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## The Saving of Sunnybank<sup>1</sup>

– By Harvey Flamholtz

Albert Payson (AP) Terhune is one of America's most beloved writers. For kids in the 1920s, 1930s and early 1940s, he was god-like. His stories were exciting adventures, but based on real dogs—the collies he raised at his summer home in New Jersey, named Sunnybank. Unlike Lassie, who never ages, the Sunnybank collies were pups, youngsters, mature dogs in their prime and grizzled old timers. And when their days were over and they passed away, they were laid to rest on the grounds of Sunnybank.

For AP, Sunnybank was always simply "The Place." A curved road wound up a wooded hillside to a big old rambling house almost covered in wisteria. Green mountains encircled it, and a wide lawn sloped gently to a blue green lake. Collies swirled around the Master and Mistress of Sunnybank, as Terhune called himself and his second wife, Anice, as they walked to the lake to sit and enjoy the sunset. There were secret places like the lily pond, presided over by Jack the Bullfrog. There was a boathouse from which he would row out for an afternoon of fishing and oak woods where he would hunt. On the way back to the house, he might make a stop at the puppy house, where future Sunnybank champions vied for attention. And there were the graves, those revered places where Lad, Wolf, Bruce and all the other Sunnybank collies were laid to rest.

In Terhune's heyday, visitors regularly journeyed to Sunnybank. During the summer season, with the children out of school, parents brought them to see the collies and meet the Master and Mistress. Bert was a prolific writer, and Sunnybank was the perfect secluded place for him to spend hours writing. He had a desk in the library and makeshift writing places



strewn throughout the property: an old kitchen chopping block in front of the glider swing and a rustic table before almost every outside chair. It became necessary, though, to stop work and play host to the visitors. It was not only because they demanded to see the Master himself, take photos and ask questions, it was also a necessity to protect the Sunnybank collies. Children clambered all over the dogs, wanting to ride on their backs, pull their ears and tails and, of course, there was always the danger that someone would abscond with one. Terhune hated the intrusion of all the cars. One of his favorite dogs, Wolf, herded a bunch of puppies off the drive just ahead of squealing tires. It became necessary to erect a gate and gatehouse with someone to staff it. Lad was the first star of Terhune's books and the description of his death and burial touched his readers deeply. In the summer following Lad's death, 1,700 visitors trekked to Sunnybank to see his grave until Terhune was forced to put a "no admittance" sign on the iron gates.

On February 18, 1942, Albert Payson Terhune died at Sunnybank. Anice would remain there for the next 22 years, penning her own books, protecting Bert's legacy, greeting the occasional visitor and corresponding with the children who still sent fan letters. In 1964, she died. Everything in the estate went into a charitable foundation, and Sunnybank was on the chopping block. Before anybody

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### NEOCR 2014 Treasurer's Yearly Report

Balance January 1, 2014 .....	\$ 4,679.92
Donations .....	\$13,650.42
Total funds in account .....	\$18,330.34
Expenses	
Post Office box for 2014.....	-\$ 54.00
Post Office box for 2015.....	-\$ 62.00
Liability Insurance 2014 .....	-\$ 344.00
UPS Store (printing).....	-\$ 558.25
Postage.....	-\$ 160.42
Lunar pages (website) .....	-\$ 134.30
Cleveland All Breed Training Center (Whine & Cheese event).....	-\$ 80.00
Office Max .....	-\$ 17.07
U.S. Bank (check reorder) .....	-\$ 40.95
Care for dogs (veterinary, medicine, food grooming, etc.).....	\$7,555.92
Total Expenses .....	-\$ 9,006.91
Balance December 31, 2014 .....	\$ 9,323.43

Leo Kenzik, Secretary / Treasurer

## Meeting Minutes 8/24/14

The meeting was called to order on August 24, 2014, at 1:05 p.m. by President Tom Hoadley.

In attendance at the meeting: Leo Kenzik, Marilyn Kenzik, Bonnie Harris, Betty Hodgson, Tom Hoadley, Cindy Lombardo and Marian Maskow.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. Tom motioned to accept. Betty seconded. Motion passed.

