

Even on the most awful and trying days, her little spunk, love and snuggles, can make everything ok. Oh, her special little legs that just don't quite work like the others.... are truly an inspiration. She has no idea that she is different and it certainly doesn't slow her down! She is the fastest little pup I know. The thought that she could have had a terrible ending to her story breaks my heart, and also gives me joy. Joy that there were people in HALO that spent so much time and energy to save this precious girl and that we are blessed to have her in our lives. What a gift! Love her to the moon and back!

Erin Yarkosky and Family



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The stars aligned when HALO paired me with my Rosie! She was 7 years old when she came to live with me 8+ years ago and she has been queen bee ever since. She is the only single lady amongst all my friends' dogs and she taught those boys long ago that they do not mess with her. Rosie is a gentle girl who greets everyone she meets because she knows that they will obviously want to give her some pets. And oh does she loves her walks! Even though not long in distance any more, she stops and smells pretty much anything and everything around our city block. Must still have the explorer in her! I pretty much excuse any of her failings 'cuz she's my rosiegirl and will always be my #1 gal.

What can I say about Chulo? While I love him to pieces and he is cute as a button, I must tell you he is a bit of an a-hole! He will not let me sleep in as the day is upon us and he must go run around the backyard! Early morning pouncing is his thing to get me moving. He loves walks so that he can terrorize all the neighborhood dogs we meet with his in your face greeting - I warn all the doggie parents that he is 'aggressively friendly'. And while he really really wants to be top dog in our house, he know that will always be rosiegirl, no matter how many times he nudges in between us, races up the stairs ahead of her or tries to lick me to death with his love. Poor



little man. But he is a close second - I mean, I even bought a pillow that looks just like him!

Gina Cornick



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Hugo joined our family only 11 days ago. We feel so fortunate to have this joyous boy with us, he is full of life! Hugo was shy and cautious when he first arrived, but with the help of his sister Macy, and by his own determination to meet challenges he already shows little fear. The same noises that he would shy away from he now runs towards to investigate. Hugo loves to play! He loves toys more than any pup we have ever raised, and he likes to pile them together and play, so he is actually quite tidy with his hoard of toys. Hugo already knew how to play fetch and he still enjoys many games a day, he doesn't even mind if it's raining outside when we play. Hugo is an energetic, sweet, cuddly, smart, inquisitive, determined, playful little boy who we are so proud of. We can't wait for more adventures with him, and to see all that our Hugo has to show us. Thank you HALO!

Celeste, Alton, Macy, Hugo Hussli-Poole



Six years ago, my non dog-lover husband decided we needed a dog. Luckily, I knew right where to get one! HALO matched us up with Peaches. We told our kids we were going to Indianapolis for an anniversary weekend. Little did they know we were going to pick up a fur sibling for them! Best surprise ever! Peaches has trained us well. She brings us great joy, lots of laughs, and snuggles. We love her very much.

Kristin Kocolowski



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I am writing to tell you about my sweet Izze. I picked her up from her foster home in Chicago in February 2011 (her Halo name was Amber). She was a frightened little ball of fluff but we bonded almost immediately. She was shy and a bit insecure around others for a short time but now loves everybody we meet, especially if they have a treat. She has ruled the roost since early on and keeps us all in line, including her "brother" Ernie, also a rescue from a local shelter. We call her the "diva". She tells us when she wants a treat, when its time to eat when she wants a walk or prefers to stay inside. She loves the car rides to the bank where she gets a treat from the drive thru teller, trips to the farmers market and to "grandmas" house where she has her own water dish and treat drawer. She is my constant companion and loves nothing more than to cuddle on my lap. She has brought joy and laughter to the whole family and we are forever grateful for Halo and the work you do.

Jody Maude



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We adopted Chloe in October of 2012. She instantly became the princess of our house! She has a big personality, and is always ready to greet you with kisses. We love her so much and can't imagine life without her!!

### The Campen Family



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Lollie pup danced into our lives five months ago. After our first HALO rescue Toby died in October, we cried for weeks and vowed no more dogs! But our hearts and home were so empty, and we soon started peeking at HALO pics.

Lollie, 5 years old, is a rare puppy mill rescue who just loves life! She wakes up everyday full of kisses and ready to spread her sunshine to everyone she meets.

