... the WAY HOME

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## Introducing Papillon Haven Rescue group. <u>www.paphaven.org</u>

This group came about through the love of a small deaf puppy that needed to be transported halfway across the country to her new home. It took the effort and dedication of people from Texas to Washington D.C. and on to Ohio. It took the cooperation of three other rescue groups. In the end, it took the hearts of every one. It is this good will and renewed faith in the goodness of people everywhere that has led us in forming Papillon Haven Rescue. We are a 501 c 3 non-profit organization, all volunteer National group specializing in Papillons and Pap mixes and their rescue and rehabilitation.

Since then Papillon Haven Rescue (PapHaven) has grown dramatically and continues to grow and evolve to try to meet the changing needs of rescue and the on-going saga of Papillons in need..... where ever they are.

We would like to invite you to join in our rescue efforts. With hands reaching out across the country, we can form a circle of love and caring that refuses to let even one Papillon in need fall though the cracks. We are not in competition with any other rescue groups. In fact, it is our goal to work hand in hand with every rescue group and shelter that will join us in this effort. We will not ask for perfect lineage, looks or origins. We will coordinate with other groups for transporting each other's breed.

We welcome volunteers, sponsors, contributors, interested folk and especially kind words.

Our Newsletter will try to bring informative articles, up-coming events, announcements, feature stories and Urgent Alerts about situations where the need for rescue is great.



**BITSY's STORY** 

continuing.....

My name is BITSY, because I am itsy bitsy. I weigh only 4.4lbs, but they tell me I am a dynamite little Papillon. I have spent all my life in a wire cage making babies. My owner decided I could not "produce" so I was discarded. A really nice lady Vet saved me and sent me here. I also had really bad back legs. I was born with a condition called patella luxation and because I could never find a stable walking surface, they got really bad and deformed. (Someone said I looked like a frog with rickets...sigh..) Now that I am 8 years old, arthritis has set in and I needed surgery in

order to be able to walk normally again. When my foster mom got me, I sorta would sit and scoot my back half along. She got me some pain medication and is trying to make my leg muscles stronger so I won't fall down so much, and so I can do the "bathroom" thing without laying down.

**UPDATE:** Bitsy had surgery and will be able to have the bandages removed this week (Nov 29). She has started putting her weight on the leg and should be walking on it within days to a week or so. She is not pain free, I am sad to report, as she could not tolerate the pain medications and she is still very anemic. But she is a trooper and never complains, even when she makes a mis-step and falls.

Through the generosity of many of you who heard/saw her story, we were able to pay for the right leg surgery. But Bitsy still needs medical attention and has the possibility of surgery on the other almost "good" leg. So let us help her just a little bit more?

"I am only one, but I am still one. I cannot do everything, but I can still do something. And just because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do." ----- Helen Keller



eBay items

Jogger outfit

http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&rd=1&item=7117931864&ssPageName=ST RK:MESE:IT

Deco Collars http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=4340848423

Papillon Tapestry pillow http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=7117637014

#### Papillon winter Sweat Shirt

http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=7117435223&ssPageName=A DME:B:LC:US:1

Gorgeous Doggie or (other pet) Bed... http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=4339930757





Naomi & Happy (above) give permission to crosspost....eBay items for the holidays! Please crosspost widely



# Papillon Haven Rescue Virtual Foster Angels



Have you ever dreamed of helping a Papillon rescue but don't have the time, the space, or just plain don't know what to do?

Become a Virtual Foster (click)



# DID YOU KNOW?????

## Hazards of the Season

Antifreeze – Batteries – Christmas tree preservative – electrical cords – Holiday decorations – Holiday foods – Ice melts – Holiday plants – Liquid potpourris – Medications – Rodenticides

**Potentially Harmful Foods:** Alcoholic beverages – Avocado – chocolate (baker's, semisweet, milk chocolate) – Coffee (grounds, beans, chocolate-covered expresso beans) – Fatty foods – Garlic and garlic powder – Grapes and raisins – Hops (used in home brewing) – Macadamia nuts – Moldy or spoiled foods – Onions and onion powder – Salt – yeast dough





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We have prepared a special Christmas Tree just for you to hang your very own ornament. You can choose from the samples below and also have your own furbaby picture for the PapHaven tree AND for your own use.

Look here: http://www.geocities.com/bbias\_y/paphavenxmas2004



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\$10 donation per ornament click on <u>HERE</u> to make your request

## A RESCUE PET'S CHRISTMAS POEM

'Tis the night before Christmas and all through the town, Every Shelter is full - we are lost and not found, Our numbers are hung on our kennels so bare, We hope every minute that someone will care, They'll come to adopt us and give us the call, "Come here, Max and Sparkie - come fetch your new ball!"

But now we sit here and think of the days, We were treated so fondly - we had cute, baby ways, Once we were little, then we grew and we grew, No we're no longer young and we're no longer new, So out the back door we were thrown like the trash, They reacted so quickly - why were they so rash?

We "jump on the children", "don't come when they call", We "bark when they leave us", climb over the wall. We should have been neutered, we should have been spayed, Now we suffer the consequence of the errors THEY made. If only they trained us, if only we knew, ! We'd have done what they asked us and worshiped them, too.

We were left in the backyard, or worse - left to roam, Now we're tired and lonely and out of a home. They dropped us off here and they kissed us good-bye. "Maybe someone else will give you a try." So now here we are, all confused and alone, In a shelter with others who long for a home.

The kind workers come through with a meal and a pat, With so many to care for they can't stay to chat, They move to the next kennel, giving each of us cheer, We know that they wonder how long we'll be here. We lay down to sleep and sweet dreams fill our heads, Of a home filled with love and our own cozy beds.

Then we wake to see sad eyes, brimming with tears, Our friends filled with emptiness, worry, and fear. If you can't adopt us and there's no room at the Inn, Could you help with the bills and fill our food bin? We count on your kindness each day of the year!, Can you give more than hope to everyone here?

Please make a donation to pay for the heat And help to get us something special to eat. The shelter that cares for us wants us to live, And more of us will, if more people will give.

- Author Unknown

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