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## Sizzlin' Summer Seniors

# From Our President!

Dear Friends,

We can easily list what we do for our Golden.

- We take them to the vet and pay the bill.
- We carry the food in the door and put a bowl down twice a day.
- We clean up the yard (and other sometimes unpleasant things)
- We fill in the holes and plant the flowers for the 2nd or 3rd time.
- We throw the tennis ball
- We brush and trim and clip
- We fill and refill many times the water bowl
- We put them out and bring them in and put them out...you get the

idea.

But what have my Golden done for me today? Well, let's see.

- They provide a routine to my life that experts say is healthy. They want to be fed and in the yard and to wake up on a schedule and they see to it that their schedule is my schedule.

- They slow me down and insist that I pet them or throw the tennis ball or go for a walk. What would I be doing if not these things? Probably something rather less healthy.

- They lower my blood pressure and lots of studies have shown that dogs do that for humans.

- They teach me about unconditional love. I am a better human because of the dogs in my life.

- They teach me simplicity and to mean what I say and say what I mean. They teach me that if you want something, clearly ask for it. They tell me that what really matters is this very moment.

So it now seems to me that I am clearly the winner in this deal between my Golden and me. They may be saving my life.....I am simply taking care of their basic needs. If I had to declare a winner, it would be me. But I bet the Golden see it as a win-win.

With great sadness we have received many messages from you of Golden crossing the Rainbow Bridge in the last few weeks. You know that each crossing of your beloved Golden carries a piece of our memories and of our hearts. Your messages touch us deeply. Where there is great love, there will be great pain

From my house to yours – we hope you are enjoying this summer. Make the most of each day.

Carol Allen

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### Barques from the Editor:

This issue is dedicated to our “golden oldies”, our senior dogs who make our lives so enjoyable and so full. We have included, in addition to our usual features, some valuable information on senior health, some wonderful pictures from our archives, and a touching story about a senior’s journey from shelter to show ring. Hope you enjoy!



**Holly**



**Julie**

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# Senior Health

There has never been a better time to be a “mature” pet. The advances in veterinary medicine since your pet was a puppy or kitten are truly remarkable, and help veterinarians to identify and combat the common problems associated with aging. Our pets are living longer, healthier lives than ever before. Here is a checklist to assist in early recognition of problems and a suggested Senior Pet Care Package for an annual examination.

## **Easing Your Dog Into Old Age** by Eve Adamson, from Dog Fancy Magazine

Old age is difficult for dog and owner, but you can make your aging dog’s existence easier and happier. Dogs are creatures of habit, and the older a dog becomes, the more it depends on its schedule. If your dog is losing its sight or hearing, don’t rearrange the furniture in your house. An older dog is intimately familiar with its house and doesn’t necessarily need to see or hear to get around -- unless you pull a fast one and move the couch and the end table.

Don’t change your dog’s eating or sleeping habits, and try not to alter your dog’s daily routine. Any household disruption will be stressful to your dog so try to minimize the effects by keeping it out of the way of chaos.

Older dogs need to be groomed and periodically examined for abnormal lumps but also touched and cuddled to reassure them the dog-owner bond is still intact. Touch is an extremely important factor of life for older dogs, especially those who can’t hear or see well.

Let your dog know you are still there. Thank your senior dog for a lifetime of love, loyalty and companionship. Your dog has devoted its life to loving you. The least you can do is everything possible to keep your aging dog healthy, fit and confident in your affection.

## **How Old is Old?**

The rule of thumb that one human year equals seven dog years is not exactly true. A toy poodle is full-sized, physically mature in less than one year. An English Mastiff can reach old age in six years. The onset of age related disorders in cats is very variable. To keep things simple, we suggest geriatric testing at eight years old for all pets except the true giant breeds - St. Bernards, Mastiffs, etc., who should be tested at age six.