Two weeks ago Queenie joined our family! From "No more dogs!" to two! Lollie is now teaching Queenie how to love & be loved. Queenie is 7 y/o, fresh out the mill with the recent "Q" group. She has so much to explore and enjoy her new journey. If you leave a room for two minutes and return, she does the delightful "happy dance" and twirls in circles!

Both girls are rounding the bases to "middle-age" but no one would ever know! Most think they're puppies! Lollie & Queenie are teaching us how to live our lives with gratitude, love and fun. Their advice is do a "happy dance" with every breath we take!

Kathy McDougall & Paul Black



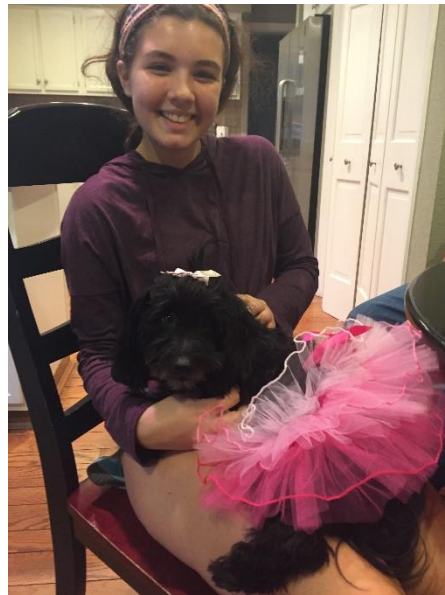
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I adopted my bestest friend in the world Louise the week of Christmas 2016. I already had one Havanese and I was worried about the prospect of loving both equally. But as mothers often say about children (who are far less lovable than dogs), you find room in your heart. Louis lived without a name for quite some time before he found his true place in our family. We stumbled upon the name before figuring out quite a few nicknames including Louise, Lola, and Lewis. Louise likes to wear tutus and he loves to make friends with all the dogs he meets, big or small. When he first came to us as a ratty ball of foof he was anxious and frightened and I had to sleep on the floor beside his bed the first night to keep him from shaking. But soon, his spunky

personality shined through the fluff. His underbite and the special way he prances always catches peoples' eyes; despite his scruffy appearance and silly personality people are drawn to Louise on walks, at dog parks, and when visiting our house. Louis is a very special dog and he is my best friend who has helped me through my hardest and best times. I am sad to leave a piece of my heart behind when I go to college, because Louis is a special part of my life that I never knew I needed until he arrived. I hope that everyone has a chance to meet their own Louis. But this one's mine. I love you Lola!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Annie Marsh



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I was adopted about 10 years ago and my name back then was Juno. My new owner, who is a crazy Red Sox fan, changed it to Fenway. I was OK with that. My life got totally changed for the better. I was so blessed to go to such a wonderful home. We go for walks, I get treats when I do something good, I have my own warm bed and I have nothing to be afraid of. I love my new owners and thank God that they reached out to Halo Rescue when they wanted to adopt a rescue dog. They show me love and affection everyday because I do appreciate being part of this family.

Polly Lamarque



My New Life

By Carmelo (adopted in 2013 by Judy Gustafson)

When I first came to my new home, the grandkids thought my head and ears were the color of caramel and my body was the color of marshmallows. That's how I got my name, which thrilled my teenager who loves basketball. At first I was a very shy and scared boy, but that has all changed. While I want to be near my "grandma" at all times (my favorite three words are "you can come"), I adore getting love, "pettins", and scratching from all of the kids, who say I'm their "bestest" friend. I used to protect my toys, but now I know that I can share them with anyone who wants to play with me. I love to steal socks and take them to odd places all around our house, so if you visit, you'd better keep them on your feet! Overall, I have learned that while I used to need lots of comforting and reassurance, now I can also give those to all the people in my family that I love. That's why I keep hearing them say over and over, "You're such a good boy, such a good boy, such a good boy..."



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Joy came home with us on December 12, 2015 after being rescued from a puppy mill and surviving treatment for ovarian cancer. During her first weeks with us, she was so shy that we had to tie a ribbon to her collar so we could catch her to take her out! Over time, with lots of patience and love (as well as a very playful Havanese brother!) she has come to love getting cuddles and exploring our neighborhood.

When we adopted Joy, we considered changing her name, but ultimately decided not to. It was a good decision as she has brought so much "Joy" to our family. Thank you to HALO for helping us find her.





Susan Crane & Family



We have two adopted Halo pups, Sage and Ivy (formerly Zeta).

