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Travels with Rover

by Clyde Phillip Wachsberger

Rover, our two-and-a-half-year old black and tan Havanese, loves to travel. He has accompanied us to Europe twice, once to Spain and once to Italy. Many people we met on both trips said they wished they had known they could have brought their dogs along.

If your dog enjoys traveling, likes to meet people, and is comfortable in new surroundings, then it is easy to take him or her along to most of the countries in the European Union. In preparation for the trip, there are only THREE simple steps to follow so that everything will go smoothly:

- 1) Your dog must be micro-chipped. This is for your dog's safety as well as for identification.
- 2) Book your airfare well in advance. Not all airlines allow dogs in the cabin, and those that do have a limit as to how many pets can be on each flight. (Delta is dog-friendly.) Your dog must be comfortable in its traveling case. It will have to stay inside it for the length of the flight. Technically, the case must fit UNDER the seat in front of you, but this rarely works out. It WILL have to be on the floor under your feet for take-off and landing.



- 3) You and your vet must fill out documents certifying that your dog is healthy and up-to-date on its inoculations. These documents can be down-loaded from PetTravel.com. They must be filled out and signed by a certified veterinarian no earlier than two weeks before your departure. Then, and this is the only tricky part because of the timing, they must be sent (or personally delivered) to your local APHIS/USDA office (Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service / US Department of Agriculture) and validated in time for your departure. Each country requires such a document.

When we entered Spain, the veterinary customs official checked Rover's micro-chip as well as his travel documents, but entering (continued.)

Recipes *By: Cindy Lisai*

Baked Yam Chips

(Dr Khalsa's Natural Dog by Deva Khalsa, VMD - Bowtie Press)

6 organic yams or sweet potatoes
1 tablespoon cinnamon
1/2 cup olive oil

Slice yams or sweet potatoes into thin slices. Place on oiled cookie tray, drizzle with olive oil. Sprinkle cinnamon on top. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes or until cooked or a little crunchy. Cool, store, and serve.

Santa Paws

(The Doggy Bone Cookbook by Michele Bledsoe, - COME-AND-GET-IT publishing)

2 1/4 cups whole wheat flour
1/3 cups pecans
1 cup oatmeal
1/2 cup dried fruit
3/4 cup milk
4 tablespoons butter
1 egg

Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Combine dry ingredients and gradually add milk, butter and egg. Knead until a dough is formed. Roll dough to 1/4" thickness. cut with cookie cutter and place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake for 45 minutes at 300 degrees. Makes 1 1/2 dozen.



Arthur enjoys the snow with his best bud Garth the Schnauzer.
Photo taken and submitted by Madalin O'Brien.

Horizon Quick Tip

By: Mary Cane

To minimize staining on a light dog's face and to keep them fresh during the holidays and every day, don't trim the hair on the face, rather let it grow and fall to the side, cutting the hair around the eyes, unless kept up very frequently, will have the short sharp tips poking the dog and contributing to the tearing. Pulling out the loose hairs that are just in the corners can help keep the tears from spilling over.



Risa and Celia

Photo submitted by Mary Cane.

In addition to regular hygiene, wash the Hav's face and eye area once a day with a damp washcloth, or even better with cotton balls with Baush & Lomb

saline solution for sensitive eyes. After washing and drying, use a plain (no flavor or fragrance) Chapstick® to coat the area under the eyes where the tears collect.



Loverboy

Photo submitted by Claudia DeVita

Book Review

By: Jan Smith

"Raining Cats and Dogs" by Laurien Berenson

Laurien Berenson has a series of who-done-it books that are mixed with showing dogs, humor, and sleuthing. Without pounding you over the head she stresses the importance of health tested dogs. She has standard poodles but other breeds are always brought into her books. She'll give you a funny account of the inner workings of the life of a breeder and the show world.

In Raining Cats and Dogs she moves from the conformation ring to the obedience ring. Her books are a light and easy read .

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Italy no one paid any attention to the fact we had a dog with us. You must have the papers, however, just in case, and you will need them for your return to the United States. Keep them with your passports.

Now we come to the exciting part of your preparations: booking your hotels and even restaurants. PetTravel.com will provide lists of dog-friendly hotels and restaurants around the world. After you make your selections, with plenty of alternatives, e-mail each hotel or restaurant to make certain your dog will be welcome. Traveling in Europe in the summer is much easier because almost all restaurants with out-door seating allow dogs.



But be sure to bring a daily supply of your dog's familiar foods. You do not want any digestive problems during your trip, for you or your pet! We portion out Rover's kibble into small plastic bags, one for each meal, and we always add some special treat from our own lunch or dinner so that he enjoys the experience of local cuisines. We arrive at the restaurant with Rover in his travel bag, and we do not let him out unless the staff says it is okay. Then he rests quietly at our feet under the table. Always be courteous to other diners. Not everyone enjoys watching a dog beg food from the table.

If your dog is reliably house-broken, there will be no problem at your hotel. Rover scratches at the door to let us know he wants to go out. He has never had an accident in a hotel room. If your dog is trained to use wee-wee pads, bring a supply with plenty of extras.

