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# The BARQUER

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## Snow Angels

# From Our President!

Dear Friends,

The Holiday Issue of The Barquer is my favorite one – written near Thanksgiving, anticipating Christmas and Chanukah and the gifts – mostly intangible – and then those New Year’s resolutions – that for a few days at least set goals for the New Year.

I give THANKS for not only the opportunity to work now with dogs but, more specifically, to work with this amazing breed. Although the occasional exception comes to our attention, far and away this breed is “friendly, reliable and predictable” as the breed standard calls for, and “quarrelsomeness toward others is a fault”. Sometimes, as I look around my office or kitchen floor, I can’t imagine working with or having anything but Golden Retrievers.

What a GIFT it is to share our lives with this breed! Their temperament, their love for life, their stoicism in the face of adversity, their forgiveness. We learn so much from them. What is today is what is important. To be reminded of that 365 days a year is a valuable gift to ourselves.

I always make those RESOLUTIONS and then know that I’ll break them by January 3rd. Since I fail so miserably in keeping resolutions concerning myself, I think I’ll try this year some resolutions for my Golden Retrievers.

- I resolve to see that my dog loses weight. It is silly that I define love for him by offering him another treat. I shorten her life by that selfish way of thinking.

- I resolve to take a longer walk three times a week with my dog. I will walk as fast as my dog and I am able or as slow as my dog wants. After all, it’s her walk first and foremost. And I will attend to my dog on this walk. I will try to see the world as she sees the world.

- I will create at least one socialization time a week for my dog to be with other dogs, and this may include a basic obedience class to get the time with other dogs AND to build the bond with me.

- I will set aside a few minutes each day to brush and comb my dog for I have no desire to tell my dog I have no time for that.

- I resolve to learn as much as I can about Lyme Disease and follow my veterinarian’s recommendations, knowing that prevention is far better than treatment.

- I resolve to learn more about dog food and will buy the best food I can afford for my dog.

Again to the human side of rescue – we recently held our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers. Thanks to all who gave us their Sunday afternoon and met with us in favor of a football game or raking leaves. We have had in the past year, and will have for the coming year, Officers and Board of Directors who are committed to make this organization work. Our organization is sound financially, will endure and will continue to help Golden Retrievers because we tend to, first, the dogs, and, second, the organization. We would like to thank Kim Dowd and Phil Jefferis who are leaving the Board but we hope will continue to serve GRRCNY in other ways.

Happy Holidays to each person in our “Golden Retriever Rescue family”. May thankfulness, gifts and resolutions come easily for you.

To the Golden Retrievers, BONE APPETITE.

Carol

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### GRRCONY ANNUAL MEETING HELD

GRRCONY held its Annual Meeting and Election of Officers and Board members on Sunday, Nov, 8th. Reports from the several facets of our program were presented and comments, concerns and questions voiced. It's no surprise that a topic of discussion was getting more folks involved with rescue with their time and talents . We have always been vigilant about costs and are keeping expenses down, but the time and talent resource is equally important Many thanks to the people who turned out for this important event.

Our Officers and Board of Directors for 2010 are:

President – Carol Allen  
 Vice President: Janet Gray  
 Secretary: Kristen Monroe  
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 Directors: Sallie Lennox, Rosemary Lang, Marge Hoyt

The Board of Directors appoints coordinators and that will be done upon the Board being seated on January 1. A THANK YOU is extended to all who serve Goldens by working with GRRCONY.....and a special thank you to **Kim Dowd** and **Phil Jefferis** for their wonderful support and contributions as 2009 board members. Kim is also our Follow Up Coordinator and Phil our Community Relations Coodinator.

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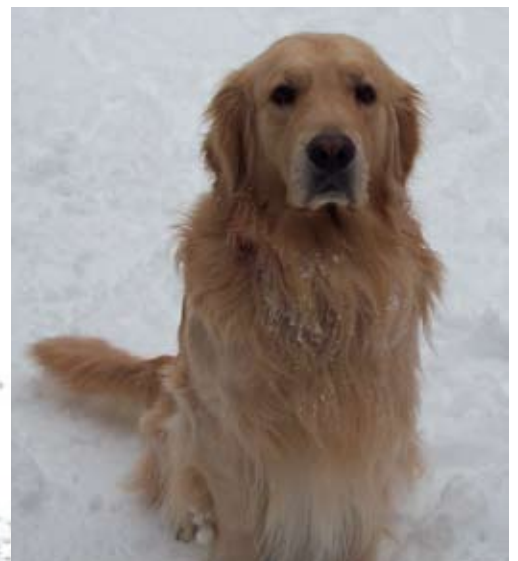


Come join Santa (John Moran) and his elf (Sallie Lennox)  
Saturday, December 5 at the Dewitt Petco  
for Pictures with Santa!

