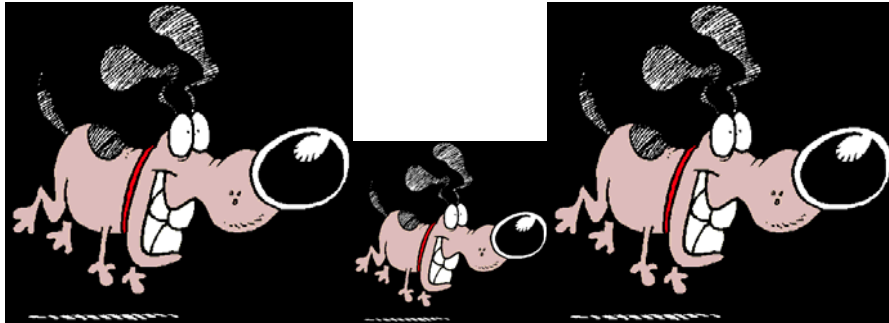




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# The Editor Barks Out



## Eight Months Until the Next Camp

Well this year's camps are in the books. Now we play the waiting game: waiting for e-mails from our camp friends, waiting for Jeanne's mailings, and waiting for the *NewsWire*. Using all three keeps us up to date with camp happenings.

As far as the *NewsWire* is concerned, this issue covers a myriad of topics. "Richter's Ramblings" contains Jeanne's usual welcome note, plus an article telling of some good things that emanated from the Katrina disaster. "Mary's Tips" supplies some tracking tidbits and also

some thoughts on food politics. Read about a Bed and Breakfast shaped like a Beagle in "True Tails." Barb Hooper wrote a wonderful article for "Divine Tails" that provides testimony to last edition's article by Bonnie Peregoy on how to select a dog. "Bow Wow" showcases a brag from one of our own plus it continues the food politics discussion started by Mary T.

So get the dogs some treats and kick back enjoy this edition of your *Camp Gone to the Dogs NewsWire*.

Love those wagging tails!

— Valerie Steinman  
NewsWire Editor  
CGTID Camper

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# RICHTER'S RAMBLINGS

Jeanne Richter  
CGTTD Director



Hi Campers!

Zeta and I have just returned to New Jersey from Stowe after the two Fall Camps. We had a great time visiting with returning Campers and meeting new Campers. We were able to attend a lot of classes and had lots of fun being Campers.

The staff has already contacted me with ideas for new classes in 2009. Their ideas for Fall include adding Drill Team, Square Dancing with your Dog, new crafts and games, and Mary T has some great ideas for new lectures. Details of the new offerings will be in the Holiday Mailing. If you have any doggy news that you would like to share in the Holiday Mailing,

please email me at [campnewswire@hotmail.com](mailto:campnewswire@hotmail.com).

Many of you know that we are hoping to add a puppy to our family in December. I just received an email from Zeta's breeder that today's X-ray of Bernice showed at least six puppies. The litter is due September 29<sup>th</sup>, and we are doing the pink dance. The litter was sired by Zeta's father, Higgins, so if there is a girl, she will be Zeta's half sister. We have not decided on a name.

I wish everyone a happy and healthy fall, and I look forward to hearing from you.

**WARMEST REGARDS, JEANNE**



After Katrina: Progress for Gulf Coast Animals

*Humane Society News Spring 2008*

Thanks to a remarkable initiative that unites more than 50 Louisiana and Mississippi shelters, the clouds of Hurricane Katrina have given way to a new dawn for animal care in the Deep South. In mid-October,

officials launched “After Katrina: Improving the Lives of Gulf Coast Dogs and Cats.” This project was underwritten by a \$999,700 grant from Maddie’s Fund.

HSUS President and CEO Wayne Pacelle and Maddie’s fund President Richard Avanzino kicked off the project in New Orleans. They met with many of the recipients of more than \$900,000 in grants awarded to 57 animal shelters. These unrestricted funds are supporting diverse initiatives such as low-cost spay/neuter services, upgraded disease-control systems, modern cat housing, enhanced surgical suites, and staff expansions. These grants are on top of the millions of dollars The HSUS has already donated to Gulf Coast animal shelters.