We adopted Sage Lola seven years ago. She was so beautiful that we didn't think we'd ever get the chance to keep her in our family--we were also terrified that we'd screw up. We'd never had a dog before her. Sage has been such an amazing gift to us. She used to have crippling separation anxiety, and would make herself throw up when she was crated or alone at home. The partial solution to that was to stop crating her! These days, she's so much calmer. She's kind and friendly toward our friends, she's always the one initiating the play with our second HALO pup, and we can't imagine life without her in our family. Sage is so gentle and so beautiful. If she weren't so stubborn, she could be a show dog. We'll always be incredibly grateful to HALO for rescuing her from the mill and giving us the chance to adopt her. She's changed our lives forever.

And then, two years ago, we adopted Ivy Furiosa! Everyone says she's the smallest Havanese they've ever seen--only six pounds. Ivy is the perfect little sister to Sage. She's fierce, and always tries to protect our family (even when the threat is in her imagination). Ivy is the only dog we've ever seen Sage get close enough to play with. On car rides, when Sage gets frantic and races around out of control, Ivy curls up in a corner and falls asleep. She's so in love with my wife and I, and sleeps in a little ball in the crack between our pillows. She also potty trained herself in less than a day. Besides that, she trained herself to stand on her hind legs and walk around that way for extended periods of time! Ivy thinks she's a much bigger dog than she actually is, and if her sister were any less kind we'd have issues with her self-confidence. We can't imagine our family without Ivy--she's the perfect second dog for us!

Matt and Kellie Butler



Piper (originally known as Coffee – 2011) is our 13 year old sweetheart who still loves to run and play. She still gets surprised when she shakes her floppy toys so hard that they go flying across the room. She loves to go for rides in the car and is a great frequent flyer. She has the most soulful eyes and expressive face. We absolutely adore her and are grateful for her love and companionship.

June & Bob Gregory



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I am the proud mother of 4 HALO rescues. My first rescue was Riley. He is the good looking white Havanese on the left. I flew to Chicago to get him in April of 2005. My family was smiling as I boarded the flight because I was crying, afraid Riley might not like me. It took Riley almost 7 years to learn how to wag his tail. And I still smile today, not only at his wagging tail but because he such a faithful and loving dog. He is the protector of the house and lets me know right away if someone is even close to our home. He takes his job very seriously. Riley now suffers from a grade 5 heart murmur and is on a lot of medication. I treasure every day we have together because I know that our time is limited.

The other white Havanese on the right is Joe. He is 10 years old and his brothers are Jasper and Juan, also HALO rescues. I chose Joey because he had a brown spot on his head where, I am sure, God touched him so that I would know who to choose. That brown spot went away after he came home. Joey should be called Velcro because he sticks to me all day. We even spend time together in the bathroom because Joey thinks the toilet is the petting chair. He is also the spokes dog for the rest of my pack. He lets me know if I am late with snacks or treats. When did he learn to tell time?

And he is the best kisser--you know the kind--wet and nonstop. Every one loves Joey and Joey loves everyone.

Bella is the gray beauty on the right in the back. She was 8 years old when I adopted her in Nov of 2013. She already had limited vision in her left eye at the time of adoption but now she only sees shadows as her vision is almost gone in her right eye as well. Bella is afraid of every noise, including footsteps. But as soon as I reach down and pet her that tail goes a mile a minute and she smiles. When we go to bed at night Bella curls up at my side so that she can get her kisses and belly rubs. She has also mastered the art of begging at the table, patting you with her paw so that you know that she is there. Bella's most accomplished talent is laying in a sunny spot in the grass.

My fourth baby is Milo. He is the gorgeous boy in the back on the left. He was rescued from the same puppy mill as Bella and they are truly a bonded pair. He follows Bella everywhere. If I am holding Bella, he clings to my side to make sure that she is okay. As I move around the house during the day, Milo does everything possible to stay away from me. But he is always in the same room and if I sit down he sits right next to me. If we go out he sticks to my side and watches me the whole time. Milo wants to make sure that I am close by. And even though he is as stiff as a board when I pet him or pick him up I know he feels my love. He know often joins in for the good morning petting. Not too close but close enough to get some petting. Maybe someday he will be the first in line and not the last.

My little furbabies are my life. They make me smile and fill my heart with joy.

