

## HART'S SANCTUARY/PALLIATIVE CARE PROGRAM

1. Schindler - Entered program November 2007 after suffering severe physical damage due to being dragged behind a vehicle, ongoing medical issues were also addressed, chronic head banging/gnawing of paws/lethargy/lameness. Extensive blood work and radiograph indicated Addison's disease and severe hip dysplasia ... diagnosis terminal. Placed in sanctuary care as palliative.
2. Huckleberry - Still posted for adoption but fostered 'long term,' no applicants for adoption. Since intake from Pound, summer 2008, (2 bullets found in fractured pelvis/severe pneumonia) Huck's behavioural progress has been steady but slow, until lately. Issues of fear biting, now resolved. Huckleberry is still an anxious dog/high startle response to unexpected noise. However where he spent many months hiding in fear, he now happily greets all visitors to his home. He engages in happy outdoor play with his foster siblings.

There is little doubt Huck was a very abused 'hunt' dog, therefore his progression from fear based issues, was indeed lengthy. He was still a babe (1-1.1/2 years) when rescued from the Pound, already shot twice, no wonder he has issues of morbid fear.

There remains a strong possibility that Huck will not find his adopter, given his breed type and past issues.

3. Oscar - Entered program for adoption, early 2005. He had obviously been abused in his past life and exhibited fear biting/aggressive issues. At Dr. Mackie's office, Oscar was found to be suffering from a painful abscess tooth which caused him to aggress when touching his face. This trigger disappeared after his dental surgery. Ongoing aggressive issues were dealt with in our home, while Oscar was posted for adoption. It was fully 6 months before we came to recognize all triggers and trusted him in our care.

Oscar remains as well adjusted as he will ever be, is no longer dangerous, as we recognize the triggers that elicit his aggression. Strong possibility of 'pittie' in breeding.

Over the year+ he was posted for adoption, no one was found suitable. Because of his predominant Lab origins, families with children were the only applicants. Because an adopter was not forthcoming after over a year and given possibility of liability should he bite in future home, Oscar was happy and well in our foster home, Board decided he would remain with us in 'sanctuary care.' Minutes of that meeting, Lyle Ball/Linda Donaghan/other directors attendant, should be in our files.

4. Ducky - Was 6 weeks old when turned into **HART**, with the threat she would be shot if we did not get her out immediately. She came to our foster home. For over a year she was posted for adoption on the **HART**site, as well as on Big On Beagles site.

Early on she was diagnosed by Dr. Singh as "lymph system disorder, possibly pre-cancer/highly allergic, food/environmental". A second opinion was sought by Dr. Joan Grant, Haliburton Vet Services, and she confirmed the same diagnosis.

It was felt that poor response to Ducky adoption was because we were compelled to disclose her medical diagnosis/prognosis to those who applied. No one was willing to take on a pre-cancerous Beagle.

Ducky was the most challenging pup I have ever cared for. It was 3-4 months before her housetraining was dependable. She still occasionally loses her bladder in deep sleep. She is fed Origen 6 Fish, for food allergy, purchased gratefully 'at cost' from Sandra and Jim. She has been repeatedly treated for environmental allergy symptoms.

In spring 2006, at a meeting of the Board, Mary, Dot, Linda D. present, Ducky was voted into sanctuary care in our home.

When Oscar and Ducky were posted for adoption, I was not responsible for screening of applications.

5. Amber - Came to us on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006. She had mange and had lost all her fur and was bleeding from between her toes from infection. Was diagnosed with cancer by Dr. Singh of the Faraday Animal Hospital. Since coming into our care she has developed an eye problem (glaucoma) and she has an enlarged heart. Also a ruptured tendon in her back leg. Calcium deposits on her gums have not prevented this girl from eating all that is given to her or stops her from chewing on her toys. Amber does not know that she is sick and runs and plays with the other dogs. She will hold her ground and show the other dogs who is queen of this house. Amber is a very loving dog and asks only for food, water, and all the petting and loving that she can squeeze out of us. I would do a sanctuary dog again to have them live out the rest of their lives happy and content.
6. Darla - One of the PM8 pregnant moms, was rendered 'unadoptable' by Dr. Singh. When Darla underwent spay surgery, Dr. Singh discovered severe internal scarring from past uterine, periodontal infection/poor or no vet care/several past pregnancies.

Dr. Singh described her wee bowel as so twisted, it appeared to be in a knot. This 'terminal and dangerous' condition jeopardizes her life by the high possibility of bowel blockage/painful death.

Sheila is her foster parent and although willing to provide her a lifetime home, could not commit to adoption in the face of possible extraordinary vet treatment costs. Darla remains in Sheila's care, as '**HART** sanctuary.'

Darla is very well cared for as per Dr. Singh's instructions. She is in fact indulged as a favourite in Sheila's home.

7. Dini - A 12 year old Shep/CollieX surrendered by her owner to the Municipal Pound. She was one of the first group removed from the Pound in April 2009. She is totally deaf, a chronic 'barker.'

As intake coordinator, I was made aware that she was held there for several weeks/no vet care provided for blood in urine. As another person was initially involved, I stood back, preferring not to interfere. When, through the Pound Keeper, I learned that no vet treatment was provided to this obviously suffering girl, **HART** did finally step in, on Pound Keeper's approval, to facilitate vet care.

Dini's urine sample was the colour of coffee. She must have been in terrible pain and because she was housebroken, she held her bladder rather than release it during the 22 hour periods on concrete floor in her kennel at the Pound.

After her vet appointment, I could not in good conscience return her to the Pound, my original intention. She has been in foster care in my home ever since.

Dini has suffered from a small stroke/successfully treated/Dr. Ann. Dini recovered with 'head tilt' indicating possibility of vestibular disease/inner ear disorder/balance issues/common in senior dogs. Muscle wasting on her hind quarters is severe, showing bare femur. She often falls down when turning in play.

Play she does, in spite of her very senior years. She is very happy and well adjusted here. Upon advice given by an experienced representative of Mature Dog Rescue, Dini was not posted for adoption. Mature dogs are no longer highly adaptable and can suffer immune system failure, leading to death/short term, when forced to transition through foster/adoptive homes.

8. Bilko - Also one of first rescue group liberated from Bancroft Pound in April 2009. He is very senior, large Lab breed/11-12 years.

He too suffered horribly after intake to Bancroft Pound. He was there several weeks before **HART** could get him out/painful dental issues/skin condition/seborrhea.

He came to our foster care. Dr. Ann extracted badly fractured/abscessed teeth. He is a good dog, playful and obedient, bonding immediately to Dini, as playmate and frisbee team.

Bilko is severely food aggressive and must be 'locked down in crate' at feeding time of our pack.

He is being treated for scarring in lungs, causing painful, loud cough. Treatment is palliative. I do not believe he has a long life ahead of him, hopefully a year.

9. Lincoln - A very senior, large hound-type was found stray, early summer 2009. A family member of a past **HART** fosterer found him injured and agreed to foster him and facilitate his vet care/paid by **HART**. Then the woman changed her mind and advised she could not pick him up to foster after his neuter surgery. With nowhere else for Lincoln to go, I picked him up from the vet's office and he has been fostered here since then.

Lincoln is very senior, obviously a 'hunter' not accustomed to 'life off a chain.'

He does exhibit some issues of aggression, boundary issues/if another dog or cat approaches his bed. When sleeping he is easily startled awake and lunges in fear.

Lincoln is doing fine here in his retirement, progressing in socialization as time moves on. He is loving and affectionate, all the best of a hound.