Be aware of your dog's particular bathroom needs in preparation for long flights. We walk Rover at the airport until we have to clear security. After that, your dog will have to hold it in for the length of the flight. Rover has comfortably stayed in his Sherpa for eleven hours. If your dog is trained to use wee-wee pads, you MIGHT be allowed to bring him or her to the bathroom.

We have discovered that when we travel with Rover, we meet many people we might not otherwise have stopped to talk with, and this has led to wonderful experiences we might not otherwise have had.

Bring your camera!
And Bon Voyage!



Havanese Roundtable

Q: We are not complaining as we love our new puppy, but we have a question regarding a comment the breeder made. Our breeder told us that our new puppy was "show quality" and we do not understand why we are allowed to have this beautiful puppy if she was supposed to go to a show home. He explained that the pup is the same price but on a different contract. Why didn't the puppy go to a show home and we get a "pet" quality puppy instead? Carol

A. What makes a pup a "show quality" pup is based on potential shown for growing into a show dog. A good breeder is always making breeding decisions hoping to improve their line in the next generation, and often in a litter more than one pup will show promise as a show potential.

Many breeders, especially smaller volume breeders, consider every dog they produce a pet first; this is a very good thing. Breeders who love each and every baby their dogs produce don't consider them "just" pets, as a home where the Havanese is the family's cherished family member is what we all want for our babies.

If that family is also a show home, it can be the best of both worlds for the pup, and it is not uncommon for a pup sold on a pet contract to grow into a wonderful example of the breed standard.

Occasionally the owner and the breeder decide to reconsider the original contract and take the dog into the show ring if the family decides they would enjoy the work that goes into keeping a show coat and the travel and expense required for showing.

The ribbons and photos are wonderful keepsakes for a family. The breeder is proud to have their dog's offspring achieve it's championship whether or not the family and breeder decide to breed the dog. It is the cherry on the icing on the cake that having a Havanese in one's life is.

Mary Cane

A: How often I hear a potential puppy buyer say. "I do not want a show quality dog, only a pet.", and each time I know I have to explain what a reputable breeder goals are vs. a puppy miller's goals.

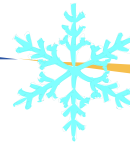
I start off by explaining that my goal is to not populate the world with Havanese puppies, but to plan a breeding program that strives for making each litter better in many ways than the prior breedings. Although many people do their research, the concept of "bettering the breed," seems abstract. There are facts about breeding that never enter the pet buyers mind, particularly keeping breed type in movement, conformation, coat quality, expression, ear and tail set, length of muzzle, top line, just to mention a few.

The things mentioned above are the breeders concern where the pet buyer seems to focus on color and temperament. When a breeder does his or her job correctly there are pups in the litter that need to stay in the breeding program and equally as nice pups that will not find show/breeding homes, and that is when the pet buyer takes home a wonderful example of breed type in their little bundle of joy.

We hope the educated pet buyer understands how important it is to build a relationship with a reputable breeder and be pleased that all health tests are performed on the parents and that their puppy "could have been a show dog." I know most of my pet buyers just love to "SHOW OFF" their puppy and that makes them a show dog also.

Claudia DeVita

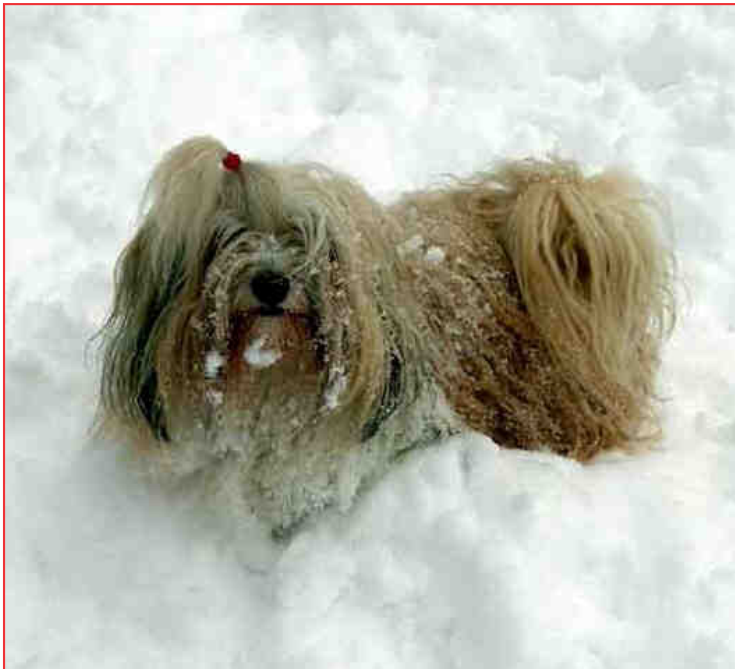
Snow Dogs!



Fritz Sartor enjoys running through a fluffy blanket of snow. Photo taken and submitted by Brian Sartor.



Snow Havs at the fence. Photo submitted by Bud & Louise Donner.



Wow, this snow is deep! Photo submitted by Bud & Louise Donner.



Puppies discovering winter. Photo taken and submitted by Mary Cane.