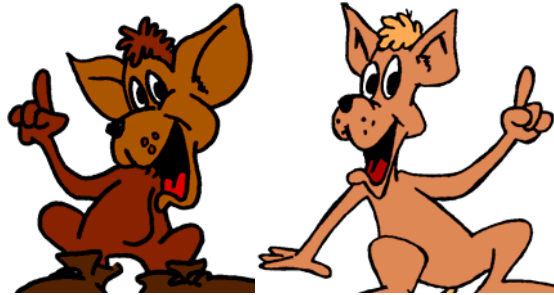




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The Editor Barks Out

Valerie Steinman, CGTTD Camper



Fall Camps Approaching Quickly

I envy the Fall Campers right now. As a Summer Camper, I've already had my fix for this year, yet.... Somehow we always want more.

ISSUE SYNOPSIS. Jeanne in her *Ramblings* tells of new Fall Camp classes being introduced and provides information regarding those beloved Camp schedules. A reprint on the dangers of summer heat appears in Mary T's column, apropos with the advent of the "dog days" of summer. In *True Tails*, Camper Sabine Platten provides valuable information on laundry and lost dogs. Hmmmm. *Creative Tails* showcases a companion article to one that appeared in Volume 4, Issue 3 (now we have both views). *Divine Tails* tells a lovely, true story about a very special Greyhound, and *Bow Wow* boasts a new "doggie"

airline. Also Barb Hooper details the "Show and Tell" items she introduced at Summer Camp.

MAILING THE NEWSWIRE. My cheap dial-up Internet service off and on runs into problems with the Hotmail email site where you all send your information. Because of those problems, many of you receive your copy of the Newswire from a Yahoo address. I'd like to remind those of you who receive your Newswire this way, that to contact Jeanne, you still need to use campnewswire@hotmail.com (as stated in the email that forwards the Newswire). The campnewswire yahoo addresses are strictly for mailing the Newswire; they have no other function. Thanks for your attention to this.

♥ Love those wagging tails ♥

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RICHTER'S RAMBLINGS

Jeanne Richter
CGTTD Director



Hi Campers!

SUMMER CAMP MUSINGS. Wow! Summer Camp was so much fun; the absolutely perfect weather was terrific! It was so nice to visit with returning Campers and to meet new Campers.

It was my puppy Zuni's first Camp, and she had the best time. It was so much fun watching her try things for the

first time. She loved sheep herding, agility, and tricks. Zuni was a sponge at Camp, returning home with so many new skills.

I have received so many emails, phone calls and letters stating what a great time everyone had – from both Campers and Staff. We are already 80 percent booked for next June!



FALL CAMP IMPROVEMENTS. I am busy working on the Fall Camps, and I have added more activities to the Fall Schedule.

There will be knitting and crocheting workshops for Campers to learn how to create a snuggle for a cat or dog in an animal shelter. Check www.snugglesproject.org to read about this great organization.

The knitting and crocheting workshops will be added to the 2010 Summer Camp Schedule.

Additionally, Agility Instructor Jenn Barg will guide two morning walks to view migratory birds along the Stowe walking path. The walks will be at 7:00 AM; be sure to bring binoculars.

At Summer Camp, we had Doggy Square dancing, and it was a huge hit. Lynne Mayo will teach Square dancing at both Fall Camps.

FALL CAMP SCHEDULES. I have started updating the schedules for the Fall Camps, and by the end of August, they will appear on our website:

www.campgonetothedogs.com. As soon as the schedules are posted, I will send a message to the Camp YAHOO Group.



PUBLICITY. There is an article about dog camps in the August issue of *Dog Fancy*, and we are one of the featured camps. Additionally, Summer Camper Laura Place wrote an article describing how much she and her Beagle Toby enjoyed Camp. The address for Laura's article is www.dogchannel.com/dog-magazines/dogfancy/dog-fancy-extras/0908-extras/one-dog-campers-story.aspx.

earned an SSFDMF title which is a Sassy Senior Freestyle Dog Musical Freestyle and received a 1st and 2nd place.