We will be getting out a flyer for the picnic and the Tremont Tap House.

### Old Business

Sharon Hamrick said she could possibly get us some Coke® products for the picnic. Tom will send Sharon a note for what Coke needs. We discussed arrangements for the picnic. We need to contact Judy Lester to send out an e-mail concerning the auction and silent auction items. Tom will provide tables, pop-up tent and hot dogs. Marilyn and Leo will provide the paper products, table coverings, cups and silverware. We don't know how to contact the bagpiper for memorials. We decided we will do memorials during the odd years.

### Adoptions

- Misty was adopted
- Foxy is five years old and available
- Bretta May is blind in one eye and debarked
- Jonah may be available
- Duffy from a shelter

### New Business

Marian discussed the possibility of fund-raisers, such as a garage sale, rummage sale or a sale at Copley Circle Antiques in 2015.

The next meeting will be on January 18, 2015.

Betty moved to adjourn. Marian seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted, Leo Kenzik, Secretary/Treasurer*

## Annual Collie Reunion Picnic Recap

– By Tom Hoadley

After having been cancelled in 2013, due to concerns about a potential circovirus outbreak, NorthEast Ohio Collie Rescue was very happy to host the return of our annual picnic and collie reunion this past September 2014.

At daybreak, the weather looked questionable, but by the time people (and collies) started gathering, the day had turned sunny, temperate and windy. By late morning, the smell of hot dogs on the grill had begun to fill the picnic shelter, and the tables were loaded with every manner of delicious food. Before tucking in though, we gathered at the foot of the park for our traditional group photo shoot. The collies were finally able to get their people herded into some semblance of order, and the shoot was declared a success. We

## Meeting Minutes 1/18/15

The meeting was called to order on January 18, 2015, at 1:05 p.m. by President Tom Hoadley.

In attendance at the meeting: Bonnie Harris, Marilyn Kenzik, Leo Kenzik, Cindy Lombardo, Betty Hodgson, Christine Vrooman, Pellegrino Ciccarello, Joanne Dugan, Grant Snider, Kathryn Leenhouts and Tom Hoadley.

The minutes of the last meeting were corrected to show Copley Circle Antiques instead of Copley Feed.

The fourth quarter and yearly treasurer's reports were read.

Betty discussed adopted dogs and available dogs for adoption.

- Bretta May
- Jonah
- Foxy
- Lad
- Lucky
- Cody
- Chance

Thirteen dogs were adopted in 2014.

Calendar sales will be through CafePress in the future. We are not making very much profit per calendar sale and a lot of time, effort, energy and expense go into creating a calendar for our organization.

We are tabling any upcoming fund-raising events at this time due to the current state of our treasury.

We discussed that some of the dogs that our organization takes in are not purebred collies.

September 20, 2015, is our annual NorthEast Ohio Collie Rescue picnic at Hubbard Valley Park in Medina.

Betty made a motion to adjourn. Bonnie seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted, Leo Kenzik, Secretary/Treasurer*

- all headed back up to the shelter to eat our fill and to spend some time catching up.

After everyone had eaten, talked and sniffed for a bit, we moved on to business. The silent auction tables had been open, and bids were coming in at a good clip when our newly drafted auctioneer, Mike Mahaney, stepped up in front of the crowd. He not only proved that it is never wise to stand next to me when I'm desperate, but he quickly settled into a routine calculated to part folks from the maximum of funds. As always, collie people (they are the best) rose to the occasion and, even though the crowd was a little smaller than in years past, the combination of auctions and a sale table managed to raise almost \$ 1,500 for our treasury.

By mid-afternoon the crowd, full of food and empty of cash, began to break up. We packed up our tent, and loaded up the cars. Full of happy memories of a beautiful day, we are already looking forward to seeing everyone at the next reunion. A big thanks to everyone who helped make the 2014 picnic a success. See [Upcoming Events](#) for details about the this year's picnic.