A portion of each picture sale goes to GRRCNY  
in addition we are their Tree of Hope partner

Any man with money to make the purchase can become  
dog's owner. But no man — spend he ever so much coin  
and food and tact in the effort — may become a dog's  
Master without the consent of the dog. Do you get the  
difference? And he whom a dog once unreservedly ac-  
cepts as Master is forever that dog's God.

Albert Payson Terhune



# CANINE INFLUENZA – DOG’S VERSION OF SWINE FLU

By Carol Allen

Canine Influenza has been identified in 30 states with “hot spots” around New York City, Philadelphia, Denver and South Florida. It can be deadly. Puppies, senior dogs and dogs with under-lying medical conditions are the most susceptible and the most at risk of serious complications, including death, But it can strike dogs of any age. Research is no more conclusive about why some dogs are hit harder by the disease than it is about why H1N1 affects some humans so much harder than others.

Because dogs can’t tell us when they first start to feel ill, we have to wait until symptoms appear and then all that can be done is supportive care to lessen symptoms. Symptoms are lack of appetite, fever, coughing, sneezing, watery eyes and, if dogs could tell us, an “achy” feeling you and I might describe with human types of influenza.

For the first time a vaccine for C.I. has been developed and was announced in July 2009. In consultation with your veterinarian, you may decide to protect dogs in the following groups by providing the vaccine: dogs that are boarded or go to day care, attend training and/or participate in competitive events, or go to groomers. It is estimated that as many as 20% will become infected and yet not show symptoms but unknowingly infect other dogs. Because of that, again in consultation with your veterinarian, this prevention may be a wise choice.

This is a highly contagious disease and the “social habits” of dogs make infection of others very likely. It is so contagious that Dr. Cynda Crawford, now of the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine, formerly of Cornell University where she and colleagues there in 2004 first discovered the disease, has said that anyone in the “dog business” (veterinarians, technicians, groomers, trainers) who may be handling sick dogs should probably vaccinate their own dogs. It’s so contagious that it can be carried home on clothing, belongings, etc.

While this disease is a virus adapted from the equine influenza virus, it is NOT transferable to humans, cats, birds, rabbits, etc. And it has no connection to H1N1 (“Swine” Flu).

This disease, as does any highly contagious disease, presents a difficult problem for rescue programs. As part of our mission we spend time in shelters and accept Golden Retrievers from shelters. And our first responsibility is to the dogs we all have at home. This will be a delicate “juggling act” as we go through the next several months, and our awareness needs to be heightened about the transmission of this and other diseases.

**If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you. This is the principal difference between a man and a dog.**

**Mark Twain**



**Dogs need to sniff the ground; it’s how they keep abreast of current events. The ground is a giant dog newspaper, containing all kinds of late-breaking dog news items, which, if they are especially urgent, are often continued in the next yard.**

**Dave Barry**

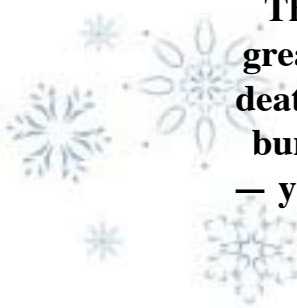
## **Hankering for Rescue and Golden Stuff? While at the same time support your favorite Golden Retriever Rescue (hint: that's GRRRCNY?)**

**We participate with two companies that donate monies to GRRRCNY for every item you purchase from them.**



**Visit Source Menagerie from a link off our website on the Good As Gold page.. Your purchases through this link will give GRRRCNY a percentage of each sale!!! They have over 570 items with Golden Retrievers! It is shopping heaven for Golden lovers! Check it out!**

**Visit Entirely Pets, also a link off the Good As Gold page on our website. 10% of all sales goes to our rescue.**



The dog of your boyhood teaches you a great deal about friendship, and love, and death: Old Skip was my brother. They had buried him under our elm tree, they said — yet this wasn't totally true. For he really lay buried in my heart.

**Willie Morris, My Dog Skip**

**NEW FOSTER HOMES**

**Dave and Diane Coons**



***More Foster Homes Are Needed!***

Our need for foster homes able to care for males of all ages is a particular and desperate need, but new homes to care for both genders of all ages are necessary. For information on becoming a foster home, please contact Marge Hoyt 315/469-1657

# My Snow Angels Remembered

by Janet Gray

This past week, I dusted off our camcorder to film a project for church. I bought it two years ago for my husband Tom to capture those “moments” of our lives. Needless to say, like the film still stuffed away in our drawers, moments captured, but never fully developed, the camcorder lay idle after the initial newness wore off. As I reversed the digital “film” in the camcorder to the beginning, to my amazement, there were the precious images and sounds of our four dogs that had passed in the last year and a half, playing ball in the backyard. Memories now made fresh by sight and sound. Duffy, Toby, Morgan and Holly, our golden family once again reunited if only in two dimension.