Summer Camper Nancy Kieffer's Maddie competed in the same category and earned her title.

FREESTYLE SUCCESSES. I have heard from several Campers on their successes in Freestyle Dancing Competitions. Summer Camper Betty Scarnato's Yoda

Fall 2 Camper Jan Weiner competed in Michigan with Chip and Toby. On Saturday both dogs had qualifying scores and a leg on their beginner titles. They came in 1st and 2nd place in the Beginner A division. Sunday Toby earned his Beginner Freestyle Title.



GOT PHOTOS? If you have digital photos from Camp that you would like displayed on the Camp website, please email them to campnewswire@hotmail.com. The photo section of the website will be updated after the Fall Camps with the 2009 photos.



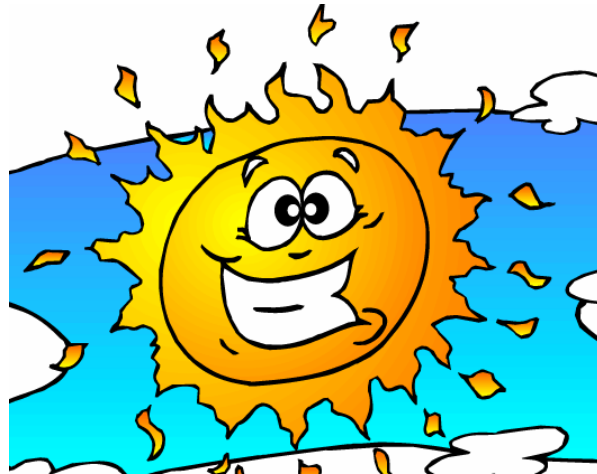
Enjoy the rest of your Summer – and Fall Campers, I look forward to seeing you and your dogs in Stowe.

*Warmest regards,
Jeanne*



MARY'S TIPS

Mary Thompson
CGTTD Staff



Beware the Heat!

Normal Body Temperature for Dogs Is 100 To 102
REPRINT FROM NEWSWIRE VOLUME 3, ISSUE 1

A lady came into my husband's vet office last week. She brought in one dog and left the other in her SUV with the windows half rolled down. It was 85 outside, and the dog was getting too warm. I had just pulled up and noticed this. When I went in, I found her in an exam room with her other dog. I told her that her dog in the car was getting too warm and asked if she would please go out and bring him into

the air-conditioned building where someone would watch him for her. She snapped at me and said she would be out in a few minutes. I then replied that I was going out to get the dog and if the car was locked, I would be breaking a window. She moved and brought the other dog in.

I know she loves her animals, but it was too hot that day to take them while she did errands.

Hopefully they will make it through the summer!

Heat Prostration

The early warning signs:

- Heavy panting, bright red (brick red/purplish) tongue and mucous membranes**
- Anxiety and agitation**
- Eyes starting to glaze; unable to focus**
- Stumbling/staggering**



Anyone owning an animal should know how to take a temperature and what a normal temperature is! Only a rectal temperature is accurate. Digital thermometers for humans work as well on animals, but the ear ones are NOT as accurate – they usually give a lower body temperature than what the animal actually is. Normal temperature for dogs is 100 to 102. Anything higher than 104 should have you watching your dog!

If he has been exercising, then you may want to start cooling him off. Do NOT use ice-cold water! If you lower the temperature too fast, you could cause the dog to go into shock. Also, if the temperature is lowered too quickly, the body temperature will spike itself too high and too low several times during a day, and it may take the dog over a week before he is truly safe from having any recurring problems from heat prostration.