Joyce Emerald



Bob Meyer – Adopted March 17, 2006. One of the happiest days for Mommy and Daddy! Bob is such a good boy and is so handsome! While Mommy is at work, Bob guards the house and takes care of Daddy. Bob loves cookies (mini milk bones), chop chicken at dinner time and his Mommy and Daddy!

Suanne Meyer

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Pebbles has been a part of my family for 2.5 years, now. I can't imagine my life without her. She was so fearful at the beginning but she has made enormous gains in her confidence and has eased into home life like a champ. She loves napping on my bed; it's her safe place. She has another Havi companion named, Edie, and they are best buddies. Occasionally she'll have an accident in the house but she is working hard to sort that out. She loves walking on the beach and cuddles. I remind her on a daily basis that she's home and I'll always keep her safe and loved. Pebbles has a heart of gold and is learning to trust humans again but she's cautious of sudden movements and loud noises. She is a wonderful little gal with expressive brown eyes and pouty lip that will melt your heart and she loves road trips.

Melissa Carrillo (Pebbles' Mom)



Hello my name is Echo f/k/a Valentino and yes my name speaks volumes about me - I'm quite the ladies man even for my small size. I am 3 years old this month. My eight brothers and I were rescued by HALO 2.5 years ago. We were known as the V-boys and were rescued in the middle of the great Ruthie Roo rescue. My rescue/foster family adopted my brother Indy f/k/a Virgil. When they brought him home we were so happy to see each other again, we wrestled and played with each other all day - so much so that my foster family adopted me so we could stay together forever. My brother Indy is a bit bigger than I am and while he's not as handsome as I am he's cute and has this underbite, toothy smile - He's quite the hugger - He has a bum leg - poor guy - one day he may have to have an operation on the leg - for now it doesn't stop him from running playing and jumping with me around the yard - We have a big sister Saydi and big brother Piper. Saydi is kind of like the mom of our pack and Piper likes to think and boast that he's the alpha male, but Indy has been know to put him in his place. Our two legged parents love to help other pups and while it's an adjustment every time they bring in a new foster brother or sister it's kind of fun for our pack to help the newbies adjust to their new found lives of freedom and it makes our two legged mom and dad really happy and we all like that!!! My brother and I love our home and our four and two legged family This is us with our foster sister Boo

Terri Lynn and Thomas Kichline



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We love Lucy (Yuki - adopted in March 2016)!! Every morning when we wake her up and she comes out of her crate, she does her "happy dance" - wagging her head back and forth while stomping her front feet. After Mama-Dog (Joni) takes her and her sister, Lily (Chinese Crested), outside to do their business, she jumps up on the couch between us and puts her head on Joni's lap while we drink our coffee and watch the news. What joy she has brought into our life! WE LOVE LUCY!!

Phil and Joni Meboe



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It would be difficult, in fact impossible to put into words what our little "Savannah" has meant to our family through the years. So many precious moments, all equally special in their own way. From the very moment we picked her up in Michigan, Savannah wasted no time in stealing our hearts and filling our lives with so much joy. Our son Christopher, who literally grew up with Savannah, still proudly proclaims that she is his best pal and the very best birthday present he ever received! We will be forever grateful for the special blessing that both God and Halo brought into our lives.

With love and appreciation,

Fred, Cyndi and Chris Murino

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We were so smitten with our first Havi rescue/adoptee that we had to "hav" another! Not only do Pansie and Cosmos have forever homes, they have one another as best



buddies. We're forever grateful to the amazing HALO volunteers for their loving commitment.

Don and Barbie Gagliardo



"Annie Pannie Puddy Pie" is a sweet, delightful lady lounging on top of couch pillows until mealtimes and she becomes a hyperactive barking lion!! She tiptoes in damp grass and hates going out in rain. When you rub her belly she sticks out her back leg straight and holds the ballet pose until you stop rubbing her. She is a joy to all in our household 2 & 4 legs and I can't imagine life without her here!!!!

Sue Blaisdell



Angel is more than we could ever have hoped for! She has blossomed into a special little girl, a great doggie daughter, and an amazing sister to Ellie the Löwchen. She is great at snuggling—with any or all of us! Angel also loves napping in soft and cushy places (like her dad's pillow), getting tummy rubs, and squeaking toys. No matter what the noise interrupts, we always smile, knowing she is making up for lost time!

