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HALAH HERALD

SUMMER 2020

Despite the effect on humans, the COVID pandemic is not affecting our pet population. All of Home At Last Animal Haven residents are safe, healthy, and happy. Sheltering in place is what most of our rescues do best; spending time in their yards not too near their friends, remaining close to their food dishes, staying under shade trees, and enjoying their water tubs / pools. All necessary spay/neuter and vaccinations were completed within several weeks of our Vet's office being allowed to perform routine services (after their COVID closure). To be cautious our PetSmart in-store Adoption events have been temporarily cancelled, but adoptions are still taking place by appointment at The Haven grounds.

Just as the stay at home order was going into effect, many young puppies were adopted into their permanent homes. What a great time to welcome a small family member into their new house with most all the family members working from home or taking online classes. Lots of special attention was available to help the youngsters become acquainted with their unfamiliar surroundings.

New furry family members or existing 4-legged family for the most part enjoyed having their people at home spending extra time with them. We heard there were definitely more dog walks taking place along with additional treats being dispensed. Other recommended activities that are at low risk for contracting COVID-19 are playing with, petting, snuggling, and praising your dog. During a pandemic, people having a barking buddy to spend time with is a plus, unless they decide to add their whining or barking comments to a ZOOM meeting or conference call.

Luckily, we were able to have our HALAH hounds follow the recommended precautions to stay home and have their meals delivered. We did fail in our attempts to have our canine citizens wear masks. Butterfinger insisted he



had a special bone shaped mask. He thought we would not notice that it was diminishing a bit each day. Ellie wanted a pretty pink bandanna as her mask, but she did not realize it



should cover her nose so she kept it around her neck to show off her pretty smile! Who can argue with that sweet face?

Visit HALAH.org for a color PDF of our Newsletter and to see many photos of our current adoptable dogs

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."
Mahatma Gandhi

PREVENT LITTERING - SPAY AND NEUTER!

Last year at this time we had just taken in some puppies born to a feral Great Pyrenees mom. The little white fluff balls were all female and named for Greek Goddesses since we thought they would grow to be BIG beautiful girls. We worked to socialize the youngsters. They quickly became loving pups, thriving, and growing. It was great to watch them play together and splash / romp in their big water dish that they decided to turn it into a small pool. Then it appeared one of the girls, Aurora, was having a difficult time eating. It was not easy to determine, because she would take the food into her mouth, but it would not be consumed, and then roll back out. She seemed to be able to do better when she was hand fed canned food. A Vet visit and consultation confirmed she was receiving proper nutrition. Lots of coddling, numerous hand feeding sessions daily, and several vet visits followed. An unhealthy and improperly nourished Mother dog was a likely a big contributor to her condition. Aurora has the wonderful creamy Pyrenees like coat and has grown into a medium sized girl. Her nickname is Flopsy since she bounds over to greet her visitors and has a slightly uncoordinated style. Aurora / Flopsy is healthy with plenty of energy and is a super sweet girl due to the continuous tender loving care she received from a very young age. Aurora does still have an occasional issue picking up things with her mouth. She is eating kibble, but we are still spoiling her with the occasional can of food while trying to find her a home that will keep an eye on her special needs. Our wonderful HALAH supporters allowed Flopsy and other residents to receive ALL the medical care necessary. Aurora / Flopsy and all of the others at Home At Last Animal Haven are so grateful for those of you who contribute to help the HALAH hounds!



YOUR DONATIONS MAKE IT ALL POSSIBLE!

HALAH was delighted to be chosen by Pet Supplies Plus (Greenville Avenue Store - Dallas) to be their featured Lend A Paw charity during the Holiday season. So, the new year began with our doggies' bellies FULL of quality food and lots of new toys with which to play while working off all of those donated treats and eats.