When I talk to folks about rescue, one question always comes up, how can you let them go? When you foster, I explain, you can foster a dog for 7 months and will happily send him to his new home or sometimes you have a dog for one week that is so perfect, so wonderful, but you have too many dogs right then, you reluctantly let him go to his forever home.

Tom and I are partial to senior dogs. Holly came to us at 13 years. A wonderful dark grand dam who loved snow. She was deaf, but she got around. She told us when she wanted something with a loud bark or the swag of her head. She literally did make snow angels. She passed peacefully in our arms at age 15.

I said Tom and I were partial to senior dogs, but one young rascal touched our hearts on so many levels. Toby came to us to foster just days after we lost our precious Duncan to cancer in 1999. At 10 months, Toby was almost full grown and quite fluffy. He had spent most of his days outside in the harsh winter near Fulton, New York. His coat was long and abundant. The groomer remarked that she brushed enough hair from Toby for 10 others dogs! It didn't take long for us to decide that Toby belonged to us and we to him.

Toby was happy-go-lucky, with the hair on his ears sometimes sticking up, it reminded me of Red Skelton's character Klem Kadiddlehopper. He lived for the day and the day lived for him. His gentleness was evident at the Vet School Open Houses, where children lay on his soft body and hugged his neck, with his eyes closed and a slight up turn of his lips, he and they were in heaven. His picture has graced the Barquer many times as a Santa and Uncle Sam asking for foster homes. He was featured on a television show, walked in parades, carried an engagement ring to a surprised bride-to-be, ministered to boys at risk through Cornell Companions and helped ring the Salvation Army bells.

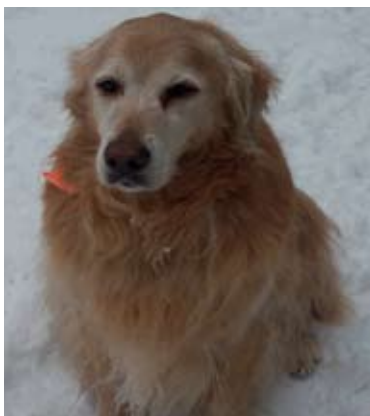
Last summer, after what appeared as a upper respiratory infection, Toby was diagnosed with nasal cancer. We decided it would be too much for Toby to go through radiation and surgery that would only prolong his life by months or a year if we were lucky. It would be tough on an old boy. Through nutrition and home care, Toby was able to live many months past his life expectancy with a reasonable quality of life. Even in the end, he did not want to give up his fight to be with his family. I like to remember the Toby of the pictures and the videos, a kind and gentle spirit that I will always cherish.

“If you have a dog, you will most likely outlive it; to get a dog is to open yourself to profound joy and, prospectively, to equally profound sadness.”

Toby

Marjorie Garber

Holly



# Letters From Our Friends



Jerry and Noreen Carr adopted **Cosmo** in 2008. “We have bought a house on a lake and Cosmo loves to swim. There are a lot of dogs in the neighborhood and they come to play with Cosmo. He enjoys all his new friends. He has to be the sweetest

dog we have ever had. The pleasure and joy he gives us is more than we could have asked for. He is the gentlest soul and I could not imagine life without him. I can never thank you enough for putting him in our lives. I hope you have continued success in your work placing these beautiful creatures with families who surely receive more than just a dog. A million thank yous.”

**Darwin** was adopted by Sue Edwards and Lisa Miller in 2007: “He is a continuing joy to us. He helps us keep a routine. He insists on his 2-5 mile walks every day, which keeps us all healthier than we were before. His hips seem to have really come along just fine – such a crazy thing to think that he was in such pain before and now you’d just never know he ever was. This past week he got a compliment I never thought I’d hear. A neighbor with a dog told us how good Darwin was on leash. Her dog is 12 and has never ‘gotten it’, even on a choke chain. And there Darwin was - walking with a ‘normal’ collar and a slack leash. It was a joy! Thank you GRRRCNY for your dedication to this beautiful breed of dog. Your senior issue made me more aware. Three years have blown by so quickly and we are grateful for every day we have with Darwin”.

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**IF YOU MOVE..... please let us know if your postal address changes. The Post Office makes money with each returned piece of mail (and we have better uses for your donations).**

**Write to GRRRCNY, PO Box 735, Jamesville, NY 13078 or Janet Gray, jsg4@cornell.edu.**

**We are also interested in having your current email address. Janet would be happy to receive that, too.**

## How You Can Help!!!

We are grateful to all of our contributors, through whose generous donations, we are able to provide medical care to all of our foster dogs. But this year, possibly because our economy is sluggish, donations are down, and we fear a day when we might have to forego a necessary operation because it might mean another foster dog wouldn't get care he or she needs. Won't you help? All contributions are tax deductible and will be gratefully acknowledged. As a supporter of GRRRCNY, you'll also receive quarterly issues of *The Barquer!* All contributions help fund our Rescue efforts and also help with medical costs for our foster Golden Retrievers!