## **Senior Pet Checklist - What to Watch For**

It is normal for pets to slow down with age, just as humans do. However, many problems, such as the onset of arthritis, are treatable and are not a “normal” stiffening of the joints. Also, dog owners can’t be expected to catch every sign that their dogs may be suffering from a serious condition. Owners can, however, watch for a few general indicators of disease. Call your veterinarian if you notice any of the following behaviors in your pet:

Coughing, panting, shortness of breath. They could mean your dog is becoming overweight. However, they also could signal a heart condition. Fainting is another serious sign of heart disease.

Weight loss or any change in weight Most weight gain is caused by overfeeding and leads to obesity, which can predispose your dog to diabetes. Weight loss for no apparent reason can indicate a number of serious problems.

Increased water consumption Most of us don’t know how much our dog drinks, but if you notice that you are filling the water bowl more than usual or that your dog seems constantly thirsty, your dog could have diabetes.

Increased frequency of urination. This can accompany increased water consumption and be another sign of diabetes, or it could signal urinary or even neurological problems. If your dog suddenly can’t last through the night without going out or starts having accidents in the house, call your veterinarian.

Changes in appetite. Diabetic dogs have an increased appetite but also lose weight, because they can’t burn sugar for

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energy. They burn fat instead. A declining appetite can signal liver or kidney disease.

Vomiting and diarrhea. These are obvious symptoms of illness. Periodically examine your dog's stool. Firm, brown stools are healthy; soft stools or those with blood or mucus can indicate many problems, including digestive disorders.

Sudden behavioral changes. Becoming more or less interactive with the family, acting disoriented or lethargic, displaying disturbed sleeping or waking cycles, aimless wandering, inappropriate vocalizing, withdrawing increasingly and losing house training may all signal cognitive disorder, a condition similar to Alzheimer's Disease. Cognitive Dysfunction Syndrome is a documented condition in older dogs for which medication is available.

Decreased vision or hearing. Examine your dog's eyes for cloudiness. Does he bump into things or seem to have trouble recognizing people he knows? Does your dog fail to respond when you call, seem surprised when you come home or become startled when someone walks in the door? One good way to test whether your dog is actually experiencing hearing loss or is merely being "selectively deaf" is to turn on the electric can opener or jingle the cookie jar lid. If your dog can hear, he'll come running.

Sudden onset of bad breath. This can indicate dental problems.

Lack of mobility. If your dog has more trouble getting up in the morning, it could be suffering from arthritis or age-related changes in muscle tone.

Changes in skin and coat. Rougher skin, coarser hair and graying are signs of age or poor health.

Fatigue while exercising. Older dogs should receive moderate exercise, but watch for excessive panting and a drooping tail. These are signs your dog is tiring. Exercise helps maintain your dog's lean body mass -- but don't overdo it.

Additional signs to watch for include:

Difficulty chewing or swallowing

Non-healing sores

Tremors/shaking

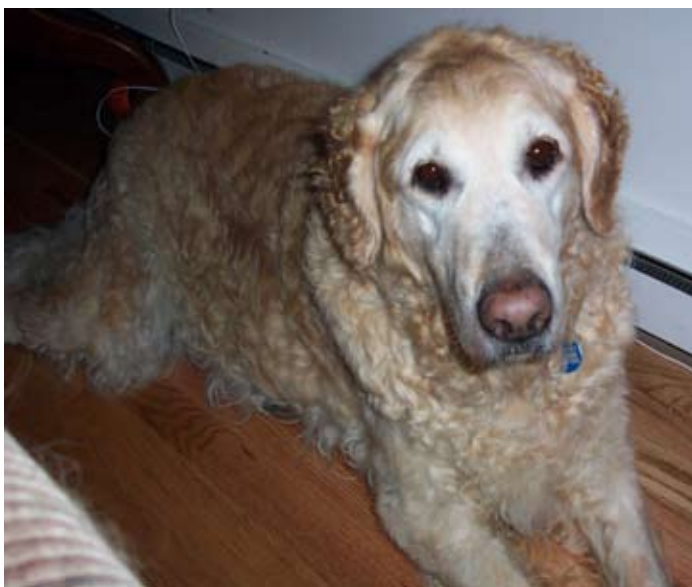
Change in the size, color, firmness of lumps, bumps, warts, etc.