## Available Collie

### Missy

#### Collie

**Size:** Medium

**Age:** Adult

**Sex:** Female

Missy is a beautiful six-year-old collie that is friendly with adults and teenagers and has been a house dog all her life. She has lovely house manners and knows some commands. She is a great companion.



Missy is looking for her ideal home—one with loving adults, a home without small children or visiting small children. She has had some issues when first meeting dogs, but it appears to just be “pecking order” issues. She is now living with 10 other dogs and does well. It is not known if she is accepting

Please check the [Available Dogs](#) link on [NEOCR.org](#), or visit our [Facebook](#) page for updates regarding our dogs.

## Soothing That Winter Itch

— By Sheila Buchanan

You know the signs: Sounds of a jingling collar in the middle of the night; the sudden drop to the floor to scratch in the middle of play; flaky skin, excessive scratching and biting at the skin; and maybe even scabs and infection.

If your dog exhibits these behaviors when the temperature drops outside, he or she may be suffering the effects of dry, winter air. Cold, dry air can make your pet miserable.

The owners at The Ideal Method have put together a Spring Allergy Package which combines three of their most popular services to help uncover the source of your dog's allergic reactions and provide natural relief to eliminate them. The package includes a spring allergy action plan, a personalized pet food report and one Reiki session at a 15% savings. Visit our website at [TheIdealMethod.com](#) for details. **Foster parents and Rescue pets receive special pricing on all products and services.**

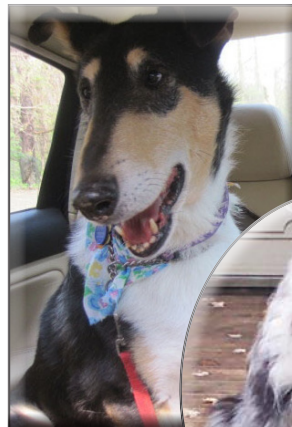


Sheila Buchanan is co-owner of The Ideal Method, a Cleveland based business that offers healing and wellness services to pets and people. Sheila and her partner Debbie Jones are Animal Reiki Masters, Pet Intuitives and Pet Nutrition Consultants.

## In Passing

Our sincere condolences on the passing of...

- 🐾 *Bashful, beloved collie of Ann Ensminger*
- 🐾 *Boston beloved collie of Joyce Brentley*
- 🐾 *Brodie, beloved collie of Barb and Larry Friesen*
- 🐾 *Buddy, beloved collie of Phyllis Dempsey*
- 🐾 *Cooper, beloved collie of Alexis Geoffrion*
- 🐾 *Copper, beloved collie of Eli Rife*
- 🐾 *Dalton & Shannon, beloved collies of Alan & Jeanette Spevak*
- 🐾 *Denver, beloved collie of Tammy Frech*
- 🐾 *Guinness, beloved collie of Emily Tuttle*
- 🐾 *Dexter & Dusty, beloved collies of Sylvia Mattern*
- 🐾 *Jesse, beloved collie of Jon & Judy Lester*
- 🐾 *King, beloved collie of Dave & Tina Stannard*
- 🐾 *Lizzie, beloved collie of Jacki, Bill and Max West*
- 🐾 *Mishka, beloved collie of Leo & Marilyn Kenzik*
- 🐾 *Peggy Sue, beloved collie of C. Arras*
- 🐾 *Pepper, beloved collie of Melanie Fox*
- 🐾 *Storm, beloved collie of Dave and Kathie Miner*
- 🐾 *Wendy, beloved collie of Frank & Carol Gwartz*
- ♥ *Donald E. Hegland, cherished father of Kathryn Leenhouts*
- ♥ *Jeannette Singley, cherished wife of John Singley*



Denver



Jesse



Mishka

Jeannette Singley



## Tributes

### Dusty (Dustina) 3/5/02 – 12/5/14

– By Sylvia Mattern

My dear, sweet, blind bombshell, who fought hard to stay afoot, had multiple seizures between 3:00 and 7:00 a.m. her final morning. She laid in my arms during the entire episode. The vet and I both felt there had been some brain damage, and I promised Dusty during the night that she would never have to endure that distress and pain ever again...so she has bravely and gracefully crossed the Rainbow Bridge.