In exchange for the grants, which ranged from \$10,000 to \$20,000 each, participants in the project are tracking and reporting shelter intake and disposition

numbers from 2005 to 2010. These statistics will help illuminate the dynamics of pet overpopulation, providing a basis for strategies to increase spay/neuter rates and reduce animal homelessness in the Gulf Coast.

The After Katrina project also includes a \$2 million campaign focused on spaying and neutering. And The HSUS is helping the region prepare for the next disaster, donating \$600,000 to the Dixon Correctional Institute, a medium-security prison in Louisiana that will house an emergency animal shelter and medical clinic for use during future emergencies.

For everyone participating, the Gulf Coast tour was a mission of hope.



### **🌟🌟 Litter Update 🌟🌟**

Jeanne’s email arrived just before Newswire release

“I am very excited to announce the litter I have been waiting for was born today, September 29, 2009. There are three girls and six boys. Zeta's half sister will be joining the Richter household in December. If you’d like to see a picture of the litter, go to [www.whitestarpons.com](http://www.whitestarpons.com). The puppies are a few hours old in the picture. We are discussing names and have not come up with the perfect one yet. We are open to suggestions.”



# MARY'S TIPS

Mary Thompson  
CGTID Instructor/Staff



## Tracking Tidbits

URBAN TD TEST. I'm sure AKC will pass all of the suggestions for tracking, including an Urban TD test. This test is meant to be a beginning VST test and involves tracking on grass and non-vegetated surfaces. Passing this new test will allow you to enter a TDX or VST test. More on this as I find out more about it. I'm slightly kidding on this as I suggested this to the AKC advisory committee 12 years ago. It was accepted this time almost word for word. Did I keep a copy of it after the first few years had passed? NO! Another reason to save everything! Only kidding, Cheryl!

TRACKING STAFF. Cheryl and Doug followed me home after June camp to stay a few days, have some lobster and take on the task of trying to simplify my kitchen. Too bad they could not stay longer and do the whole house! BUT, I am getting to that this week. Anyway, Dorie Viguers has been approved to be an ASCA TD judge (Australian

Shepherd Club of America), and they accept mixed breeds into their tracking tests! YEA!!!!!! Dorie has also applied to become an AKC TD judge but has not heard back yet.

BLINDFOLD GAME? We did a lot of tracking games at Fall Camp, and everyone seemed to enjoy them, even the blindfold one. Want to try? Put out a straight track on level ground and go back and run it when it is really dark out. We did it during the daytime by using a blindfold. You really understand about the tension in the long line between you and your dog and trusting your dog!

PAPILLON KIRBY. I brought a dog to camp this year, Kirby, my now year old Papillon. I can't thank Lynne Mayo enough for allowing Kirby to be out when she was in our motel room. He even slept on the bed beside her like one of her dogs! He had had it with being in a crate so much but loved jump chute, lure coursing

and tricks! Sue, we still need to work on his "endo." Kirby will be my camp dog. He tracks as well, so if you haven't seen him yet, you will. I think he loves tracking as when he is done, he

and Star (Dorie's golden) run across the field together. I've tracked him a few times since being home, and he keeps looking for Star.



## Pet Food Politics

I managed to buy a book at the silent auction, Pet Food Politics. It covers the Melamine scare and has other facts about pet foods. The book mentioned the brands of pet food effected by the recall, and there were names I did not realize had been included, such as Natural Balance, Bravo, Blue Buffalo and a few more of what I considered higher quality foods. It made me realize that only I can truly account for what I feed my animals. So I am back to making my own dog food again.

someone else had to feed Kirby, then using dry dog food makes life easier all the way around.