You know your pet best. Any sudden or significant change in your pet's usual eating, exercise or behavior patterns can signal an underlying problem.

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**Hunter**



**Oliver**

**Senior Pet CheckUp** - Recommended for all pets eight years and older

The comprehensive physical exam is the most under-appreciated aspect of health care. In the past, veterinarians stressed vaccinations as the reason for a yearly visit. The physical examination is the single most important reason your veterinarian needs to see your pet. Major health problems can be detected with a physical exam. Pets age faster than humans and hide health problems. Don't neglect your pet's physical. A comprehensive checkup is recommended at least once a year for all pets age 8 and older.

Test or Procedure	Targeted Systems or Conditions
Comprehensive Physical Exam	Overall health: weight, lymph nodes, skin, coat, lumps, bumps, heart/lungs, teeth, eyes, etc.
Blood Chemistry Tests	
BUN/CREA/Phos and more	Kidneys
ALT/ALKP/Amylase/bilirubin	Liver, pancreas
Glucose	Diabetes
Calcium	Some cancers
Electrolytes	Hydration, hypokalemia
Urinalysis and total protein	Kidneys, bladder, crystalline urine
Pack cell volume	Anemia
CBC	Immune status, infection, anemia, some cancers
Thyroid test (T4)	Thyroid

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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

**Alex**



**Lucky**

**FOR AS LONG AS I CAN**

By Judy Smith

**Andy**



No one wanted the older dog  
But you brought me home  
Thankful for the time we'll share  
And I will be grateful to you for as long as I can.

My face is whiter now and I'm not so limber  
But you are patient  
Taking it easy and slow  
And I will walk with you for as long as I can.

You'll never know about my world "before"  
But that's okay because the rest of my life  
Will be spent at your side  
And I will stay with you for as long as I can.

My eyes tell the story  
Of love lost and found  
Safe at last, I lay happily at your feet  
And I will be your friend for as long as I can.

Time knows no reason  
But hearts know no bounds  
We were meant to be together  
And I will love you for as long as I can



**Clancy**



**Dusty**

# Letters From Our Friends



**Sage** went to live with the Spyros family in 1999 and is now almost 15. Nick writes: The very shy dog that was too terrified of anything new to leave her crate for the first 16 hours went on to get her CGC several months later. At 15, her appetite is as voracious as ever. Arthritis has slowed her down and she needs meds and some assistance going in and out so we help her up and down the 3 steps with a sling. It's a very small price to pay for the continued pleasure of her com-

pany. Many people shy away from adopting the older dog, fearful that their time together will be too short, but that's the glass-is-half-empty approach. There's nothing finer than old Gold. When Sage passes – and judging from her appetite that won't be anytime soon - I expect our next dog will be an older one. They're simply the best.

Stewart and Vicki Dawes were volunteers with us until they moved to Delaware. We're always happy to hear from them. "A donation in honor of you! You and your team are fantastic!! We miss you."

Callie and Tom Rogers tell us about **Jake**: It's hard to believe it's been 4 years since Jake came to us. He continues to bring us much joy. He's such a good boy – loves to play and always ready for a quick trip to the Post Office or hardware store. We'll always be grateful to GRRONY for making it possible to have this lovely dog in our home.

Carol and John Oxford let us know about **Rick**: We went to South Carolina and Rick went with us. What a great traveler! He was a model guest in the pet-friendly motels. My family absolutely loved him as did the residents of the assisted living facility my mom lives in. My aunt sang "Oh, you beautiful dog" every time she saw him. We consider ourselves very fortunate to have adopted such a wonderful companion!...and from a later message: "I cannot thank you enough for letting him enter our life"

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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 GRRONY, PO Box 735, Jamesville, NY 13078 or Janet Gray, [jsg4@cornell.edu](mailto: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 GRRONY, 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!