### Cooper

– By Alexis Geoffrion

It is with heavy heart that I wanted to let you know that Cooper passed to the rainbow bridge this morning. In September, we acquired a seven-month old heeler-collie mix, and Cooper had become a young pup. He was doing so well, until the last few days when he had not been feeling well. He was on the upswing when early this morning I came in living room and he had passed.

Thank you for the three loves of our lives. Cooper, Sunny and Charlie, all in a place together playing.

### Bashful

– By Ann Ensminger

I made the dreaded decision to send Bashful to heaven yesterday. Last Tuesday, she had a seizure for the first time. She was put on phenobarb right away. Then on Monday afternoon, she evidently had another seizure. When I came home from work there was urine and vomit on the floor, and Bashful was not steady on her feet. She had no appetite, not even for boiled chicken. She improved a bit overnight, and then on Tuesday she became much more ataxic—at times falling flat on the floor or not being able to move. The vet that I work with checked all of her blood levels and urine and believes that it was likely a brain lesion. It was so quick, so unexpected, so incredibly heartbreaking and painful. She was my heart. At 12-1/2 years old, she still had so much life left in her. Again, it was just so unexpected.

Bashful was by my side for the past 11 years through thick and thin. She was the perfect therapy dog and made so many people smile. She was a great reading dog. Kids would curl up with her and read, no matter how much help they needed. Most notably, she supported my grandma (and me) through many long hospital stays, lying on her bed and being the perfect guest. When my grandma passed three years ago,



### Storm

– By Kathie Miner

Tee Creek's Bad Moon Rising "Storm" April 29, 2003 – March 10, 2015. Rest peacefully my sweet love... run with Sunny, Harley and Teddy...and know you will be loved forever.



### Wendy

– By Frank Gwirtz

Wendy passed away November 2014. She was a beautiful collie who overcame the abuse she experienced early in her life to become a loving member of our family for over ten years. Thanks to Collie Rescue for bringing her



to us. There are no words to describe how much we miss her.

Bashful was with me every moment throughout the process and welcomed every visitor to the funeral home. I was very close to my Grandma and lived with her for 20 years. It is from her I inherited my love for animals.

I am so sad over this incredible loss, but also so grateful that Bashful was such an important part of my life and that she touched the lives of so many. Thank you, Betty, and NEOCR for making this journey a possibility.

### Boston

– By Joyce Brentley

I wanted to let you know that I had to put Boston down. He was struggling with mobility issues. He could not do stairs anymore, and even the one step from the house into the backyard caused him to hesitate. Getting up from the floor was arduous. My husband would have to lift him into the back seat of the car any time we went to the vet or the groomer. Boston was on several meds for joint pain, but even with them, he was having difficulty. Boston had lost nearly 10 pounds. His usual weight was 65 pounds, but when we took him to the animal shelter, they weighed him and he was only 56 pounds. He slept all day long every day and had so little energy. So it was time. My husband and I stayed with Boston in the room until the very end.

Several months ago, I adopted a female sheltie as a companion for Boston. Her name is Anise. They sniffed and kissed and slept together on the floor. Anise walks from room to room looking for Boston. We all miss him.

## Dalton – The Gentle Soul

– Alan Spevak



Close to 14 years ago, we were blessed with four beautiful sable and white babies from our girl Sasha. She had two girls (Shania and Shannon) and two boys (Dustin and Dalton). They were so full of new life and a curiosity for life. Dustin was the biggest, who got most of the food from his mom, and Dalton was next in line. The girls did okay for themselves and always hung out together as sisters will do. Dustin and

Dalton were good brothers, but they had their own agendas. Dustin—the big brute with big paws and a full chest—was a roughhouse guy. He keyed in on my wife, Jeanette, and was hers from that moment on. He loved his dad, and from his teenage years on, he would be right by my side as my helper/supervisor whenever I was working in the garage or anywhere at all. Dalton, on the other hand, chose me and was quiet and more subdued. He was content to watch from afar but would wait for me to come home from work every day. He was with my mom for awhile when she was older and kept her company after my dad passed away. He would jump up on the couch and lie down with her, and if she moved, he would watch her with a caring look knowing she was frail and old and needed looking after.

