



# ISLAND HAVANESE NEWS

February 2013 Newsletter

# Managing our e-mail list...

Hi Everyone!

When I chose Tucker, I thought it would be good for both of us to meet 'a couple of other' Havanese. I wanted to learn about socializing, grooming, feeding, training.....and more.

We met Tucker's Dad, Buca and his human Darlene, and I learned a TON! I joined a Havanese forum and learned lots more. Still, I felt meeting other local Havanese and their owners would be a great resource, if only I knew how to tap into it. I'd never had a dog before, so I was a sponge.

Bev at Misty Trails & Elite Havanese kindly gave me a few names. Darlene from Duncan on the Havanese Forum encouraged me and suggested Bright Angel Park as a meeting place. I sent out an invitation for our first meet. About 20 dogs and their owners showed up! It was a huge success, and so much fun.

We now have almost 150 human e-mail contacts on our Island Havanese list.....some with an 'Only Dog' like me, and others with more than one 'Love Bug'. We have members on the list from all over Vancouver Island, the Gulf Islands, Washington State, and Alberta. Isn't that something? At get togethers we usually have about 20 - 30 Havanese. And, YES!!! We still talk about socializing, grooming, feeding, training, and more.....well, mostly we talk about how amazing our dogs are!

I think it's now time to improve & refine our list, so I'd like to ask you for a couple of favours:

1. Could you please let me know if you would like to remain on our Havanese list? We'd love to keep you on the list....but, maybe this is not the thing for you. That is your decision and we respect that.
2. Could you please let me know your first/last name, and your dog's name(s)? I would like to improve our list. eg: I am Sharon Anderson & my dog is Tucker. I may already have your information, but I would like to standardize the list. So please submit this information again.
3. Would you please include the area where you live? I live in Metchosin. We have members from Esquimalt, Victoria, Sidney, Nanaimo, Port Alberni, Campbell River, just to name a few.....In the future this might be helpful for planning more local meet ups, or, to find answers to questions about things like grooming, teeth cleaning, training.... OR simply to find one other Havanese in your area to share a walk.

4. Most importantly, please know it is not our intention to widely distribute our e-mail list. Bev, our amazing breeder at MistyTrails, Steve, who is very involved in our get togethers, and, me (Sharon) are the only ones with access to this list. If you prefer to be removed, that is fine. If you want to stay informed of future get togethers, that's even better! We'll invite you to Hav-a-Party with us about 3 or 4 times a year, sometimes in the Duncan area and sometimes in the Victoria area. And we may report on local Havanese success stories by sending out a newsletter just as we are doing here. We will not use this list in any other way.

So, please reply to this e-mail & let me know your information. Thank you!!!

Most respectfully,

Sharon, Bev & Steve

## Training Leave It:

Recently my dog and I were in an area where there were reports about poison being left out. Teaching "Leave It", or "Drop" are critical tools in situations like this. One person I met was muzzling his little dog; but what a relief it is to know your dog responds to a command!!! Here are two YouTube videos on "Leave It" & "Drop" you may find interesting:

Kikopup (aka Emily Larlham) lives in Sweden and taught a freestyle class in Duncan my dog and I attended:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VWdU5Hgmtmc>

Chirag Patel lives in England and is coming to Victoria for a training session this spring. This is a long one, but well worth watching simply because of his excellent training techniques:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ndTiVOCNY4M>

# Island Get Together!

We have bad news and good news.

First, the bad news....we are no longer able to use Bright Angel Park for our whole Island Get Togethers. In the past we've loved having the fire pit in the winter and the upper field in the good weather. We've eaten 'Fire Pit S'Mores in the Winter' and relished 'Freedom To Run Picnics in the Summer'.

Bright Angel Parks department has changed their regulations and we aren't allowed to be off leash there anymore. In fact, they will have bylaw enforcement officers making sure we are on leash! Can you imagine Liquorice or our other Free Spirits enjoying this? But, it's their park and we respect their rules.

Now....here's the good news.....we've scoured the area and are going to host the first 2013 Hav'n An Island Fling at the Cobble Hill Dog Park.

The Island Get Togethers are so important to us! We love to include everyone from Sidney to Campbell River, as well as anyone else willing to make the trek. The area just over the Malahat seems to be the best location for this.

So....you are invited to this first 2013 Island Get Together at the Dog Park at Cobble Hill....

Sunday, March 17th, 12 - 1:30

I will put out my usual dog balloons at intersections to lead you to our meet. And, I'll send driving directions when I send out the reminder, about a week before the meet. In the meantime, check your schedules and see if this date works for you. If it does, mark it in your calendars:)



For more INFO to Watch Westminster live:  
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Congratulations Emily, Bev, Reo & Eddie!

Misty Trails - Bev and Emily:

Bev and Emily Dorma of Misty Trails Havanese and their show dogs have earned and continue to earn honors in Canada, the US and internationally. One of their dogs, Misty Trails Double Stuf'd Oreo ("Reo"), shown by Bev's daughter Emily, earned the honor of being #1 Havanese Female in Canada in both 2010 and 2011. She went on to win Best Havanese Female at the American Kennel Club/ Eukanuba National Championship in Orlando, Florida in Dec/2011. This earned her an invitation to the prestigious Westminster Dog Show in New York in Feb/2012, where she won Best of Breed over more than 20 Champion and Grand Champion Havanese dogs (at the time, by the way, Emily was only 15 and in Grade 10!).

During the 2012 dog show season, Emily showed Eddie Murphy, a corded Havanese. He made a huge accomplishment during the show season - 5 Best in Show wins during the summer!! Extraordinary! As well, he finished the 2012 season as #2 Havanese in Canada. Misty Trails Havanese has once again been invited to New York for the 2013 Westminster Dog Show in Feb/2013. Emily will be showing Eddie Murphy.

Emily: Junior dog breeder and handler and now international model: In China in Nov/2012, at the age of 16, Emily competed in and won the New Silk Road Miss World Modelling Competition, sponsored by New Silk Road, an international fashion and modelling company. In the finals of this competition there were nearly 50 models from 36 countries. This has since brought her various offers to do fashion modelling.

(Thank you Steve for this submission.)