### Donation to Golden Retriever Rescue of Central New York, Inc.

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Dawn Paulsen and Daniel Fuller adopted **Lucy** in 2007, a Golden with skin allergies and yeast infections. These conditions seem to have subsided with the good care, good diet and some medication. Dawn and Dan report: “You may recall we have a few horses and she quickly learned the safety requirements of staying on the correct side of the fences. She had no idea of what a pond was – now she races to the water and loves to fetch toys from it. I have to admit that having Lucy has convinced me that Golden retrievers have got to be the best breed of dog there can be. It’s an understatement to say she’s a great addition to the family”.

Nearly 11 years ago, David and Diane Coons adopted **Beau**. In September he crossed the Rainbow Bridge. “We want to thank you from the depths of our hearts for Beau. We helped him cross the Rainbow Bridge to play once again. He had a golden heart and strong spirit that we feel has not gone far. He was a valiant companion with a wonderful and amazing personality. We will miss the nudging of his nose and the paw that would trap your hand where he wanted it. He was a clown in disguise. The priceless memories go on and on”.



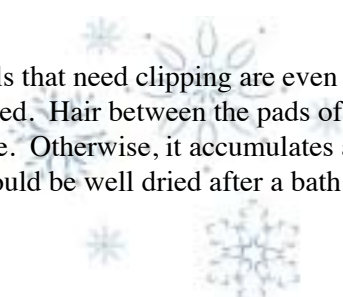
## Winter Care Tips

A major issue for many Golden retrievers (and their 2-legged friends, too) is a reduction in exercise in the winter. Weight gain is very common during the winter. You may need to decrease your dog’s food slightly for the next several months. And outdoor exercise, while fun (watching a Golden find a snowball can amuse me for long periods), it can also present problems. If you’re out with your Golden, chances are your reaction to the cold will bring both of you inside before it bothers him. The dog left alone and outdoors is the one who is most vulnerable – we humans lose track of time, the phone rings or we just get busy. Good rule of paw: be out with your dog and when that just can’t be managed and the temperature and/or wind chill are low, make his time out alone very short.

Outdoors, two substances present problems. Snow and ice removal salt, if ingested, is toxic and is damaging to your dog’s paws. Store these materials in tightly capped, dog-proof containers, and remove them from your dogs’ paws when they come in. While we recommend “Safe Paw Ice Melter” (available in many grocery and pet supply stores), you can’t control what is used on public sidewalks and walkways. Antifreeze, even in very small amounts, can be fatal. Unfortunately, dogs like its sweet taste. Store it carefully and clean up spills at once. And more than one dog has crawled under a car in the garage or driveway to lap up an antifreeze leak that the owner didn’t even know existed.

Your dog will look forward to a ride in the car with you even more in the winter than usual. Boredom and under-stimulation are so common this time of year. But be sure that time left alone in the car is quite short when the temperature is low. Our Golden retrievers are companion animals and spend most of their time in the home. While ideal, the opportunity to build up a protective coat does not exist. Let’s not assume they are warm enough when the temperature is at zero and we’re in the grocery store for an hour.

Good grooming can help your Golden to remain more comfortable in the winter. Nails that need clipping are even more uncomfortable on the hard winter surfaces of ice and packed snow. Keep them trimmed. Hair between the pads of the feet as well as hair growing from the top of the foot should be trimmed as short as possible. Otherwise, it accumulates and holds ice. All feathering should be somewhat shorter for the same reason. Your Golden should be well dried after a bath and before going outdoors. (CJA)



### Write To Us !

Do you have a story or letter to share with us about your adopted Golden? We love to hear from you and about how they are doing! Send your letters to GRRCNY, PO Box 735, Jamesville NY 13078.



# I'll Be Home for Christmas, if Only in My Dreams

Contact our Adoption Coordinator for more information. Sallie Lennox is at 315 469-7926. All dogs placed by GRRCCNY are spayed or neutered (unless medically contraindicated), shots are current, heartworm and fecal testing done.

Dear Santa,

I've been in this foster home so long, Santa, that this is my second letter to you. 16 months ago the rescue people came and got me and lifted all 140 pounds of me into a car. Today I LEAP into a car cuz I weigh 78 pounds. You can't say they've been over-feeding me here. Still love everything I did last year – looking at the sky and trees and birds and the river in the summer. Here's my wish, Santa 'ol pal.....let me stay here. Its been so long and they are all I remember now. But my bowl could have a tad more food in it – okay?