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

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Golden Retriever Rescue of Central New York, P.O. Box 735, Jamesville, NY 13078

**Dewey** now lives with his best friend, Scout, and the Higgins family: Dewey and Scout love their big fenced yard. Dewey went to our vet yesterday and she was very impressed with you and GRRRCNY for great treatment you guys gave Dewey. The staff went nuts over him!!!

Danna Harris and Sheree Beam told us that **Jackson**, adopted in 2001, has crossed the Rainbow Bridge. He came home the day of surgery and we were told to take this time to say good-bye. He gave us another 8 weeks and we swam and took drives in the nature preserve with the windows down every day. He was our first from GRRRCNY, and it was love at first sight (Note: they later adopted two more Golden Retrievers from GRRRCNY)

Two different limbs on the Long family tree adopted – one **Luke** and one **Leia**. We hear from them both. The Long family, now in North Carolina, tells us of Luke: Luke and Leia see each other both here and in New York State. We have great neighbors who love Luke and dogsit when we travel somewhere we can't take him. Our boys, now 11 and 8, love him to death!! We are so glad he came to live to us. We can't imagine our life without him.

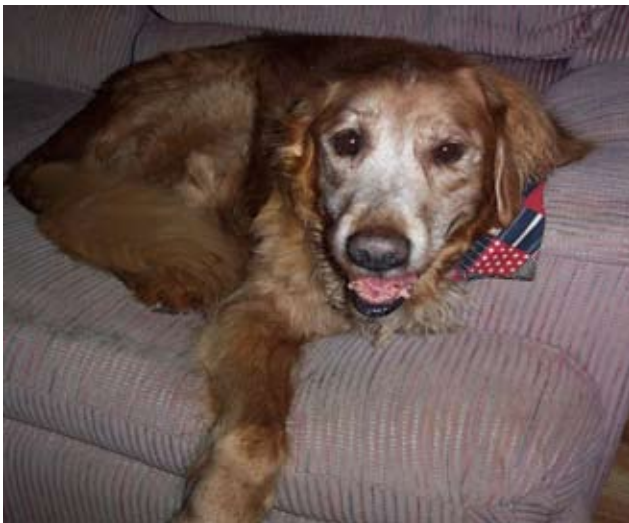
Ken and Linda Phelps update us on **Katie** (adopted early in 2009): She is thriving, happy, healthy, cute, very playful. Our older cat chases Katie and Katie likes it. What would we do without our pets? We sure love Katie.

Karen Thierry tells us of **Minnie** who was adopted one year ago: we completed our obedience classes and Minnie had fun and we learned a lot but probably not cut out for competition. I bought a set of agility equipment to keep practicing. We begin a Reading program at school in the fall. Have fun in your life's work. I again thank you for bringing her to us.

**Sadie** was adopted by Connie and George Langford in 2004 and with sadness they tell us tht Sadie crossed the Rainbow Bridge in early July. "We are beside ourselves with grief. It was just too soon. She was everything one would want in a Golden and more. Thank you for granting us the privilege of having Sadie as part of our family.

Donna Walls and Larry Williams adopted **Sebastian** in 1999: Sebastian is now 14 ½ and going strong. We feel truly blessed to have him with us and will be eternally grateful to both of you for the part you played in bringing the three of us together. From the bottom of our hearts, thanks to both of you for all you do and have done, not only for Sebastian but for all the Golden Retrievers you have helped and the fortunate humans with whom you have united them.

Brett Budis and Tanya Eckert adopted **Logan** in 1999. It is with great sadness that we inform you that Logan passed away Friday. He was 12 years and healthy until 48 hours before he had to be put to sleep. We miss him so much but we are so thankful to you for bringing Logan into our lives. He brought us blessings and joy we can't count. Please pass our gratitude onto Maxine also as we still remember her and her foster help with Logan.