There will be times when I know it will be more convenient to use dry dog food, such as when I am gone for a weekend and my husband or son has to take care of the dogs. Or when I take a dog to camp and leave the others home. For those short time periods, I feel it is easier on the family to put the dogs back onto dry dog food and certainly easier to pack for camp. Kirby is only ten pounds, and I could make enough fresh food and freeze it to use while we are at Camp, but if something happened to me and

In the past, we have had the occasional camper get sick or injured, and everyone has rallied around to help with the dogs. Instead of worrying about if anyone got the portions correct, supplements, etc., feeding dry dog food at camp would make the situation easier.

Just food for thought for all of you. We all do what we feel is best for our animals, taking a break once in a while is not wrong.



Remember – if your dog can make you laugh or at least bring a smile to your face, then it’s not such a bad day after all!

Mary T.



# TRUE TAILS

Dog Bark Park Inn  
**unexpectedly** CANINE:  
*American Lifestyle*

IT’S A DOG, IT’S A HOTEL, IT’S THE DOG BARK PARK INN! With the money they received from selling their wooden dog carvings on QVC, Dennis Sullivan and Frances Conklin of Dog Bark Park Inn in Cottonwood, Idaho, completed construction of the world’s biggest beagle in August of 2003.

Called Dog Bark Park Inn B&B, the big dog is a bed and breakfast guesthouse that sleeps four in its interior suite, complete with full bath and loft room in the head of the dog. A hearty continental breakfast, featuring Dog Bark Park’s own Prairie’s Best Fruited Granola and an array of fruits, pastries, cheeses,

and beverages, is provided. An antique suitcase overflows with books, games and puzzle activities for guests of all ages.

OWNERS DENNIS SULLIVAN AND FRANCES CONKLIN CARVE MINI VERSIONS IN THEIR STUDIO. The beagle-shaped structure is built in a style of architecture called *programmatically or mimetic* architecture that was most popular in America during the 1930’s to 1950’s when automobile vacation travel was a new and growing activity all across the country.

For reservations and information, call 208-962-3647 or visit [www.dogbarkparkinn.com](http://www.dogbarkparkinn.com) online.

Note from editor: you gotta check this building out; it’s wild looking.



# CREATIVE TAILS

## Canine Quotes



It came to me that every time I lose a dog, they take a piece of my heart with them. And every new dog who comes into my life, gifts me with a piece of their heart. If I live long enough, all the components of my heart will be dog, and I will become as generous and loving as they.

-- Unknown

Contributor: Karen Hurd  
CGTID Camper

Brothers and Sisters, I bid you beware  
Of giving your heart to a dog to tear.

-- Rudyard Kipling

'Tis sweet to hear the watch-dog's honest bark  
    Bay deep-mouth'd welcome as we draw near home;  
'Tis sweet to know there is an eye will mark  
    Our coming, and look brighter when we come.

-- Lord Byron

His friends he loved. His direst earthly foes –  
Cats – I believe he did but feign to hate.  
My hand will miss the insinuated nose,  
Mine eyes the tail that wagg'd contempt at fate.

-- Sir William Watson



# DIVINE TAILS

## The Law of Attraction

By Barb Hooper  
CGTTD Staffer

Since the passing of my beloved Nicholas in March, I was down to two dogs in my household. Nick was Marley's, the Border Collie, best friend. He was also a good friend to Ben, my most recent Leader Dog pup, who did not pass his physical to continue on with Leader Dogs. However, Marley was not friends with Ben, ever. While she wouldn't think of putting holes in him and can coexist with him relatively peacefully, she made it very clear in her own way that she was to be left alone. Insert – classic BC "bitch." Note to self: find Ben a pal at some point but not right now.

FAST FORWARD TO MID-JULY. I am on the animal control advisory board and was at the local shelter on business. While there, I had to walk past the row of cages to find the person I needed to speak with. On that particular day, every dog was a loud, incessant barker – every dog that is, except one. A little brown non-descriptive pup about ten weeks of age. Amid all that noise, he just sat there leaning up against the cage door wagging his tail. I did a double-take as I noticed his calm demeanor for such a little fellow, but I kept on



walking. I found who I needed to talk with, and 15 minutes later I returned past the same row of cages. Dogs were still barking, and the little brown pup was still leaning into the cage door just watching and wagging.