Jason, Betheny, Ellie, and Angel Ketchens



3 years ago we adopted our first little Havanese furball Baxter and 7 months later his new brother Mookie, (formally Nolan). Baxter begins his day with his Dad about 6am every morning and after a long round of pets, kisses and belly rubs he jumps up to his perch and awaits 'Mr. Sunshine' and the start of his day. Meanwhile, Mookie will be either sleeping in bed w/Mom with his head hanging off edge of bed or standing on top of her grrrrring. The boys just moved into their new home on a lake and close to the ocean in South Carolina, where they love to run in the sand, but they DON'T like

the waves! We love to watch the boys play, fight, eat and sleep together and they even 'allow' mom and dad in the bed with them! Thank you HALO for the pleasure of raising our 2 Havi's, they mean so much to us and we LOVE them so much.

Trish and John Sauer



Chuey came to us as an owner turn-in, and we wonder all the time at his incredibly sweet nature. He is a wonderful soul in a Havanese body - you can see it when you look at his beautiful brown eyes. If you even just look at him his tail starts going, and pretty soon it's wagging so hard it looks like it's going to come off his body! He loves to play with the other dogs and even by himself, with his favorite tennis ball. He's

happiest when in contact with one of us - velcro dog! Chuey is truly a joy.

The Wagner Family

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Madri is both sassy and darling. My heart warms thinking of her timid approaches, her chirpy tail wags, her dances and stuffies gifts upon my arrival home, and her willingness to try the next scary adventure with mommy. I adore her as much as she adores her big sis Shu Shu. My heart smiles each time she growls at me while wiggling her bum ~ Madri's code for, "I need belly rubs and shoulder scratches!!!"

Cheers,

Lisa & Madri

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ZuZu Petals is everything special in life! She is the happiest little girl and her enthusiasm spreads to everyone around her. She gives us so much joy . ZuZu is so playful and very loveable, she gives me hugs and kisses to brighten my day! ZuZu is also our first HALO baby.

KeKe Bear is our foster failure! He is like a loveable teddy bear. He would be happy spending the day in my lap getting belly rubs and lots of kisses. He has fallen under ZuZu Petal's spell, she has him chasing her around the house and the yard!

Katherine and Bill Keagle



We committed to fostering Tula shortly after I retired. We drove five hours to the Bangor, ME airport to pick her up. She had flown up with Debbie Massey from Florida, in the same crate as an adult male named Poppy. Tula was only 6 pounds. When Debbie unzipped, the crate, all we saw was Poppy. She then pulled tiny Tula out of the crate. She was beautiful and fluffy. It was love at first sight. I think we decided to adopt her in about five minutes. We adore her! She became fast friends with our top dog, another Havanese female, Leila. Tula has a serious case of the "mine." Due to the fact that at the puppy mill she probably had nothing. We can't remember what we did before Tula. She is a total love. She is as sweet as can be, and very smart. Thank you Halo for bringing Tula into our lives, she makes us laugh every day.

Sarah Allen

We adopted Jessie (formerly Abby) on March 5, 2016. When we brought her home, she was initially frightened and would grovel whenever we went to pick her up and stiffen her body when she was in our arms. Before she would eat, she would bang her head repeatedly against her the bowl. Today, Jessie is a loving, snuggly, sweet girl! She is absolutely glued to Sammy, her Havanese brother. She is friendly to every person and every dog that she meets. Jessie loves treats and does a crazy, fast wiggle dance when she knows it is “cookie” time! Jessie has brought us so much love and happiness! Thank you, HALO, for all the wonderful work you do to bring freedom and love to these precious babies!

Susan Wild



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Our handsome & smart “Charlie Brown” is quite the character with lots of personality! He’s always been good with us, but he was not too sure what to do when company came over. But now, by the end of the visit, he’s usually sitting right next to them (especially if they brought treats with them). He was not really sure about the neighbors either, since he goes for daily walks, some of the neighbors have even asked us if we had “medicated” him, as he is so much calmer now....and the answer, absolutely NOT! He may be fearful, shy & anxious sometimes, but he has never been aggressive He didn’t need medication, he just needed time, lots of love & lots of affection! It has really been a rewarding experience to watch our “Charlie Brown”

develop into a wonderful, happy Havanese, that he was always meant to be. Our ever-changing boy makes us laugh every day. He's a special little guy, he's our boy...we love our "Incredible Charlie Brown"!

Thank you HALO!

