

# Titus the wheelchair-bound Lhasa rescue

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Titus is a Lhasa Apso dog with some real challenges in life. His family was moving to another state and just could not take him with them. To make matters worse he is wheelchair bound due to being paralyzed in the hindquarters for the past four years. This makes it very hard for him to go to a shelter knowing people will over look him and not adopt him. This is where Helen Brown with Black Valley Farm Lhasa's and the [American Lhasa Apso Club Rescue \(ALAC\)](#) stepped in and figured out a plan. Helen has been involved in rescues since 1997 and in 2004 took over the National Chairman role of ALAC.

She works the entire North East region. Being retired from the Navy she had some extra time on her hands and with the love she had for Lhasa's she figured this would be the best fit for her life. She even has a license plate that says LHASA2D for Lhasatude, the special attitude that Lhasa Apso's have.

Helen got the call about Titus and started working to find him a loving "forever home". After contacting several rescues she found one in Norristown, PA. Then the hard part came, finding transportation. Titus' family lived in Georgia but the new family lived in Pennsylvania. The transport coordinator plots out the best route for the dog and also determines the best locations for drop-offs. These are often called "legs" of the trip. Then they spread the word to all the rescues in those areas and found volunteers for each of the legs to the trip. They managed to get enough volunteers to do their part to help get Titus to his new forever home. The stops were at restaurants, motels, business or any where else that was convenient to the volunteers. At each drop-off Titus was able to get some out-of-the-car time as well. He got plenty of water and potty breaks. He arrived to his new family late on July 15th.



Titus now lives with two other rescued Lhasa's. One of them is also a special needs Lhasa. Harry was another rescue Lhasa that came thru the ALAC rescue. He had a lot of medical issues and his former family just could not afford his medical bills. They surrendered him and after an extensive surgery, long stay at the veterinarian's office, a two month recovery with Helen as a foster mom he was ready to go. He went to the Pfender home. In May he had a herniated disk and had to have extensive surgery to fix. They fixed the problem and he is walking but with a little unusual gate. Since Titus had similar problems, the Pfenders thought he would fit right in the family. Titus will do just fine at his new home. Harry is one of the ten finalists of the [ProPlan Rally-to-Rescue Doing More for Pets](#) promotion. Check out the site and vote for Harry.

**\*\* Harry is renamed Buddy ... that is how he is listed on the "Rally To Rescue site"**



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Titus will be with Harry and Harry's sister Suzy at the ProPlan Nationals in November. They will help man the Rally-to-Rescue Booth. ProPlan has bestowed a great honor to the rescue group by making the rescue a Rally-to-Rescue Ambassador.

Helen currently fosters two Lhasa's herself and already has nine of her own plus a furever foster. Since being retired she has the time and patience to take care of each Lhasa and their individual needs. She helps to move rescues in and out of the system utilizing rescue contacts in the USA and Canada, but also has sister rescues in Australia and Europe. One of her rescues is Brandy that came to her with severe skin issues. She is moving to her furever home this week. She also has China Doll an eight week old puppy that is being introduced to a possible new family. She will stay with Helen for another six weeks to get fully vetted and spayed. Helen is also getting a rescue back due to the living conditions. Bruno was adopted out but is getting attacked by a neighbor dog. After having critical medical issues from one attack and the owners are not getting help from any authorities or the bad neighbors, they decided to give Bruno back to Helen to adopt back out. Helen talks to everyone that owns a Lhasa even if she does not know them. She always has her business cards with her and hands them out to every Lhasa owner she sees.

If you are in search of a Lhasa just go to the [ALAC rescue](#) site or type in Lhasa rescue in any search to provide you with enough resources to find one. Even if you are looking for another breed there are rescues out there for just about every breed and everything in-between.

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