I had some time, so I decided to take him outside to the fenced-in area and play with him for just a minute. He already had been there for two days with no interest in adoption, which was unusual. An hour later, I brought him back, put him in his cage, and left. The rest of the

day and night I thought about him: how calm he was, how he stayed right with me the entire hour, walked nicely on leash, was so gentle with those puppy teeth, already retrieved toys, and liked to splash in the baby pool. I also thought about all the reasons I didn't need to take on a pup right now.

DAY 2. I make it a point to go to the shelter and check on the pup. Still no one is interested in him. I take him outside again for just a few minutes and walk him around to visit the neighboring horses. He calmly approaches, gives them little puppy licks on their noses and looks at me as if to say, "Okay, now where are we going?" More playing, retrieving, walking and another hour later we head back to his kennel run. That night, I continue to think about why I can't get a pup right now: Fall camp is coming up, two weeks away, slighting Marley and Ben, management issues on the road with a pup, and so on.

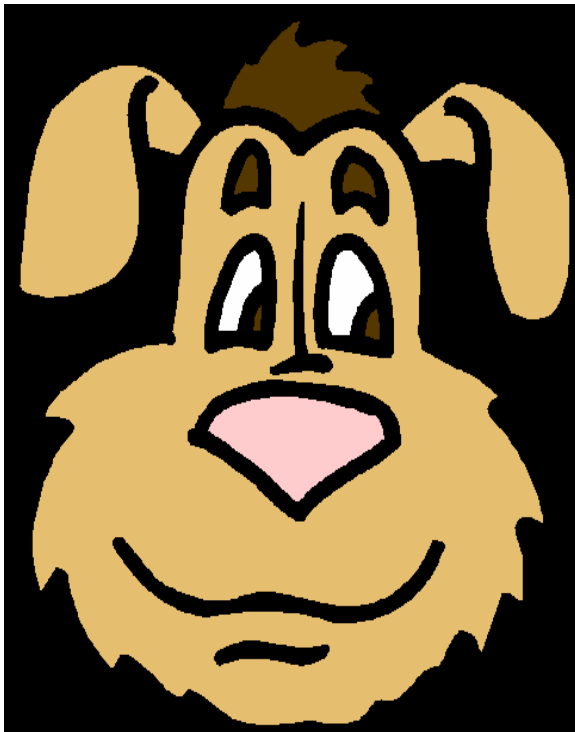
But I can't get the brown pup out of my head.

DAY 3. I visit brown pup with Marley. Brown pup calmly greets her, and she takes a casual interest in him. A big step since she is very selective with her friendship. He doesn't pester her but goes and finds a toy to play with for a little while. I leash them both up and take them for a walk together. An hour later I take the pup back to his run. In the afternoon I make another trip to the shelter with Ben, still no owner or adoption application on brown pup. While Ben likes the pup, he is very pushy with him. The little guy takes it all in stride and gives it right back to him although I did have to do a little refereeing to keep 75 pounds from squishing 23 pounds. P.S. Have you noticed I keep calling him "brown pup?" I was trying not to give him a name because that would finalize my decision to keep him, and I could not believe he was that



good. His shelter name was Grant because that was the street he was picked up at. But even that was a formal name and brown pup was not.

DAY 4. It is Saturday and I ask animal control if I can take him home for the weekend to "test drive" him, and they allow me to do that (being on the board does have some perks). I immediately take him to the vet where he gets a clean bill of health and then we go for a long walk at the fairgrounds before going home. I want to exercise him a little to take the edge off his energy and make sure he has eliminated too. He rides perfectly in the car and lays down and goes to sleep on a dog bed. Keep in mind: this is in the back of my Suburban with dog-related stuff all over. Why no crate? Because I am still thinking he may not be staying.