Tim and Sera Smith



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### **Sam**

We adopted our Sam 10 years ago and he has truly enriched our lives. He's a fiercely loyal snuggle bug—after a long day, we have "talks" to catch up. He has so much to say! Our children adore him and he loves them too.

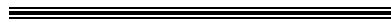
### **Junie**

Junie joined us 3 years ago, and she's been a great addition to our family. She really looks up to her big brother Sam and follows him everywhere. We really enjoy how

Junie shyly approaches us for a little love. One thing she's not shy about is her meals. She's knows what she likes!

We can't imagine our lives without our furry family members. Thank you, HALO!

April Masters



Hershi is the quirkiest, sweetest dog I know. He has blossomed from a fearful puppy into a brave, but cautious dog. He's playful, full of energy, and bit mischievous. He loves his treats. He's a dancer and loves to twirl. He knows just when to crawl into a lap and give a loving cuddle. I'm so happy to have him in my family.

Below is my favorite picture of him. His hair is still pillowy soft at 4+ years old as it was at 5 months old.

Sonja Jenkins



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Jingles (formerly Leo Denver) came into our lives December 16, 2017 at six months old and as the culmination of our months searching for that perfect companion and playmate for our one year old Shih Tzu mix. The two have become inseparable, running and tumbling about the house and yard constantly. His antics make us laugh (even when that is having figured out how to get to a roll of toilet paper and totally shredding it!); his still shy and uncertain times melt our hearts wondering what he went through in the mill; his soulful looks into our eyes for those ever lengthening time periods as he feels safer reach our very core; and his playful companionship with older sis makes us very happy for them both. This little guy filled a gap in our family and we love him to pieces! A big thank you for the work of HALO that makes stories like this happen over and over again throughout the country.

Marilyn & Chuck Hartle



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Bria spent her first 6 years in a puppy mill. She was rescued by HALO and joined our family 2 years ago. Almost immediately Bria became her mama's constant shadow. They have formed a very strong bond and are nearly inseparable. Bria's most favorite



things are food, treats, neck scratches and walks outside. She is a sweet, beautiful, precious companion. Bria is loved immensely by her whole family, especially by her mama and her puppy brother, Zeus.

Zeus was born in a puppy mill 8 months ago. Fortunately, his whole litter was rescued by HALO when the pups were just a few weeks old. Zeus is an adorable, happy, wonderfully silly and full of energy puppy. His most favorite things are playing with his sister Bria and stealing socks so he can run around carrying them. In his short life, Zeus has already brought a huge amount of joy and countless smiles to our family who was greatly in need of his cute, funny lightheartedness. He is truly a treasure, a blessing and loved beyond measure.

Tom and Stacey Slater



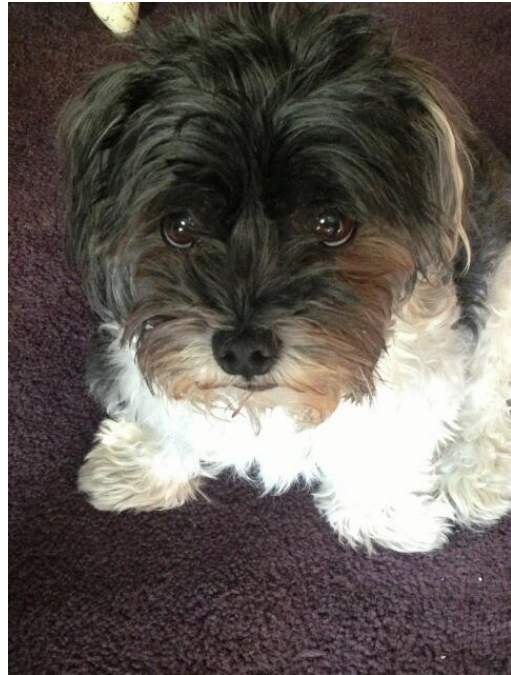
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Clare is the star of the show and the jewel of the family! Her gentle sweet friendly personality makes her friends wherever she goes. We love her so much what a blessing she has been to our family! Can't thank you all at halo enough!

This is Kip! What a loyal loving little boy. Kip loves life and is my shadow day and night. What a wonderful part of our family!

Rene Kentgen



Molly (Tipper) joined our family in the spring of 2003. She is one of Halos first rescues, freed from a mill in southern Missouri. It was love at first sight! She is the sweetest little girl keeping us entertained daily. At 15 Molly has slowed down quite a bit.