Love,

Keystone Light (formerly Keystone), age 10

Dear Santa,

Well, I can't hear a thing but I read signals pretty good, and I'm very lame and my stomach is "off" a lot, but I'm still LUCKY. Lucky to be here after being dropped off in a parking lot and then being in a shelter for months. I heard them say (I mean I read their lips) that I'm here to stay. Anyone LUCKY doesn't need more gifts. If you are lucky enough to be in a good foster home, you are lucky enough.

Love,

Lucky, age 12-14 ??



Dear Santa,

I'm only 2 but have had 2 families already and neither wanted me. Who could want me and then leave me in a crate 18 hours a day and expect me to learn anything? I'm a big boy and need things – things to do, things to sniff, things to chase. Santa, please send me a family who wants me for ME.

Love,

Brody, age 2

Dear Santa,

They say this life has been rough for me. First, I lost that rear leg when a car hit me 'bout 6 years ago. Then that tumor on my face started to grow. GRRCCNY came and got me and took me to that nice surgeon who tried to remove it. I heard them say its malignant and "it's a matter of time". All I want for Christmas, Santa, is more time in the Bonczek family. Heard it said that they are my hospice family – but to me they are just plain wonderful. I need no more gifts – except time.

Love,

Tiger, Age 6

Dear Santa,

Judging by your picture, Santa, we've got a lot in common. Not just us being sort of red. How I got into this rescue program is a short story really...not much to remember – not much happened. My 93 year old owner died recently and I hadn't seen much of him lately. Just got food and lots of it. Santa, don't tell anyone but I weigh 150 pounds. Do you weigh that much? David and Diane give me more medicine than dog food – something about being Lyme Positive. Is that good or bad? Santa, what I'd like for Christmas is walks. You see, my first Dad got me when he was 85 and I was a puppy and he never could take me for walks. But putting my food bowl down didn't require much energy. I've got things I want to see on those walks. So much to see. I wonder what I'll weigh next year when I write to you.

Love,

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Rusty, age 8

Dear Santa,

I've a home permanently with Marge and Dave and I have a little buddy to play with and get good food. Yes, like the others I'm on foster but its permanent. Give my gifts to the others – I've got what I want.

Love,

Mistico, age 12



***And a special letter from the Golden Retrievers rescued by GRRCNY since 1995:***

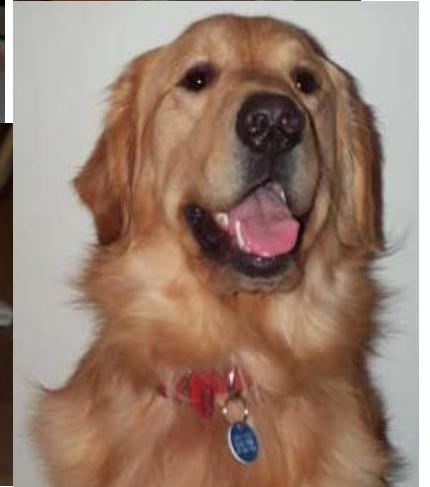
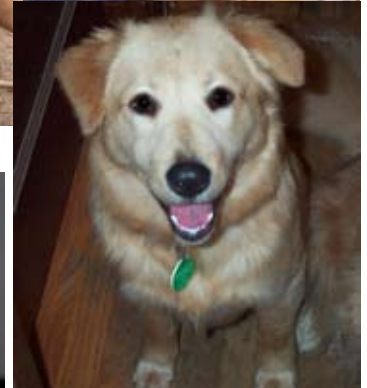
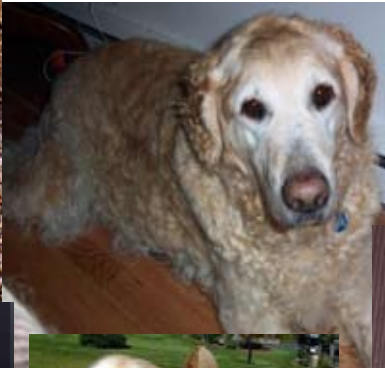
***Dear God,***

***We all got together, some here on earth and some 'cross the Rainbow Bridge, to thank you for the hundreds of humans who have given time, money, care and gentle hands in caring for us. There are now over 500 of us fortunate ones.***

***We know that, and some of us can remember that, there are thousands of our brothers and sisters in shelters or in far worse places, being neglected and abused and not loved. Please remember them this Holiday.***

***Thank you for the humans who carry out your work on earth. We know that as DOG we are a reflection of GOD in name and in spirit.***

***The 500 Golden Retrievers rescued by Golden Retriever Rescue of Central New York***





## HOLIDAY DANGERS.....

### and TIPS

By Carol Allen

We all know the usual warnings for humans at the holidays (“all things in moderation”, drinking and driving, etc) and this is no time of year to forget the special needs of our pets. Especially if this the first Holiday that your dog has been with you, do not assume you know what his/her behavior will be.

