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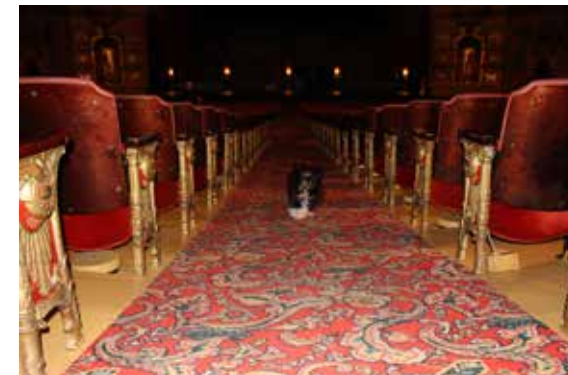


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Becky and Dana Warg grew up with dogs as children and their love of dogs has extended throughout their long standing marriage. For 16 years they had a West Highland White Terrier, or Westie, named Millie, which sadly passed away the day before Christmas in 2015. After the heart-break and grieving of their loss, the Wargs decided that they were ready to bring home a new puppy, a friendly and social pup that could help them heal and fill the void of an empty nest.

As they started their search, their veterinarian, Dr. Jules, recommended a Havanese, which is a breed of Bichon type, as these dogs are intuitive, smart, affectionate and have a genuinely sweet disposition. Becky and Dana's youngest daughter, Heather, then started the search for reputable breeders in the area. She put them in touch with a breeder located a bit north of the Detroit Metro area, that provides joy to families through Havanese puppies. There, Becky was told by the owner that while she would never be able to replace her beloved dog, Millie, there would be room in their heart and life for new adventures and memories to be made with a Havanese puppy.

Becky knew that if they ever did bring another puppy into their home, it would be loved and it would be a puppy princess! And yes, that is Gra-

cie, the adorable Havanese puppy that came into their lives in August of 2016.

The Havanese breed is native to Cuba and, as it turns out, Gracie's heritage can be traced back to the first 11 dogs that were brought into the United States from Cuba!

"We chose her out of a litter of 6 puppies," says Dana, "it was easy to fall in love with her as she snuggled up to us and fell asleep in our arms when we were visiting the breeder. We like to think she 'picked us' out and it was love at first sight."

"Gracie is extremely loving, devoted, frisky, and playful and always by your side," adds Becky, who takes her for a walk on the beautiful nature trails in Birmingham, near their home. Her favorite toys are a plush kitty cat, a hedgehog ball and a mother dog, she loves to play with, but forgets them for a second as she hears the mailman approaching and runs for the door to greet him!

Gracie has many friends, but one is a special guy named Hank, which is Meghan's dog, Gracie's caregiver. "When Gracie needs extended care and overnight attention, she stays at my home, where she has fallen in love with Hank!" says Meghan.



"Just saying Gracie's name sends his tail into overdrive".

Meghan tells us that when she first met the Wargs, she knew they were incredibly involved in Gracie's care. When she has new clients, she can instantly tell in what regard the owners hold their pets. "In Gracie's case...she is the Queen!" she assured us!

And Gracie really made a point of this during our photoshoot, posing for us with royal charm! Since she

never misses out on any of the important happenings here in Detroit, she made her way to "Bark at the Park" at Comerica Park to enjoy Doggie Day at the Tigers Game. Prior to the game, the adorable Havanese puppy, stopped at the Fox Theater to pose for our camera as she captivated us with her delightful personality.

If you would like to see more of Gracie, you can follow her adventures on her Instagram account @gracietheheavenlyhavanese