**Mitch**



**Odie**

### 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 GRRRCNY, PO Box 735, Jamesville NY 13078.

# FROM SHELTER TO SHOW RING A GRRRCNY GOLDEN IN THE SPOTLIGHT

By Carol Allen

When the Cortland SPCA phoned me that Saturday in March 2006, saying they had a 10-year-old female Golden, there for 2 weeks and not adopted but hating the shelter, I was there in an hour. Sassy came home with me and never left again. What I found that day was a very attractive, stressed, vocal, apparently well-bred Golden that had been surrendered by her latest owner (“allergies of grandchildren”) with the original sales contract of a well-known breeder in the Boston area. Later we found out that the original owner (name on the Sales Contract and with a co-own with the breeder) had died soon after obtaining Sassy and his widow gave Sassy at some point to the woman who eventually surrendered her to the SPCA. We haven’t been able to piece together exactly when the transfer between owners occurred, when Sassy was spayed, etc. but we think the second owner had Sassy for at least the last 5 years.

Upon arriving home with Sassy, I immediately began to arrange for veterinary care and wrote a letter to the breeder. Upon receiving it, Jan Bramhall phoned me. “I’ve been looking for that dog for 10 years. I will be right there”. I asked that she “slow down”, and told her that Sassy was safe. Attempts by Jan to maintain contact and enforce the contract failed. Mail was returned as undeliverable.

Over the next days and weeks I knew that Sassy and I could not be separated – never have I had such a connection with a dog! – and the adoption from GRRRCNY transpired. Jan agreed (she would have had the right to reclaim Sassy) and reimbursed GRRRCNY for the veterinary care it had provided. Within weeks Sassy had earned her CGC and later completed Basic Obedi-

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**Sassy**

ence. It took over a year to conquer her medical problems – a pervasive yeast infection through out her very thick coat. She also lost 25 pounds that year.

Rhode Island, 2008. We took Sassy to the National Specialty for the rescue parade. Jan and I knew it would be a reunion with Sassy and it was a wonderful one. Jan held Sassy for the longest time in a reunion with the “puppy” that had been her pick puppy in 1996. Joan Puglia, one of the founders of Yankee Golden Retriever Rescue and the owner of Sassy’s Great granddam, accompanied Sassy and me in the Rescue parade. Sassy received much attention and we received many questions from the breeders and handlers about what her lineage was. A frequent comment was “she is everything we look for in a Golden”. I guess longevity is a popular attribute, too.

When GRCCNY decided to hold a CCA I knew I wanted to enter Sassy. She had to be either AKC Registered or have an ILP. I had contacted the AKC with original litter numbers, etc. but received a response that they could not help me so I filed for and received the ILP. The CCA evaluators praised Sassy, now age 13, and her scores reflect that. Upon telling Jan Bramhall this, she immediately thought of entering Sassy as a Veteran in Sweepstakes and in Regular Veteran Class (independent specialty). She vowed to – and succeeded in – obtaining the original AKC papers from 1996. They were naturally in her name and I had failed to provide AKC the correct information (or they wouldn’t interact with me about it as I wasn’t the owner of record).

Sassy, a friend and I traveled to Wrentham, MA for the Yankee Golden Retriever Club Specialty on May 29th. Jan, as the owner of record, showed Sassy in both Sweeps and Regular Class (12+). Sassy, never before in the ring, showed like she had done it all of her life. She walked, then she moved faster and did whatever Jan asked her to do; she stood perfectly still and where Jan placed her for the Judge’s examination. Both Judges gave her a second place over other senior Golden Retrievers in the classes. Sassy was a crowd favorite, as Jan had told her story to many. Friends from rescue nationally and locally were there. They began to refer to themselves as “Sassy’s groupies”. All in all, it was a day we’ll always remember.

At the end of the day, Jan transferred the AKC papers to me and Sassy is now registered in my name. My goal is to show her myself from now on. Look for us in Veterans Sweeps and Veterans Classes (independent specialties only as she is spayed). Who says you can’t teach an old dog new tricks? Two old dogs!!!