Dalton was a very good boy, always minding and quiet, except when he had to be part of the pack watching for intruders and checking out strangers coming into the house. He would let you in the house, but he would not leave you alone with his brother; he was always on guard. He had a wonderful appetite right up till the end, but he was never overweight. If he was given human food, you had to watch your fingers because he pretended like he was starving. Dalton was an ambassador for our Collie Rescue group on many occasions and was always ready for a pat from strangers and kids. He even went with us to pick up Toby and bring him into the pack, accepting him like another brother.

Dalton was a wonderful boy, the love of our lives, big but gentle, kind but protective, caring of our feelings, always offering a hug to make us happy again. He was what every collie was meant to be—a big gentle beautiful soul, brave, loving, happy, caring and kind. He was my anchor, someone to confide in, and someone with whom I could trust secrets. I know we all have said this about our own kids, but he was a very special boy, one in a million.

One day, Jeanette was looking out the front door and saw a double rainbow in the sky. We had lost his brother a year and two months earlier, and we believe he was sending Dalton the bridge to come home. That morning, Jeanette

had Dalton out on his raised bed in the backyard. He was sitting up looking up at the sky and enjoying the sun and warm breeze. She checked on him not long after, and he was at peace and had gone home. We are not sure what had happened to him. The previous week he had trouble walking and had trouble holding his head straight; he kept leaning to his left. He was drinking water from a sippy cup, eating and relieving himself just fine. Was it a stroke? We're not sure. He had some arthritis in his back legs, but was getting around with assistance standing up. All we know is he was not in any kind of pain. He was peaceful and barked a little when he wanted to move. He is at peace now and having fun with his brother and mom. We know he will be waiting for us at the bridge with tail wagging when we come home for good to be with everyone again.

## Shannon's Story

– Alan Spevak

Shannon was born almost 14 years ago. We had her from a newborn pup, along with Dustin, Dalton and Shania. She was born to our Matriarch Sasha in our bedroom. Shannon was of average size and weight and was a beautiful little girl. She loved her siblings very much, and they all became a very tight knit group that ran and played with each other.

She grew up to be a great teenage girl and liked hanging around with her sister Shania. She also loved her brothers and would play with them and hung out with them. They were always together and got along with each other; never can I remember a fight among them.

As time went by, she was a beautiful girl, always slender in nature and had a great Collie quality about her. She was a quiet girl but would join in with the others when it was time to bark at whatever got them all going. She was brave and would be right in the mix and sometimes up front to protect the pack.

As she got older, she grew a beautiful coat of sable and white. On the back of her head and neck she especially had the softest coat of white you ever felt. She was then nicknamed Cotton because that is how she felt, whether clean or a little dirty. She also possessed the largest big brown doe eyes I have ever seen. Soon after the loss of her sister, Shania, and

See "[Shannon](#)" page 7...



## Lizzie

— Jacki, Bill and Max West

I am writing this letter to let all of our extended family at NEOCR know that Lizzie (formerly Koo) passed away peacefully on November 12, 2014. Tom may remember her from the pictures he posted in the NEOCR newsletter with her sitting behind him at his desk!



We adopted Lizzie from NEOCR in March of 2003. She was a terrific addition to our family, and to all the dedicated volunteers of your organization, we are profoundly grateful to you for bringing her into our lives. Having survived the ride home with her in the car from her foster parents' home on the east side, while she barked continuously, she immediately settled into her role in our home and soon became the "boss."