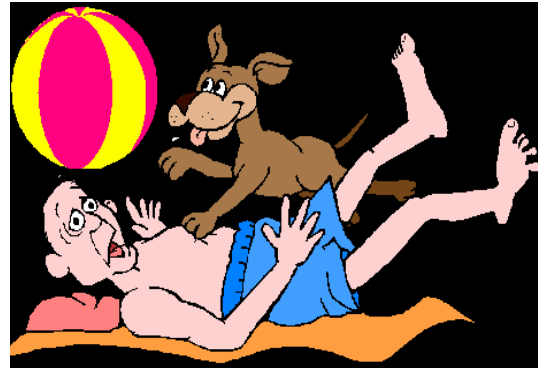
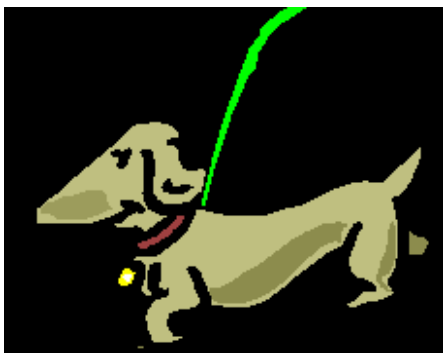
If you have access to a garden hose, shower, tub, etc., use it! With a tub, fill it up with a few inches of water that is **cool** but not **cold**. Put the dog in the tub, and with a plastic or glass container, pour water over the dog's head, chest and abdomen. These are the areas that get the hottest and need to be cooled down the quickest. The base of the brain is where the dog's thermostat is located. Cooling down the chest and the abdomen and not cooling down the brain will only have the dog stay hotter for a longer time. Focusing just on the brain will not help the blood circulating to be cooler (cooling off the chest) or the organs to start cooling off, therefore, cooling off the internal dog (abdomen). If you only have access to cold water (like a stream), then use it sparingly, and don't keep the dog's body in the water for more than 20 seconds at a time. Let the dog out of the stream, check the temperature, wait about 30-40 seconds and put the dog back

into the stream again for 20 seconds. Keep doing this until the dog can keep his body temperature at 102-103.

On a 75-degree day with high humidity, it only takes five minutes of playing fetch for a dog to have a temperature over 104! Even playing fetch with you by having him swim in a pool that is 70 degrees on a day that is warmer than 85 degrees will have the dog's temperature go over 104 in under 10 minutes!

Walking an excited dog on asphalt when you can see heat waves coming off of the asphalt is NOT good! IF your dog is walking on asphalt that warm, his feet are getting too hot too quickly. Wait until it becomes cooler out. Early, early morning or late evening is best.

IF your dog is short enough to be breathing in the pollution from that heat wave, not good! On a warm/hot day, the shorter the dog's nose, the warmer the air is when it gets to his lungs (The reverse would be true for winter.).



ANY dog can get heat prostration. On days with high humidity, no dog should be left outside, even if he has shelter and water; it is too warm for him. I know young dogs need exercise and will drive you crazy if they don't get it, but you need to watch them! ONE minute of playing fetch and then a rest for at least 10 minutes. Do not play for 5 minutes and then rest; the dog will become too hot.

Please, if you really love your dogs (and I know you do!), leave them home while you do your errands! Leaving them in a car with the air conditioning on with the doors locked could still be dangerous. The car's engine could develop a problem and stall out, shutting off the air conditioning. A car that is standing still does not generate the cooling power of a moving car.



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

THE BENEFITS OF DIRTY LAUNDRY!!!

By Sabine Platten
CGTTD Camper



On Thursday, March 26, I came home from class to find a flier in my mailbox about a little lost dog, a MinPin named Terrence. He belongs to Jennifer Grush and had been staying with her mother while Jen was on vacation (her mother doesn't live too far from my house). He got out of her yard; to complicate matters, the little dog was afraid of people.

I called Jen that evening to get more information: how long ago had he disappeared (Tuesday); had he been seen since then (a couple of times, but always ran away from people); and where and how often in the same area (a small farmette near my house, once or twice).