Her gentle soul and sweet face just melts our hearts. Many thanks to Halo for bringing this bundle of joy into our lives!

Mary Beth and Bill Rice



Hi my name is Nia (originally Noodles). I was adopted in February of this year and my new home is in Woodville, OH. I have 2 brothers. Remy, a Havanese, and Fletcher, a Standard Poodle. I love my brothers and we play and chase each other a lot. My mom and dad take us on lots of walks. I love cuddling with everyone in bed every morning. Tummy rubs are my dad's specialty. And I love to sleep next to mom on the couch. I am loved and protected here. Life is good and gets better every day.

Love,

Nia

Bob and Debra Clabaugh

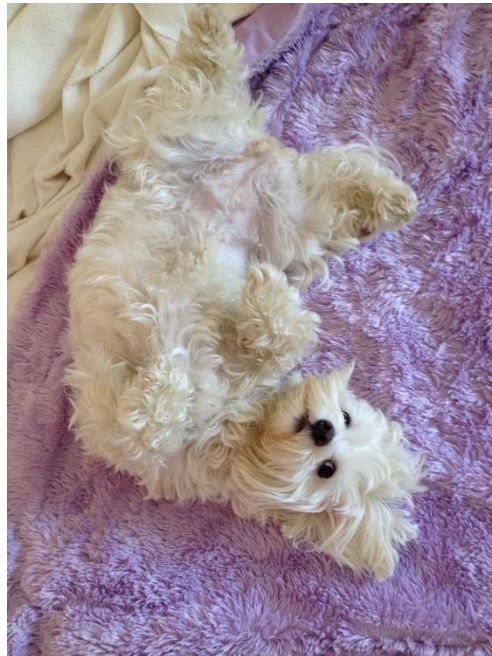


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Lilli (Jasmine) has given us pure joy since the moment we laid eyes on her. We love her fiercely and are grateful every single day to be beside her in life. She is sweet, loving, cuddly and independent all rolled into one perfect, cute package. We can't say enough about her - words don't cover it. We are delighted to have found Halo and to be part of the Halo family. We give thanks every day for the privilege of being Lilli's family and we will treasure her and give thanks for evermore.

Laura Godwin and Marisa Calin



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Lola has been a joy to have in my life. I saw her online the night my rescue Siberian Husky died. I flew out to Flint, Michigan to pick her up from her foster Mom, Patricia Meredith. Her name was Caracas when I adopted her and seeing her in the arms of Pat she became Lola for me. She was born on June 20, 2008. Thank you HALO ♡

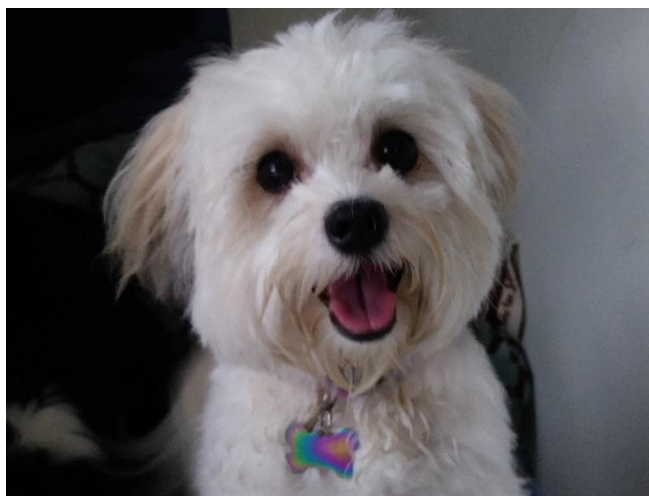
Kristin Freed



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I have attached a picture of our dear little Sami who is full of energy and pleasure. She and our other rescue dog Zoey are best of friends, they love to play and fill us with love & joy. Thank you so very much for letting us adopt Sami into our family.

Lynne & Larry Naylor



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This is Mikey. He exploded into our lives December 2017 and has been my CONSTANT companion.

Whether I am working from home, in the kitchen, or a road trip.....whatever, Mikey is right there!