When we arrive home, he is the perfect gentleman. Ben loves him and is more gentle with him, and Marley likes him but tries not to let it show. He is wonderful in the house, quiet in his crate, and housebroken. That night I let him sleep on the bed, and he stays there all night not having to go out at all. By this time, you probably figured out he was staying but I was still resisting.

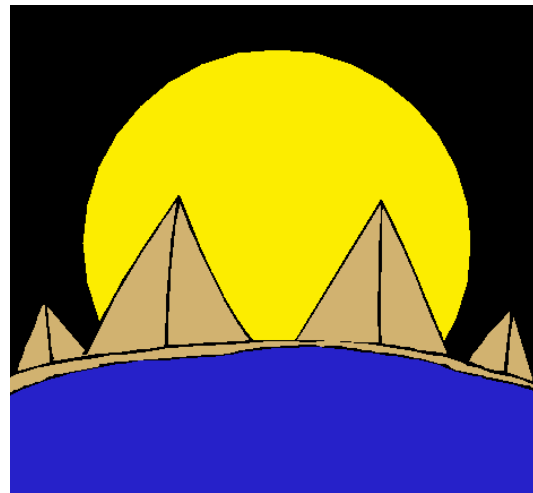
That same night I received Bonnie Peregoy's email that was featured in the August camp newswire about selecting a dog – or actually how a dog selects us. I vividly see myself in that email. Is it a coincidence that I get that email that night?

DAY 5. I get up and go out with the pup and bring him in and feed him in his crate. Marley and Ben are next for morning potty duty (no pun intended) and breakfast. I take brown pup in the car with me to go to the local coffee shop for my Sunday morning coffee, bagel, banana and juice at their outdoor tables. Pets are allowed and it is early in the morning so hardly any car traffic. It is very quiet and peaceful as the sun has only been up for a short period of time. I am prepared to do some puppy training figuring the little guy will be bored to death while I sit there and eat and visit with friends, but this is not the case. He lays down at my feet, head down but not sleeping, and stays that way until I am done. This pup is unreal. Twenty five minutes later, "Luke" and I are headed home and I mean home! He plays with Ben and then hangs out with Marley and finally meets my dog-friendly mini lop-eared rabbit with gentle



kisses. Later in the afternoon, I bring him with Marley and me for a walk at the fairgrounds with a friend and her dog. Again Luke demonstrates his gentle greeting skills with a towering three-year-old male German Shepherd. Shortly thereafter, he tags along exploring as we begin our walk.

DAY 6. It's Monday morning and Luke and I are back at animal control so I can fill out the adoption papers. No owner ever came forward and there was never any interest in the cute little brown pup. Coincidence again? No, it was The Law of Attraction. When the universe is all lined up and things are meant to be, it happens.



So where did Luke come from? Technically he was a stray brought in by the local animal control guy from a neighboring town. But where did he really come from? Why did he come into my life? What lessons will he teach me? What do I need to learn from him?

I believe he was sent to me by Nick. Nick loved to cuddle and listen to me tell him things, and so does Luke. He came into my life now because it was me who needed him the most. I miss Nicholas, my confidant, terribly, and I can still barely say his name without tears welling up in my eyes. The lessons? Lots, with more to come! Be patient, smell the flowers, eat fireflies for

protein, take life in stride, things will work out, and most of all, have fun. Things I know that seem to have gotten pushed aside when too many of life's major events get in the way.

So besides being a non-descript brown puppy who is wise beyond his age, what is he? He is a gift! Thanks Nick for continuing to look out for me from afar.



## BOW WOW

### Search and Rescue Achievement

Lisa Borst's yellow Lab Skooter was certified as a SAR (Search and Rescue) dog Level I in August. Skooter trained hard and is now on the call-out list for the Canine Alert Search Teams (CAST) based out of

Peterborough, New Hampshire. He also passed the Night Hasty Certification. Skooter has also been doing well in the breed ring as have his sisters, Peanut and Cyder. Way to go, Lisa and herd!