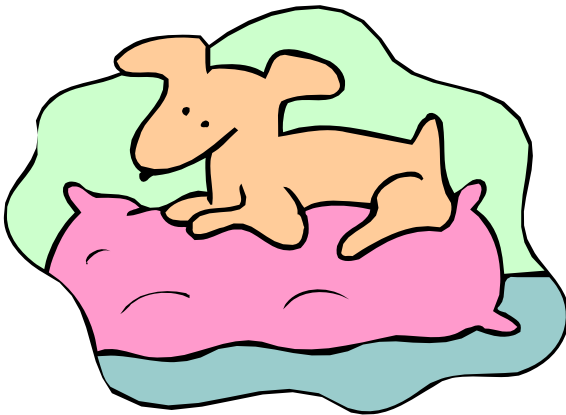
I suggested that she get a vari-kennel and fill it with her dirty laundry (underwear, socks, anything else that had been in contact with her body). *I'll bet you were wondering about the title of this story, right??* I told her to place the crate that night, near or in the barn where he had been seen and to go back to check it in the morning.

Jen got a call early in the morning that he had been seen in the same area again, but he ran away again. She went to the barn herself and when she got there, he was curled up in her laundry in the crate. I got a call at 8 a.m. from a very grateful Jennifer saying that Terrence was home, safe and sound. She told me that she felt sure that

she would never have found him but for my suggestions.

What made me think of this trick? As anyone knows who has done tracking, the dog's nose is the most important element in the doggie arsenal. I've done enough tracking that I knew that the scent would probably get to him if he was in the area (especially since it had been raining and the air was damp). Leaving food was not a possibility; most likely, it would only have drawn raccoons or foxes, not the dog.

Every story has a moral, right? Here it is: socialize, socialize, socialize – TO PEOPLE! Most everyone thinks that socialization



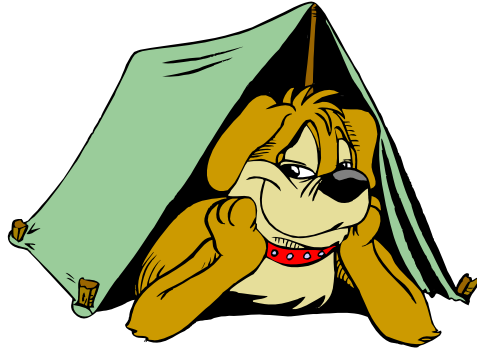
involves puppy/dog play and that dogs should be socialized to dogs, thus the emphasis on doggie daycare and dog parks. Agreed, they should. But socialization to dogs is only a very small part of the socialization picture. More critical is to have a dog that will accept help from a stranger, allow its collar to be touched and its body handled, and won't run from people in a stressful situation. After all, it's not another dog that will try to find your dog that has gone missing in an effort to get him back home; it will be people.

We'll be seeing Jen and Terrence in class at the Club now, hoping to make him more confident around strangers and, maybe, we'll even have a new club member. But for me, the best part of the story is that Jen has her best friend back home with her, and I'm happy that I was able to play a part in it.



CREATIVE TAILS

Fourteen Reasons Why Men Should Have Dogs and Not Wives



1. The later you are, the more excited your dogs are to see you.
2. Dogs don't notice if you call them by another dog's name.
3. Dogs like it if you leave a lot of things on the floor.
4. A dog's parents never visit.
5. Dogs agree that you have to raise your voice to get your point across.
6. You never have to wait for a dog; they're ready to go 24 hours a day.
7. Dogs find you amusing when you're drunk.
8. Dogs like to go hunting and fishing.
9. A dog will not wake you up at night to ask, 'If I died, would you get another dog?'
10. If a dog has babies, you put an ad in the paper and give them away.
11. A dog will let you put a studded collar on it without calling you a pervert.
12. If a dog smells another dog on you, they don't get mad. They just think it's interesting.
13. Dogs like to ride in the back of a pickup truck.

