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**Nadine and Maryann's Golden  
Roses Billy-Boy Bandit**

**I**t was in June 1989 that I saw 3 puppies in a Grooming Shop. I thought that this must be mixed breed puppies that I could buy for maybe \$6.00.

The girl in the shop told me they cost (in 1989) \$320 because they were pure bred Havanese, with pedigree. She told me that it was her mother, Lisette Gordier-Dekens, who bred them. I had never heard about Havanese before. At that time I had 2 spaniels and a mixed breed dog, which I have saved one day from the side of the road. I was not feeling good about the price, but I must have that white/black puppy! I could not tell the price to my husband. He would have thought that I had become crazy, so I paid for my "Nougat van Het Vogelpark", with money from my savings.

In the years that followed everywhere I went with Nougat the people asked me "what breed is this?" When I answered "a Havanese" they looked at me and I saw in their eyes they thought that I found a nice name for a mixed breed. Nobody had heard

## A Havanese Love Story from Belgium



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of the breed! My Nougat was a son of Jubilo and Annetchen, Pillowtalks Jubilo and Annetchen von Waldeck und Pirmont who were the first Havanese who came to Belgium in the year 1985. It was the Belgian breeder, Lisette Gordier-Dekens, who bought them in Germany. Jubilo came out of a litter of 9 puppies. Jubilo and Annetchen achieved many championship titles.

In the years that followed, Nougat was my only family dog. Two months before Nougat became 10 years old, Lisette asked me if she could use Nougat because she wanted to save the very nice bloodline. Nougat sired a litter and I added "Yohji van Het Vogelpark" to my family. He was born April 22, 1999, just 10 years and 1 day after his father, Nougat. Yohji was a very nice Havie and my vet, who was a very good friend and a breeder of Bolognese, asked me to go with him to dog shows with Yohji. So I began to show. Yohji was very successful but I did not want to breed, because I thought I could not separate myself from the puppies! In 2001 I purchased three other Havies, one in Italy; Anaïs del Leone Fiammingo and two in The Netherlands (Holland); Chanel Los Guapas and Angel Los Guapas. I continued to



**Nougat van het Vogelpark  
born April 21, 1989, deceased Octo-  
ber 14, 2006 at 17 1/2 years old**



**chiabelli mis amores pequenios**

show and I had a lot of fun with other breeders until 2002 when I got sick.

I had breast cancer. I was operated on twice, got chemo and radiology treatments. I was very sick, nearly dead. At that time my good friend and Vet also got cancer. We fought through it together like lions. In 2003 my Vet suggested to me to breed my first litter. It will help me in my fight against the cancer, he said, so I did it. I registered my breeding name; "mis Amores Pequeños" and I had my first litter May 19th, 2003. From that litter I kept my Chiabelli mis Amores Pequeños. She is now 10 years old and still very healthy. Sadly, my dear friend and Vet died in April 2004, losing his fight against cancer. I was heartbroken.

In the following years I went regularly to dog shows and all my Havies got very good results. My greatest wish was to have a chocolate Havanese but in Belgium this color was not allowed by the FCI. My very good friend, Breeder Françoise Lacroix from "Les Echos du Hoyoux" works quite hard to get the FCI standard changed to allow the chocolate color in Belgium and finally in 2006 the FCI allowed this color. The first thing I did was to travel to Sweden to buy my first chocolate/white Havanese. His is my Valter. He came from Sörreds Paraíso. He is a very nice lovely boy. I call him my "Ladykiller". From that day my entire life changed. I lived complete for my Havies. In the following years I bought a chocolate female in Hungary "Massivus Angel's Virág Chocolate" (2007) and a male in Canada "Mystykalsky's Chocolate Julio" (2007) and also the female "Mystykalsky's Miss Pepita" (2008) and so my dream came



**havane and jazz  
mis Amores Pequeños**



**Esha-Luna mis Amores Pequeños**



**Hernandez (Ramon)  
mis Amores Pequeños**



**Elmo mis Amores Pequeños**



**Havie on Holiday**



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**Kuena mis Amores Pequeños**



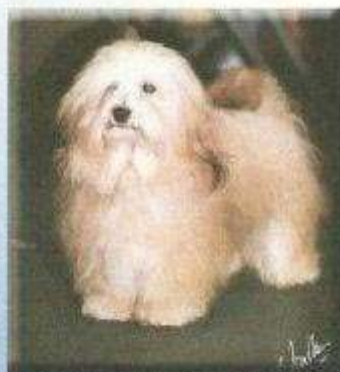
**Enrico mis Amores Pequeños**

true. I started with the chocolate color. In the years that followed I have bred very nice litters. I had all colors, grey, black, black/tan, sable, chocolate etc. but I had still one other wish; I wanted the color red. In 2005 I went to Germany to breed with Cara-Mia mis Amores Pequeños to Sky-walker Blue Temptation. Out of this litter I got my Escudo mis Amores Pequeños. He is a red color. In 2009 I bought "Christa's Jumpy Clown Perfect Princess" (red/white) and also "Ilkley Moor Honeysuckle Rose" (2009) (also a red color) and in 2011 "Maryann's Golden Roses Billy-Boy Bandit" (red/white) and his sister "Maryann's Golden Roses Buenvenida D'ame" called Bibi, also the color red. Now I also am having very nice red and red/white litters.