Thank you HALO

Maureen Sturgis



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Peanut (Pinot)

We are dog people! My kids occasionally say I treat my pups better than them. We also always have always had two dogs. After losing our 8-year-old Polish sheepdog Dusty to cancer, we rescued a little 6-month-old shihtzu mix Marley. She was only with us a free months when we lost our 16-year-old Wheaten Terrier Barkley. Marley needed a playmate. I had always wanted a Havanese after researching the breed. About 5 years ago I discovered HALO. We found our perfect match in (Pinot) Peanut, a 3-month-old pup being fostered in nearby Wisconsin. Peanut was part of a litter born in deplorable conditions in a puppy mill. Carol is undoubtedly one of the best fosters ever and gave my Peanut a great start in life.

Peanut turned out to be the perfect best friend for Marley. They romp and wrestle in the yard and house every day. They are quite bonded. Peanut is my shadow. We have an incredible connection. She loves my husband and kids too but I am her person . She is still sometimes a bit skittish with men for some reason but warms up quickly.

She is so smart and listens well. She absolutely loves to play. Every evening she comes sprinting in the family room with her squeaky toy to fetch. She loves going on walks. Her favorite thing in the world though is a car ride. Just say those 2 words and watch her go nuts!

Halo thank you for allowing us to adopt the perfect pup for our family and Marley's perfect playmate.

Nancy and Jamey Lill

Prospect Heights IL



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My mothers drove from FL to MO in Feb. 2016 so I could adopt them. They brought along my foster brother, Nick, whom I just worship. I know that I have been bit on the difficult side to love. Five years in a puppy mill left a bitter taste for me. Moms have been very patient.

I love walks, petting, eating, and my baby lamb toy which came to FL with me. I search for it after meals, parade around with it and finally settle on top of it. I recently have learned to jump in Mom's lap for attention. I don't really cuddle except with Nick.

My Mom's names are Sandi Hawkes and Gail Chase. I live with them part time in FL and part time in NC. Currently I am traveling with my family in a motorhome and visiting a bunch of National Parks in CO, UT, WY and SD.





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In the summer of 2013 Halo SWOOPED in and did a very large rescue. Among the dogs saved was a little girl whose name became Dewey.

My sister, Melissa Kipp, who had fallen in love with my two Havanese, was awarded the placement of Dewey. It turned out that Dewey was pregnant, gave birth to twin girls. Four days after their birth Melissa's husband became critically ill, and Dewey, Bsie and her sister Asie came to live with us. The love affair began.

It only took about 2 minutes for a great love affair to begin. From the start Dewey was so sweetly generous and trusting with her puppies. She even allowed our older girl, "Aunt Cali" plenty of access and Cali took full advantage.

Dewey and the puppies were here with us for 14 weeks. I dubbed them the sumo sisters and photographed and overshared their antics. It was difficult to let Asie go, but from day 1 I knew that Bsie wasn't going anywhere. And she hasn't.

Now just about to turn 5, Bsie is an absolutely extraordinary girl. She is an accomplished agility dog and just loves doing it. And she is a certified therapy dog. We do school visits at our local elementary school. One of our visits is with a

class of 6th graders --- a program (just wonderful) -- cosponsored by our sheriff's office. For 5 weeks once a week a section of 6th graders will come to the classroom. Each student picks one dog (not one they have been with before). We discuss various issues - peer pressure, self-esteem, what you look for in a friend, etc -- and then we go outside and the student handles their dog. Students often tell me that Bsie is their favorite dog. I tell them that they are my favorite student:)

Since that initial foster failure our household has regularly brought other pups into our home. The privilege, fun and the learning that has gone along with each foster has enriched my husband's and my lives and our hearts. Thank you HALO

Lucinda Treat



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Sonny is my little shadow. He is by my side nearly every second of the day. If I let him out and then proceed to do something elsewhere in the house, my husband will let him in and he will run upstairs and back down to find out that he ran right by me. We love that funny little boy!

Connie H.

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Jagger Gieselman is the spirit animal of all laid back beach seekers and surfers. His hair is blond and scruffy and his demeanor goes with the flow. He can be found drinking fruity papairitas at the local dog beach park while sporting a Hawaiian collar. He does not enjoy exercise, fasting, or loud noises. He does enjoy soaking in the sun on his beach towel laid out on the lanai while listening to a little Jimmy Buffet. His favorite saying is "peace out dude."

Fallon Gieselman loves everyone and everything. She dreams about being sorted into the Hufflepuff House at Hogwarts. She enjoys long meandering walks with her people as long as she can sniff and check her local Pee-mail messages. She is a very social girl. Her theme song: "I Want You to Want Me." She lives by the motto "When you can't find the sunshine, be the sunshine."

The Gieselman Family