#### DANGER: Stress

WHY: Dogs thrive on routine and human attention. During Holidays, both decrease.

REMEDY: Keep routines regular (meals, going to bed, getting up, walks, yard time). Give Rover a place to escape from guests and the usual turmoil. Don't think you are being unkind in creating some distance between Rover and guests, merriment, etc. Watch for changes in behavior and bowl and bowel patterns

#### DANGER: Holiday Tree

WHY: Dogs eat things including tree decorations, knock things over, and chew electrical cords. Tinsel is particularly dangerous.

REMEDY: If your dog eats things you might label “inappropriate” - and remember that stress leads to new and different behaviors - create a dog-free zone around your tree. Use gating if necessary and this is cheaper than surgery. And more than one male dog has considered the tree his personal tree as though it were in the yard – this doesn't endear the dog to his people.

#### DANGER: People food.

WHY: Some guests think its OK to feed the dog. Some dogs think its OK to take human food from the table (well, maybe not Ok but he can get away with it). Vomiting, diarrhea and pancreatitis can result. It's no time for a trip to the veterinarian and a possible in-hospital stay. Toxic foods: chocolate, raisins, some nuts, garlic, onion and artificial sweetener.

REMEDY: Confine the dog in a quiet area. If your dog is mingling, even a small note on your table saying, “Do not feed Fido” can help your guests know that you mean it. (Consider not inviting guests next year that just don't get the idea.).

#### DANGER: Candles.

WHY: Candles cause fires and dogs knock over candles.

REMEDY: Place Menorahs and other holiday candles above reach. Extinguish as soon as possible and appropriate.

#### DANGER: Packages and gifts.

WHY: Paper, string, ribbon, staples, plastic tape all can cause intestinal blockage. Packages may contain toxic and dangerous items. And a ruined gift doesn't improve your holiday mood.

REMEDY: Unless your dog is 100% reliable, keep the dog, tree and gifts apart. Gate or otherwise confine if necessary.

#### DANGER: Toxic plants.

WHY: Many of the most popular Holiday plants, if eaten, can lead to gastrointestinal irritation, cardiac problems or even death. This includes Poinsettia, Hemlock, Ivy, Christmas cactus, Lilies, and Mistletoe.

REMEDY: Avoid or place high and out of reach. Remember that even dropped leaves, stems and berries can mean danger for your dog

#### DANGER: Open doors and gates.

WHY: Some dogs bolt out doors and gates if given the chance. Remember that stress leads to behaviors you may not usually see.

REMEDY: Place your dog in his crate or a quiet room during the coming and leaving of guests. Make sure your dog is wearing a collar and ID tag. Don't forget the delivery person at your door and the opportunity that provides for your dog to bolt out the door.

#### DANGER: People who don't like dogs as you do.

WHY: It's hard for a reader of this Newsletter to know why. But you've invited Joe and Rita to your home to show them a good time. You know that they are not as dog-loving as you are. While they may not put your dog in danger, they may not be as conscious as you of what danger Fido can get into. And the dog hair on new black slacks can be annoying to some.

REMEDY: Confine Fido while Joe and Rita are there. Do what you need to do to make their stay pleasant. Remember - they leave after awhile and Fido stays.



# Prayer of a Foster Provider

by: Grace Saalsaa, Mid-America Border Collie Rescue

Lord,

Thank You for bringing this foster dog into my life. Had I not made the decision to participate in rescue, I would never have had the chance to meet this wonderful being.

Yes, it takes time to rescue and foster... but who gave me Time in the first place? And why or what was the reason I was given Time? To fill my own needs? Or was there another reason ever so small and seemingly insignificant, like rescuing this one dog, that could make a difference in another's life? Perhaps to add joy, hope, help and

companionship to another who is in need?

With great sadness, I sat down on a footstool in my kitchen this morning and watched as this foster dog bounced back into the house and skidded across the floor to sit ever so perfectly in front of me. He was the picture of health, finally. He was all smiles for me.... and I smiled back at his happy face. Deep in his eyes, the storm clouds of illness and generalized poor health had blown away, and the clear light of his perfection radiated out from his beautiful soul. He holds no ill will toward man. He forgives us all.

I thought to myself as I impressed this one last long look of him into my heart, what a very fine creature You have created. Tears slowly pooled and spilled over my cheekbones as the deeper realization of how wonderful this dog is sank into my internal file cabinet of Needful Things to Remember. Lord, he's a dog - but he's a better human being than I am.

He has forgiven quickly. Would I do the same? He passionately enjoys the simple things in life. And I have often overlooked them. He accepts change and gets on with his life. I fuss and worry about change. He lives today and loves today. And I often dwell in the past or worry about the future. He loves no matter what. I am not that free.