The middle school Student Council at Fairhill School sponsored a food drive for HALAH, which was the last kind act pre-COVID-19, when it was still business as usual. What a wonderful group of dog loving students (and generous parents) who brought in over 500 pounds of food. The donated food was picked up a few days before school was out for Spring Break when no one had any idea what the next months would bring or that students would not return to school. Aurora and all her barking buddies at Home At Last enjoyed the yummy kibble and lots of wonderful treats!

Contact us to be removed from our mailing list or to correct any misinformation, please notify us of your address change.

Email Home.At.Last.Animal@gmail.com if you prefer to receive our HALAH Newsletter electronically or have other questions.

HALAH'S SPECIAL FRIENDS AND MEMORIALS -- NOV -- JUN

- 🐾 Jeanne and Ralph Pitz
- 🐾 John D Moritz
- 🐾 Ed Humphrey
- 🐾 Sara Hencke
- ♥ Bobby Hagar in memory of Mary Hagar
- 🐾 Nancy Filippi
- 🐾 Pam Tennyson
- 🐾 Ron Anderson
- 🐾 Bob and Patty Luchsinger
- 🐾 Bill Wilson
- 🐾 Kim and Mark Mlcak
- 🐾 Linda Kelly
- 🐾 Roxanne and Bob Wood
- 🐾 Sharon and Howard Wright
- 🐾 Wally and Vivian Capps - Scott McKissick's Bday
- 🐾 North Texas Giving Tuesday Now contributors
- 🐾 Becky and Jimmy Kilpatrick
- 🐾 Fairhill Students Ugly Sweater Contest
- 🐾 Anita Artt
- 🐾 Tim and Janice Johnson
- 🐾 Johnny Gardner
- 🐾 Karlla Whitworth
- 🐾 Steve Meyer
- 🐾 David Lamar
- 🐾 Joanne and Harris Family Charity Fund
- 🐾 Brooks Blair and Sally
- 🐾 Brooks Snyder
- 🐾 Daniel Hollifield
- 🐾 Denese Jones
- 🐾 Katie House
- 🐾 Kyle and Dixie Bryan
- 🐾 Janet Cassady
- 🐾 Pet Supplies Plus – Greenville Avenue
- 🐾 Robin Friedel
- 🐾 Marty and Dottie Yadon in memory of Norm and Joy
- 🐾 Andie Comini
- ♥ Bluebird group in memory of John Berry
- 🐾 Mary Ray- Happy Birthday to Elin Hughes
- ♥ Diane Dynis in memory of Bagel
- 🐾 Jane Watkins in honor of Jasper cat
- ♥ Mary Ray in Memory of Couper Hughes
- 🐾 Donation to HALAH
- ♥ In loving memory of a 4-legged friend
- ♥ In memory of

♥ In Memory of Mary Elizabeth Terrell ♥

Mike and Kim Terrell

Becky and Jimmy Kilpatrick

Diana George

Louella and Wayne Henry

Sheila Reynolds

Donna Jones

William Reece

HELPING HALAH

North Texas Giving Day (**NTGD**) is **September 17th**. After September 1 you may create an account and schedule your giving to be processed on September 17. Consider donating to Home At Last through NTGD where your donation will be stretched by their sponsors. www.northtexasgivingday.org/home-at-last-animal-haven

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North Texas Giving Day September 17th, 2020

HALAH Adoption Days PetSmart Burleson
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Home At Last's Adoptable Dogs



SPRITE



STAR



BUTTERFINGER



AURORA

HALAH'S Wish List

- Foster Homes for our Dogs*
- Contributions for Vet Expenses*
- Non-stuffed dog toys*
- Sturdy tubs, bowls, dishes -5 Qts or larger*
- Dogloos - Igloo style dog houses*
- Gift Cards - Wal-mart, Home Depot, Lowe's, PetSmart, Tractor Supply, Pet Supplies Plus,*
- Mowers / Weed Eaters - gas powered*
- Golf Cart / Utility type Vehicle - for on property dog food transport*
- Container or Pod - on site storage*

Continue to Stay Safe in 2020

From all the HALAH hounds,
Court Yador, & Debye Humphrey