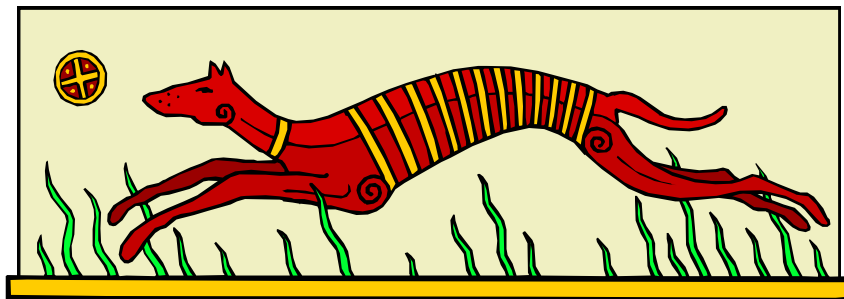
And last, but not least:

14. If a dog leaves, it won't take half of your stuff.



DIVINE TAILS

Jasmine



In 2003, police in Warwickshire, England, opened a garden shed and found a whimpering, cowering dog. It had been locked in the shed and abandoned. It was dirty and malnourished and had clearly been abused.

In an act of kindness, the police took the dog, a Greyhound female, to the nearby Nuneaton Warwickshire Wildlife Sanctuary, run by a man named Geoff Grewcock and known as a willing haven for animals abandoned, orphaned or otherwise in need. Here is the web site:
<http://www.warwickshirewildlife-sanctuary.co.uk/index.htm>.

Geoff and the other sanctuary staff went to work with two aims: to restore the dog to full health and to win her trust. It took

several weeks, but eventually both goals were achieved. They named her Jasmine, and they started to think about finding her an adoptive home. But Jasmine had other ideas.

No one remembers now how it began, but she started welcoming all animal arrivals at the sanctuary. It wouldn't matter if it was a puppy, a fox cub, a rabbit or any other lost or hurting animal. Jasmine would peer into the box or cage and, where possible, deliver a welcoming lick.

Geoff relates one of the early incidents: "We had two puppies that had been abandoned by a nearby railway line. One was a Lakeland Terrier cross and another was a Jack Russell-

Doberman cross. They were tiny when they arrived at the center, and Jasmine approached them and grabbed one by the scruff of the neck in her mouth and put him on the settee. Then she fetched the other one and sat down with them, cuddling them.”

“But she is like that with all of our animals, even the rabbits. She takes all the stress out of them, and it helps them not only to feel close to her but also to settle into their new surroundings.”

“She has done the same with the fox and badger cubs. She licks the rabbits and guinea pigs and even lets the birds perch on the bridge of her nose.”



Jasmine, the timid, abused, deserted waif, became the animal sanctuary’s resident surrogate mother, a role for which she might have been born. The list of orphaned and abandoned youngsters she has cared for comprises five fox cubs, four badger cubs, 15 chicks, eight guinea pigs, two stray puppies and 15 rabbits. And one Roe deer fawn.

Tiny Bramble, 11-weeks-old, was found semi-conscious in a field. Upon arrival at the sanctuary, Jasmine cuddled up to her to keep her warm and then went into the full foster mum role. Jasmine, the Greyhound, showers Bramble the Roe deer with affection and makes sure nothing is matted.

“They are inseparable,” says Geoff. “Bramble walks between her legs and they keep kissing each other. They walk together round the sanctuary. It’s a real treat to see them.”

Jasmine will continue to care for Bramble until she is old enough to be returned to woodland life. When that happens, Jasmine will not be lonely. She will be too busy showering love and affection on the next orphan or victim of abuse.