## What is Rescue?

**I asked for strength that I might rear her perfectly;  
I was given weakness that I might feed her more treats.  
I asked for good health that I might rest easy;  
I was given a "special needs" dog that I might know nurturing.  
I asked for an obedient dog that I might feel proud;  
I was given stubbornness that I might feel humble.  
I asked for compliance that I might feel masterful;  
I was given a clown that I might laugh.  
I asked for a companion that I might not feel lonely;  
I was given a best friend that I would feel loved.  
I got nothing I asked for, but everything I needed.  
(Author unknown)**



# The Rainbow Bridge



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They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent; his eager body begins to quiver. Suddenly, he breaks from the group, flying over the green grass, faster and faster. You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again.

The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into those trusting eyes, so long gone from your life, but never absent from your heart. Then you cross the Rainbow Bridge together. - *Author Unknown*

## *Contributions Have Been Received In Memory Of*

Goldilocks Coleman	1985	Cassie Wink	2001	Sam Biviano	2003	Buddy Case	2005
Robbie Forbes	1990	Zac Beam	2001	Mickey Turczyn	2003	Sadie Britton	2005
Charlie Wood/Chagoll	1991	Gordie Jewell	2001	Brandy Greenwood	2003	Max Anderson	2005
Daisy Martin	1991	Moxie Martin	2001	Sammi Keast	2003	Gatsby Lebo	2005
Oliver Wood	1991	Tucker Stoker	2001	Cody Allen/Lennox	2004	Casey Tice	2005
Teddy Marquis	1992	Bear Scott	2001	Topper Pelose	2004	Blue Monroe	2005
Brandy I Eberley	1992	Binkley Dowd	2001	Luke Siegert	2004	Sophie Baer/Brooks	2005
Dasher Birch	1993	Sam Mehlenbacher	2001	Parker Moran	2004	Teddy Baritell	2005
Tassie Birch	1993	Sacha Grace	2001	Babe Gray	2004	Kricket Birch	2005
Phoebe Wood/Chagoll	1993	Baxter Henderson	2001	Lucky Dodd	2004	Lady Marquis	2005
Shamus Shelmidine	1993	Roscoe Wood/Chagoll	2001	Casey Gardner	2004	Darby O'Reilly	2005
Lady Gizzi	1993	Hank Snow Benlevi	2001	Max	2004	Tucker O'Reilly	2005
Caesar Shelmidine	1994	Molly De Vito	2001	Charlie Wirshing	2004	George Kannus	2005
Sandy Burton	1994	Tanner Gover	2001	Cedar Shavaliar	2004	Boggs Wallace	2005
Sunshine Birch	1995	Shawnee Mellinger	2002	Lucas Gray	2004	Maxell Hall	2005
Beau Mooney	1995	Casey Clark	2002	Candy Clark	2004	Colonel Farrington	2005
Rubens Henderson	1995	Baggins Smith-Hansen	2002	Chelsea Donovan	2004	Ben Allen/Lennox	2006
Sox Forbes	1996	Jesse Simon	2002	Truman Kukowski	2004	Libby Allen/Lennox	2006
Ariel Tice	1997	Sammy Reynolds	2002	Tanner Eckert Budis	2004	Ginger Eaton	2006
Gus Marquis	1997	Wooleybear Herlihy	2002	Bert Birch	2004	Casey Ryan	2006
Mellow Wood/Chagoll	1997	Bucky Questel	2002	Rocket Drake	2004	Abby Abdo	2006
Amber Carter	1997	Joshua Allen/Lennox	2002	Mulligan Comerford	2004	Haley Durand	2006
Sandy Dodd	1997	Sara Moran	2002	Cody Stoker	2004	Allie Scopelliti	2006
Quaid Smith	1998	Sox Stoker	2002	George Getman	2004	Tanner Shelmidine	2006
Barney Underwood	1998	Bruce Felch	2002	Mac Worth	2004	Breeze Wilson	2006
Golda Gover	1998	Missy Larkin/Parker	2002	Smash Coleman	2004	Friar Tuck Wilson	2006
Barney Worth	1998	Alexandra Moshier	2002	Murray Case	2004	Noah Beardsley	2006
Ginger Ashmeade	1999	Sutter Rundle	2002	Nelson Summers	2004	Chiquita Clark	2006
Buffy Maroney	1999	Sundaze Massaro	2002	Jack Ingalls	2004	KC MacBain	2006
Beau Voorhest	1999	Heidi Wood	2002	Quincey Andrews	2005	Clancey Monroe	2006
April Carter	1999	Cato Donovan	2002	Shadow MacHarris	2005	Jake Johnson/Moynihan	2006
Aynde Carter	1999	Chelsea Sternlicht	2002	Molly Liebling	2005	Lance Smith	2006
Toby Wattles	1999	Suki Coleman	2002	Bailey Shaw	2005	Mufasa Cohen	2006
Reina Coleman	1999	Alexandria Moshier	2002	Jesse Goodrich	2005	Bogey Miller	2006
Alexandria Moshier	1999	Obie Brown	2003	George Brown	2005	Cooper Zariello	2006
Toby Brown	2000	Lancer Mitchell	2003	Mitchell Brown	2005	Kelsea Wilson	2006
Corky Lyman	2000	Ben Wood/Chagoll	2003	Missy Overton	2005	Molson Long	2006
Bear Nickol	2000	Baxter Wood/Chagoll	2003	Annie Zicari	2005	Sophie Yarbrough	2006
Cinnamon Scott	2000	Jake Bathrick	2003	AJ Birch	2005	Seamus Ingalls	2007
Ashley Carson	2000	Riley Adams	2003	Lady Clark	2005	Oliver Brown	2007
Shana Thor	2000	Brandy II Eberley	2003	Minnie Clark	2005	James Coon Brown	2007
Barney Bathrick	2000	Scarlet Knapp	2003	Molly Ingalls	2005	Howie Howard	2007
Scout Wood	2000	Chloe McFarlane	2003	Tobey Ingalls	2005	Casey Buckley.Lembke	2007
Ben Beaux II Tice	2000	Iris Clickner	2003	Sadie Jo Kelsey	2005	Zebulon Smith	2007
Sam Forbes	2000	Chaco Freeman	2003	Molly Mead	2005	Spice Norton/Phykitt	2007
Bear Nickol	2000	Nemo Sessler	2003	Louie Mitchell	2005	Andy Warren	2007
Jersey Rogers	2000	Hoosier Cleveland	2003	Darby Salce	2005	Bumper Warren	2007
Sebastian Tice	2001	Tacey Tice	2003	Jake Rubinrott	2005	Goldie Zimmerman	2007
Hunter Carter	2001	Sara Puzon	2003	Aruba Monroe	2005	Blue Howard	2007
Shadow Allen/Lennox	2001	Teddy Wattles	2003	Skipper Langford	2005		
Sydney Wood/Chagoll	2001	Nikki Williams	2003	Cassie Phykitt/Norton	2005		
Arrow Birch	2001	Ben Norton	2003	Cody Weber	2005		
Molly Brown	2001						