## A Year After Pet Food Recall, Still Buyer Beware Main efforts, not fully implemented yet, criticized for lack of bite

By Kim Campbell Thornton

MSNBC contributor

March 2008

(edited due to size)



One year after contaminated pet food killed potentially thousands of dogs and cats, few safety measures have gone into effect. While pet food safety legislation has been passed and an industry commission has made recommendations to improve the safety and quality standards for pet food, some critics say the efforts, even when they are fully implemented, may not amount to much more than the fox guarding the hen house.

The federal legislation, for instance, relies on manufacturers to voluntarily recall contaminated pet food. "As long as it's voluntary, there will always be breaches," says Marion Nestle, a professor of nutrition, food studies and public health at New

York University and author of the forthcoming book, "Pet Food Politics: The Chihuahua in the Coal Mine," due out in September. "There will be breaches anyway, but voluntary doesn't work as well as regulated."

The American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians is performing an ongoing study that as yet has certified 226 deaths. And just last month, the U.S. Attorney's Office in Kansas indicted two Chinese businesses and the U.S. company ChemNutra for allegedly introducing adulterated food into the market, asserting that consumer reports suggest as many as 1,950 cats and 2,200 dogs died after eating contami-

nated food. "I still hold by the estimate that thousands died and tens of thousands were affected," says veterinarian Paul Pion, president and co-founder of Veterinary Information Network, an independent veterinary medical information service. "My bet is that it happens more often than we think and it never gets detected."

**NOT AN OVERNIGHT PROCESS.** Veterinarian Kimberly May, assistant director of the American Veterinary Medical Association's department of professional and public affairs, says over the past year the industry has become more aware of what needs to be done and where safety measures were deficient. "It's not an overnight process, so whether you can say enough has been done, I'm not sure anybody would say that at this point, but there are definitely good strides in that direction." Kurt Gallagher, director of communications and export development for the Pet Food



Institute in Washington, D.C., which represents pet food manufacturers, says PFI is working on the recommendations made by its National Pet Food Commission in October. Those recommendations include working with retailers and the FDA to develop better ways to remove recalled pet foods from stores and to inform pet owners about recalled foods.

The FDA Amendments Act of 2007 requires the agency to set up an early warning system to identify contaminated pet food and outbreaks of illness associated with pet food and to work with industry representatives, veterinarians and other interested parties to establish pet food ingredient standards and definitions, processing standards and updated labeling requirements for nutritional and ingredient information. The agency has one year from the passage of the legislation, last September, to implement the early warning system and two years to establish standards and definitions. The FDA did not grant requests for an interview on the progress of these efforts.

**CALL FOR STRONGER ENFORCEMENT.** While the legislation sounds good, some say it lacks bite because it doesn't provide the FDA with mandatory recall authority. That means that with the exception of medical devices, infant formula and biological products, the FDA can only

encourage companies to initiate voluntary recalls. May says mandatory recall authority for the FDA would be a positive step. “It was incumbent on the companies to make the decision [to recall foods], and some of them maybe weren’t moving as quickly in that direction as others,” she says. “If the FDA could actually direct that process, I think that would be of benefit.”

In addition to the requirements set down in last year’s legislation, an agreement was signed in December between the U.S. and China to improve the safety of certain imported products, including pet food and treats — but the limited agreement relies primarily on China to police product safety. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Chinese producers will register with Chinese authorities, and Chinese regulators will certify that foods covered by the agreement meet U.S. standards. FDA inspectors gain broader access to Chinese production facilities, and each government must notify the other within 48 hours of any significant risks to public health.