BOW WOW

Show and Tell Items From Summer Camp

By Barb Hooper
CGTTD Staff



THE GOODS

1. The dog collar I.D. tags are from www.Boomerangtags.com.
2. The Emergency Flashing Light for vehicles, Pet Food/Water Bowl, and Magnetic Hook & Magnetic Split Ring all are available from www.Cleanrun.com.
3. Alternative poop bags are Small Wonders Baby Diaper Sack (50) from K-Mart; Fresh Sacks (250) for Baby Diapers and Pet Cleanup from Walgreens; and Hefty Scrap Bags (50) which are readily available. While these are not as visually appealing as a purple poop bag found in a pants pocket in January, they are affordable and effective. For those of us with larger dogs, these bags provide plenty of room to take care of the largest deposit.

THE SERVICES

Good Sam Club (www.goodsamclub.com) – While considered an RV club, you do not need to have an RV to join.

Basic yearly membership: \$12 (additional information at the end)

Basic Emergency Roadside Assistance: \$79 – Along with typical roadside assistance services and lock out, this is what caught my attention: “...in the event of a medical or personal emergency, we will assist in making arrangement for pet care, transport or safe return.”

Emergency Roadside Assistance-Platinum Upgrade: \$109.95 – Provides all the services of the Basic Roadside Assistance plan but includes ALL

vehicles, even motorcycles, you and your immediate family members drive.

Disclaimer: If you are interested in this, it is your responsibility to check it out online or call them at 1-800-234-3450. The \$12 yearly membership fee is a discounted price from Refer-A-Friend.

CAMPERS: YOU MAY USE BARB'S NAME TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS. YOU'LL NEED TO CONTACT HER FOR HER MEMBERSHIP NUMBER ([K9PALS@AOL.COM](mailto:k9pals@aol.com) - PUT GOOD SAM CLUB IN THE SUBJECT LINE).

Comment: After camp, I traveled to Long Island to visit my dad's grave and then continued on to spend a few days with my 91-year-old mom. Sunday morning at 7:30 a.m. on Sunrise Highway, near Exit 63, I had a sidewall blowout on one of my brand new tires that had less than 1800 miles on them. My membership with the Good Sam Club was less than three weeks old, and I had to use their Roadside Assistance Service because I could not get the lug nuts off. In the span of an hour and a half, they contacted a towing service that

made a 25-mile-trip to my location to change the tire and put on the spare. They also brought a flatbed truck in case the spare wasn't good and I had to be towed for servicing. I was covered by the plan, so there was no charge. Who knows what it would have cost, on a weekend no less, but my membership money was well spent. So consider some type of roadside assistance plan; check out options that work for you and/or your family and don't forget to make sure it includes your dogs.



ONE MORE THING

I am looking for parts for a Pac All Carrier that fits on a car's front bumper. This is the kind of carrier that dog show people use to carry crates and x-pens on the front of the vehicle. It is no longer available, and I need the part that fits up against the bumper and the "J" hooks that

attach it to the bumper. I am willing to take it as a unit if someone has one. Name your price and I will pay shipping and a finders fee if anyone can come up with one. Contact me by email at k9pals@aol.com and put Pac All Carrier in the subject line, so I don't delete it.



Paws up: All-pet airline hits skies

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By SAMANTHA BOMKAMP AP Transportation Writer

One trip for their Jack Russell terrier in a plane's cargo hold was enough to convince Alysa Binder and Dan Wiesel that owners needed a better option to get their pets from one city to another. On Tuesday, the first flight for the husband-and-wife team's Pet Airways, the first-ever all-pet airline, took off from Republic Airport in Farmingdale, N.Y.

All commercial airlines allow a limited number of small pets to fly in the cabin. Others must travel as checked bags or in the cargo hold – a dark and sometimes dangerous place where temperatures can vary wildly.

Binder and Wiesel used their consulting backgrounds and business savvy to start Pet Airways in 2005. The last four years have been spent designing their fleet of five planes according to new four-legged requirements, dealing with FAA regulations and

setting up airport schedules. The two say they're overwhelmed with the response.