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Delilah Drake	2007	Holly Gray	2008	Molly Palmieri	2008	Jesse Moran	2009
Buddy Leahy	2007	K 9 Alex Moone	2008	Meghan Noonan	2008	Kerry Georgia	2009
Lacey Brown	2007	Tasha Prevost	2008	Aurbrey Drake	2008	Logan Eckert Budis	2009
Jake Reynolds	2007	Lucy Lee Sherlock	2008	Molly Wing	2008	Polly Clark	2009
K.C. Williams	2007	Ben Veshosky	2008	Annie Cook	2008	Sadie Langford	2009
Daisey Gizzi	2007	Emily Anderson/Law	2008	Aggie McCarthy	2008	Alex Altieri	2009
Duffy Gray	2008	Morgan Gray	2008	Schooner Harding	2008	Tyler Cherney	2009
Randall Elrod	2008	Murphy Knapp	2008	Catcher Hilderbrandt	2008	Lu Frank/Miller	2009
Lady Monroe	2008	Ripley Underwood	2008	Appu Simon	2008	Jackson Beam/Harris	2009
Krystle Allen/Lennox	2008	Amanda Buckley/Lembke	2008	Cody Wengert	2008	Morgan Krehel	2009
Bo Brown	2008	Oliver Henderson	2008	Toby Gray	2009		

Contact Carol Allen to Establish a Memorial



*Bella Dallas Max Shadow Sophie*

## New Adopters



#09-15	Bernie and Jacquie Tufts	7/28/09
#09-17	Mike and Linda Bonczek	9/11/09
#09-21	Chris and Megan Vitale	9/22/09
#09-19	Chet and Nancy Schaff	10/4/09
#09-22	Jerry and Debbie Cherney	11/12/09

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Contact Janet Gray at [grrcny@lightlink.com](mailto:grrcny@lightlink.com) to sign up!

# What's Happening???

Looking Ahead

Upcoming Meetings for 2010 - Grace Episcopal Church

We meet five times a year. All are welcomed and encouraged.



Next Meeting, Saturday, Dec, 12 at 10 a.m.

Pictures with Santa, Dec. 5th at Dewitt Petco

**This is your chance to help rescue beyond fostering and financial help. Be a part of rescue and participate in these fun events with your golden!!**

Looking Back



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