**Sassy and friends**



**Rudy on his birthday**

# Summer Events



Rosemary Lang and Ellie and Janet Gray and Ace participated in 3 Fridays in July at Tompkins County SPCA's Summer Camp, where they talked to the campers about Golden Retriever Rescue and the Golden Retriever breed. The kids loved the dogs and asked lots of questions!

We had 10 goldens, a greyhound and many friends march in the Ithaca Festival Parade in late May.



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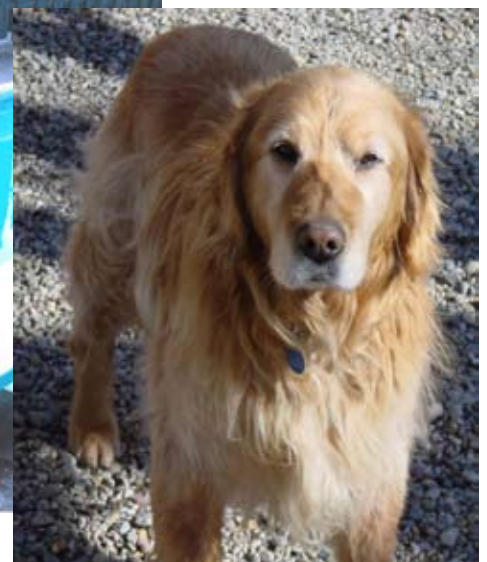
**Toby**



**Keystone**



**Tang and Storm**



**Duke**

## Hypothyroidism and Immune related Skin Diseases

By Scott A. Krick, DVM

Hypothyroidism is generally a result of insufficient production of thyroid hormone from the thyroid gland. The thyroid glands are located in the neck adjacent to the larynx or voicebox. Their function is varied, but it is probably safe to say that virtually every system in the body is influenced by the level of thyroid hormone in the bloodstream. Consequently, dogs that have low thyroid levels often exhibit multi-systemic signs.

Perhaps the most common trio of signs seen in a hypothyroid dog are skin infections or seborrhea, laziness, and excess weight gain. Other signs often seen in conjunction with this condition include weakness, non-specific joint or spinal pain, chronic infections of skin and ears, milky-white “spots” on the dog’s cornea, excessive shedding, “puppy-like” haircoat in an adult, “droopy” facial expression, seborrhea and associated greasy feel and odor to the coat. In my experience, atopy (inhalant allergy) and hypothyroidism often occur together. If several of these other symptoms are present as well, I strongly consider hypothyroidism.

Testing for a thyroid problem is actually very simple and relatively inexpensive. A sample of blood taken from you dog by your veterinarian will reveal if a deficiency exists. The nice thing about hypothyroidism is that other than being a nuisance, it is usually very easily controlled by merely giving your dog thyroid hormone orally once or twice daily. Several brands of thyroid hormone are available. A dog placed on thyroid hormone will generally require lifelong treatment (a small price to pay if your dog’s skin problems can be seriously reduced or eliminated). Usually your veterinarian will wish to recheck your pet’s thyroid level about 1 month after the thyroid medication is started, and then adjust your dog’s level to suit him or her.

The Golden Retriever breed, unfortunately, has a high incidence of this problem, giving support to the theory that the condition is often inherited. It is wise, therefore, to try to avoid breeding stock with the condition. In some instances, a dog may have sufficient production of thyroid hormone, but also may be producing anti-thyroid antibodies, or antibodies against the sites at which the hormone binds to the target organs. These cases are a bit more of a challenge to diagnose and treat, but your veterinarian should be able to help even in these instances.

In any case... hypothyroidism is a common malady of this and other canine breeds, but it can generally be easily diagnosed and treated.

### Other Immune Skin Diseases

One example of a disease in which the immune system is underactive is Demodicosis. The disease is also known as Demodectic or “Red” Mange. This disease results from parasitism of the skin by the *Demodex canis* mite which lives in the hair follicles. All mammals are believed to have a small resident population of these mites living in their pores (yes, even you have them!). If the immune system is competent, the mite populations remain controlled. If the immune system is suppressed for any reason, the mites proliferate and begin to cause symptoms. In minor cases, signs may be limited to spots of hair loss surrounding the eyes and / or on the feet. In generalized cases the entire body may have hair loss, inflamed skin, crusts, scabs, and pustules. In spite of common belief, dogs with Demodectic mange can itch. In puppies with a few lesions, treatment with Mitaban dips is usually curative. In more severe cases, the disease may be incurable. Recent use of Interceptor (the monthly heartworm preventative) in an off-label use has shown some success in resistant cases.