Flights on Pet Airways are already booked up for the next two months. Pet Airways will fly a pet between five major cities – New York, Washington, Chicago, Denver, and Los Angeles. The \$250 one-way fare is comparable to pet fees at the largest U.S. airlines. For owners the big difference is service. Dogs and cats will fly in the main cabin of a Suburban Air Freight plane, retooled and lined with carriers in place of seats. Pets (about 50 on each flight) will be escorted to the plane by attendants that will check on the animals every 15 minutes during flight. The pets are also given pre-boarding walks and bathroom breaks. And at each of the five airports it serves, the company has created a "Pet Lounge" for future fliers to wait and sniff before flights.

The company will operate out of smaller, regional airports in the five launch cities, which will mean an extra trip for most owners dropping off their pets if they are flying too. Stops in cities along the way means the pets will take longer to reach a destination than their owners. A trip from New York to Los Angeles, for example, will take about 24 hours. On that route,



pets will stop in Chicago, have a bathroom break, play time, dinner, and bunk for the night before finishing the trip the next day.

Amanda Hickey of Portland, Oregon, is one of the new airline's first customers. Her seven-year-old terrier-pinscher mix Mardi and two-year-old puggle Penny are taking their first flight soon. Hickey said the service was a welcome alternative to flying her dogs in cargo when she transplants them from her Denver home to Chicago to stay while she and her fiance travel to Aruba to get married. "For a little bit more money, I have peace of mind," she said.

It was a stressful experience in a cargo hold that spurred Binder and Wiesel to start their airline. Their Jack Russell terrier, Zoe, flew once in cargo and Binder said they worried about how the dog was doing, but were unable to check on her or get information. The couple soon started looking for a better solution. "One time in cargo was enough for us," Binder said, walking through an airplane hangar as Zoe trotted in front of her. "We wanted to do something better."

The company, which will begin with one flight in each of its five cities, is looking to add more flights and cities soon. In the



next three years, Binder hopes to fly to 25 locations.

Among the big U.S. carriers that offer pet services, AirTran, Spirit, Southwest and JetBlue only allow pets to fly in the cabin. Most U.S. airlines charge between \$100 and \$125, but Delta and Northwest charge \$150 for cabin trips. AirTran is the cheapest among big carriers at \$69. The charge is more to fly in the cargo or check-baggage holds. Delta and Northwest are the most expensive at \$275. Alaska Airlines and Midwest charge the least, at \$100. Frontier prices its checked pets fees between \$100 and \$200 and only takes pets as checked baggage.

Anne Banas, executive editor of SmartTravel.com, questions the viability of an airline with such a specific niche. "I'm not sure how sustainable it is," she said. "But

if people are trying to go for a first-class service, it could make sense." She said the service's popularity could spike in peak summer or winter months when airlines in some areas don't allow pets to travel.

Betsy Saul, co-founder of Petfinder.com, which has ranked

the pet-friendliness of airlines for three years, said she's excited about the expected impact Pet Airways will have on pet travel across major airlines. "The entire industry will stretch because of Pet Airways," she said. "It's a challenge that says 'let's make this (experience) better for pets.'"



NEW ADDITIONS



We look forward to meeting these dogs at Camp.

Owner	Dog	Breed
Laura O'Donnell	Rogue	Border Collie
Victoria Vidal-Ribas	Power	Labrador Retriever
Marie Radcliff	Gretchen Adora	German Shepherd AND Belgian Sheepdog

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:

Ripley, Ann Bates' beloved Border Collie

Samantha, Carol Warden's beloved Cairn Terrier

Toffey, Shawn and Karen Shumake's beloved Mixed Breed

Charlie, Marg Schneider's and Susan Rickwood's beloved Irish Water Spaniel

UNTIL TAILS UP

(As of July 31, 2009)



CAMP

TIME TO WAIT

Summer

June 6-12, 2010

10 Months

Fall

September 6-12, 2009

37 Days

September 13-19, 2009

44 Days



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