At the moment I am not longer interested in going to dog shows because I don't like the jealousy and the way some people treat their dogs. I feel so happy at home with all my Havies around me, to see them playing throughout the garden. This is now my way of life. I breed first of all for their health; second for me, very important, is socialization; and lastly on beauty because I find all the Havies are beautiful! It is also very important for me that other people have the opportunity to learn more about the Havanese breed; that they are so special. This is also the reason why I have so many visitors! I find also that many Breeders go too far to breed based on beauty at the cost of other more important considerations. In my opinion, it is not good for the breed. When I sell puppies I stay always in contact with the new owners and they can come always to

me with all their questions. My home is really a place at which all the new Havie owners can come to visit me and this is for me very, very important. It is my "Havie family" and this make me happy. On a regular basis I also have Havies who came out of my breeding who come to me on holiday when their families go also on holiday.

I have still a little story I want to share. It happened a few weeks ago. I was waiting for a litter from my Rose and Billy-Boy. I was with Rose when the birth started and suddenly the first puppy arrived but she was born dead. I wanted not to believe it, no, no, that was not possible. I worked on that puppy for an hour and a half, ... and she lives! It was so stressful! I manually fed her the next two days because she could not find the "milk bar", but after two days she started drinking milk the normal way from her "mommy Rose". Maybe you will find it crazy what I will tell now, but she is born April 6, 2013, the 2nd anniversary of the death of my father! Naturally I will not sell her. She will stay with me. I have named her "Merenge-Andrea Beso del Cielo mis Amores Pequeños". My father's name



**Escudo mis Amores Pequeños**



**Filou( Jiska)mis Amores Pequeños**



**kuena, kuerida, kubana and kalima mis Amores Pequeños**



**Konchita mis Amores Pequenios**



**Indra mis Amores Pequenios**



**giovanni mis Amores Pequenios**



**Ilkley Moor Honeysuckle Rose**



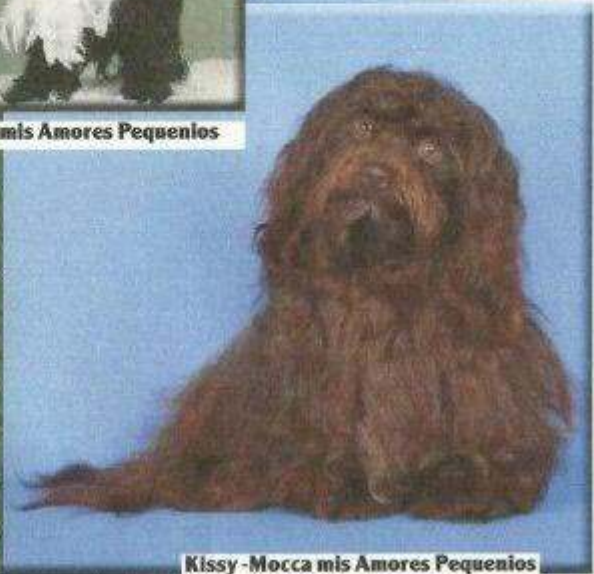
**Jazzy mis Amores Pequenios**



**Lilo-Lou mis Amores Pequenios**



**Isaura mis Amores Pequenios**



**Kissy-Mocca mis Amores Pequenios**



**litter from Isaura mis Amores Pequenios and Maryann's Golden Roses Billy-Boy Bandit**



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**Massivus Angel's Chocolate Virag at 4 months**



**LMiss Pepita - kople**



**Nadine and puppy**



**Luisa-Luna mis Amores Pequenios**



**Yohji van het Vogelpark at 14 years**



**Merlin mis Amores Pequenios**



**Milow-Millo Tesoro Mio mis Amores Pequenios**



**Maryann's Golden Roses Billy-Boy Bandit**



**Chiquala, Cara-Mia and Chibelli mis Amores Pequenios at 10 years**

is Andreas and for me "Meronge" is a gift from heaven. She will always have a special place in my heart.

At the moment I have many older Havies in my house: 14 years, 12 years, 10 years .... I never separated from my old Havies. They can all have a "happy old life" in my home. My first Havie Nougat lived to 17 ½ years and he was never ill in his life. When there was a female coming in heat, he was always the first to see it, even when he was very old. Now Yohji is the oldest one, 14 years and still healthy. It is much work throughout the day to take good care of all of them, but I hope I can still do it for many years to come. For me they are my entire life; they give me so much love in return.

**Editors Note:** Nadine sent in this article in English when English is not her first language. I did my best to clean it up while leaving the tone the way Nadine wrote it. Any errors are mine. I really appreciate Nadine spending the time and effort to write and share with us as well as including so many wonderful Havanese photos. I wish I'd had the pleasure to meet Nougat who lived to 17 ½ years, an inspiration to us all.