In summary, there are many skin diseases which are directly or indirectly associated with the immune system of the dog. Your veterinarian or a veterinary dermatologist should be able to help you in diagnosing and curing or, more commonly, controlling your dog’s problem.

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**Babe**

# The Rainbow Bridge



Just this side of Heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge. When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food, water and sunshine and our friends are warm and comfortable.

All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigor; those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by. The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing: they each miss someone very special, someone

who was left behind.

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	Zac Beam	2001	Mickey Turczyn	2003	Sadie Britton	2005
Robbie Forbes	1990	Gordie Jewell	2001	Brandy Greenwood	2003	Max Anderson	2005
Charlie Wood/Chagoll	1991	Moxie Martin	2001	Sammi Keast	2003	Gatsby Lebo	2005
Daisy Martin	1991	Tucker Stoker	2001	Cody Allen/Lennox	2004	Casey Tice	2005
Oliver Wood	1991	Bear Scott	2001	Topper Pelose	2004	Blue Monroe	2005
Teddy Marquis	1992	Binkley Dowd	2001	Luke Siegert	2004	Sophie Baer/Brooks	2005
Brandy I Eberley	1992	Sam Mehlenbacher	2001	Parker Moran	2004	Teddy Baritell	2005
Dasher Birch	1993	Sacha Grace	2001	Babe Gray	2004	Kricket Birch	2005
Tassie Birch	1993	Baxter Henderson	2001	Lucky Dodd	2004	Lady Marquis	2005
Phoebe Wood/Chagoll	1993	Roscoe Wood/Chagoll	2001	Casey Gardner	2004	Darby O'Reilly	2005
Shamus Shelmidine	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 Shavalier	2004	George Kannus	2005
Sunshine Birch	1995	Shawnee Mellinger	2002	Lucas Gray	2004	Boggs Wallace	2005
Beau Mooney	1995	Casey Clark	2002	Candy Clark	2004	Maxell Hall	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	Delilah Drake	2007
Sydney Wood/Chagoll	2001	Nikki Williams	2003	Cassie Phykitt/Norton	2005	Buddy Leahy	2007
Arrow Birch	2001	Ben Norton	2003	Cody Weber	2005		
Molly Brown	2001	Sam Biviano	2003	Buddy Case	2005		
Cassie Wink	2001						

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## The Rainbow Bridge



Just this side of Heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge. When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food, water and sunshine and our friends are warm and comfortable.

All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigor; those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by. The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing: they each miss someone very special, someone

who was left behind.

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

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

Contact Carol Allen to Establish a Memorial



**Megan and Andy**



**Jackson**

*Dewey Duke Mulligan Nikko Sadie*

### New Adopters



#09-01	Jeff and Christeen Gnad	4/10/09
#09-02	Randy and Colleen Higgins	4/10/09
#09-08	Stephen and Sue Whitton	4/13/09
#09-03	Suzette Reuss	5/10/09
#09-14	Josh and Tara McKee	6/8/09

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# What's Happening???



## Looking Ahead

Upcoming Meetings for 2009 - Grace Church, 13 Court St., Cortland NY

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

Thursday, August 13, 7pm

Sunday, November 8 , 1:30 pm Annual Meeting

**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

**Finger Lakes SPCA Pet Festival** May 17  
Austin Park, Skaneateles

**Pooches in the Park**, May 30th  
Cicero, New York

**Ithaca Festival Parade**  
May 28th, Thursday

**Danby Fun Day Parade**  
July 11, Saturday

**Tompkins County SPCA Summer Camp**  
Fridays in July



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