SOME PET OWNERS SKEPTICAL, TOO. Pet owners spent \$16.2 billion last year on food for their animals, according to the American Pet Products Manufacturers Association. But regardless of government and industry plans and promises, last



year's scare left many pet owners skeptical about pet food safety and has fueled demand for organic products and interest in homemade food. Teri Fields of Lubbock, Texas, says the recall prompted her to never trust what she was being told about a dog food or even human food. “There are simply too many products coming into this country that can’t be checked thoroughly,” she says. “I am terrified at the thought of feeding my dogs something that ends up hurting them, and I think about it every time I give them a treat or feed them dinner. It definitely continues to concern me and other dog owners that I know.” In Seattle, Ben Huh, founder of pet Web site Itchmo, which was among the blogs that kept the pet food recall in the news, says the recall changed the way he and his wife, Emily, fed Nemo, their miniature poodle mix. “We’ve done a lot of research and we have pet food companies that we trust, but unfortunately the amount of information that’s

available out there really hasn't increased that much."

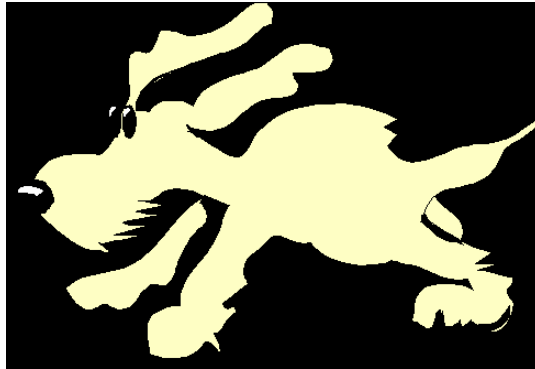
A slog through the miles of aisles at last month's Global Pet Expo in San Diego turned up more than 20 companies touting foods

they described as natural, human-grade or organic. That's a trend that's been growing for several years, along with homemade foods for pets, and the recall helped it along.

Contributor: Editor with lead from CGTDD Camper Karen Hurd



## NEW ADDITIONS



We look forward to meeting the Brown Pup at Camp.

**Owner**

Barb Hooper

**Dog**

Luke

**Breed**

Mixed Breed

# The Rainbow Bridge

Because of its many colors, the bridge connecting Heaven and Earth has come to be known as the Rainbow Bridge.

Just this side of the Bridge, there is a land of meadows, hills and lush green valleys. When a Beloved pet dies, this wonderful place serves as their home. There is always an abundance of food and water and warm sunshine. Old and frail animals are young again, and those who have been maimed are made whole. They make new friends and play all day.

There is one thing missing from these carefree surroundings though, the

companionship of their loving masters. Time passes and soon another day comes when one of them is distracted by a familiar scent. With nose twitching, ears at attention and eyes staring in delight, this one runs from the group....

You have been seen.

As you embrace, your face is kissed again and again and again, and once more you look into the eyes of your loyal companion. You cross the Rainbow Bridge together, never again to be separated.



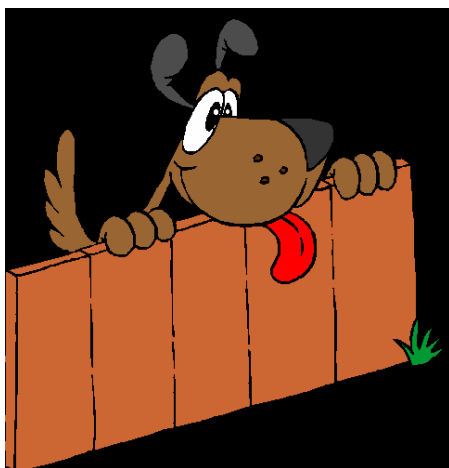
The following campers' dogs have crossed the Rainbow Bridge:

**Willie**, Natalie Shilling's beloved Cavalier King Charles Spaniel

**Scarlet**, Leslie Nelson's beloved Whippet

# UNTIL TAILS UP

(As of September 30, 2008)



## CAMP

## TIME TO WAIT

### *Summer*

May 31-June 6, 2009

8 Months

### *Fall*

September 6-12, 2009

11 Months

September 13-19, 2009



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