

This is the story of Harbor Humane Society - where helpless pets get a second chance at life and love.

## **YOU** and your compassionate support, write these happy endings.

"Hearts" are on everyone's mind this time of year. Unfortunately, here at Harbor Humane Society, that word is usually attached to another word that spells death for sweet, wonderful dogs: Heartworms.

Last year, about 40 dogs came to our shelter infected with heartworms. This disease is common and insidious. Worms can grow to up to 12 inches long and wrap themselves around a dog's heart, lungs and liver. Untreated, it is a very slow and painful death.

**But there's good news – this disease can be cured!** But the treatment is lengthy, often lasting for several months. And it's expensive - \$150 - \$500 per dog, depending on their size.

## Your gift today can literally save their lives!

Three year old black Lab siblings, Sam and Michael (pictured right), were surrendered by their owner last February. The dogs were heartworm positive. From the start, their future looked bleak.

- First, they were tightly bonded and needed to be adopted together.
- · Second, black dogs are more difficult to adopt.
- Due to heartworm disease, they faced months of treatment and recovery

## But thanks to your support, we didn't give up on these precious animals!

The boys began costly heartworm treatment. It took months, but they regained strength and vigor. Their tails started wagging again and they romped together in our outside play area. Finally, in November, 9 months later, they were ready for a new home, and caught the eye of a loving couple who visited our shelter one grey day. They offered to foster Sam and Michael so the dog's recovery could be completed in a home environment. Fostering didn't last long. The dogs quickly became cherished members of the household and the day after Christmas, they were officially adopted.

It was a long and costly journey. But your financial gifts gave these dogs not only a new, forever home, but their very lives. Thank you! (please flip to other side)

Harbor Humane Society saved 40 dogs infected with heartworms last year at a cost of nearly \$20,000. Their new families think it was a good investment. Every one of those dogs, except one, has now been adopted.

**Barron**, a black Lab is currently waiting for his new family to come and find him!

But others are waiting. Funds are needed to provide treatment.





**Benji** – An 8 year old terrier sports a new "Mohawk" haircut and gets very excited when people come to visit him. Then he sits by the door and watches as they walk out without him. He needs heartworm treatment.







**Moore** – a Jack Russell/Dachshund mix is curently in a foster home waiting for his heartworm treatment.

\*Three others are currently in treatment, all hoping for a full recovery and a new family to love them.

Please help! Your gift today will bring healing to dogs suffering from this terrible disease, and help us prevent it with monthly treatment. Every year, Harbor Humane Society invests \$30,000 to fight and prevent heartworm disease.

We can't do it without you!

Please send your gift today.

Gratefully,

Sue Ann Culp Development Director Give these pets a second chance at life and love!

**Harbor Humane Society** 

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