I remember, at the time, being worried that NEOCR would find us lacking as parents since their rules for adoption were so different from anything we had ever encountered when we got our other dogs. That was one of the things we liked about adopting from NEOCR—you take the time to make sure the dog fits the home they are going to. We already had one collie, Max, and Lizzie took to Max as if she had been with him her entire life. I jokingly told my husband that if we didn't pass muster on our next exam, NEOCR would have to go to court to get her back—that's how fast and easy it was to fall in love with that little girl. Needless to say, you

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*Shannon (continued)*

then her mom Shasha, she became the new Matriarch of the group. Shannon did her job well, and if the brothers got into a small tiff over food or a toy, she was right there letting them know to knock it off.

She mothered a small litter and gave us Bo and Cheyenne; Bo lived to be about eight years old and left us due to cancer. Cheyenne is still with us and lives on to be the last remaining Matriarch of the group. Sadly, we lost Dustin 14 months ago and had just lost Dalton the day before. She was by his side that last night laying right next to him all night long. When Dalton passed that morning, it just seemed to change her. She stopped eating the last two days and took a little water; she stopped walking and would not stand up. The day before Dalton passed Jeanette saw a double rainbow in the sky; it was Dustin showing them the way.

Jeanette and I both knew she was giving up, yet this morning she did not really want to go. She soon passed away in Jeanette's arms. As we held her, you could see she was at peace and felt she was not alone. They all took comfort in Jeanette's arms, who always had a calming loving mothering nature to her that they all felt. I am somewhat jealous of this side of her and yet very proud of her for having such a great

looked past the facade of a home that was never that clean and hasn't been since, and decided the match was a good one. You allowed Lizzie to adopt us, and she came to live with us for the rest of her life.

Two years ago, after losing our first Max, we adopted another collie from NEOCR, who just happened to be named Max. "Max II" was nine years old at the time we adopted him, and just like Lizzie fit in with "Max I," he immediately became a part of our family and was Lizzie's constant companion. If dogs can feel love, then certainly the relationship that developed between the two of them could be called that. For the last couple of weeks of Lizzie's life, he became passionately protective of her—asking for food when she wanted it, barking when she needed water, helping her out the door when she had to go, sitting quietly with her while she slept (often providing himself as her "pillow"). I know he sensed that something was terribly wrong and provided whatever comfort he could.

Lizzie offered one thing none of our other dogs ever did on such a regular basis—the gift of, as we like to put it, "learning patience." This could be trying at times, but she never gave up her stubbornness and her willingness to meet each test with grace and dignity. When we wondered how we could get her through things or how she could just keep going, she found the strength and courage to do just that. Each dog offers something special, and this was Lizzie's gift to us.

So thank you again for the honor and the privilege of adopting Lizzie. Anyone who has ever known the love of a great dog will know what they offer and what is missed when they are no longer with you. Suffice it to say that they will never be forgotten and can never be replaced. No matter how much time you have with them, it's just never enough.

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quality about her. It was very hard to see Shannon go, but we let her know it was okay to leave and find her brothers and sister. As she left, she took one long look up at Jeanette. It was like saying, "Bye mom, thank you." We both cried holding on to her one last time. We love you, Cotton girl, and we will see you again. Be good and run free.



**King Stannard – Age 13**

*Rest in Peace — December 2014*

— Dave & Tina Stannard

## Sunnybank (continued from page 1)

really realized what was happening, 30 of Sunnybank's 40 acres had been sold. A real estate agent in Pompton Lakes had purchased the last ten acres, which included the house, kennels, the barn and the gazebo. Sunnybank was to become another housing development.

That's when one woman stepped in—Claire Leishman of nearby Paramus, New Jersey. Simply put, without Claire, there would be no Sunnybank today. Claire loved collies, and she had visited Anice Terhune at Sunnybank. Early on, two other Sunnybank visitors signed on to help. In 1965, Claire Leishman realized that something must be done, and quickly, if Sunnybank was to be saved. This dynamo launched a two-prong assault to rally support for Sunnybank. First, she had to mobilize local support to stop the development and persuade the township to purchase the site for a park. She also mounted a nationwide campaign to show the town council members that Sunnybank was a national treasure, and people far and wide cared about its survival. Claire



worked with the newly formed Citizens for Sunnybank as well as a local women's club and several other groups to protest the sale. The President of the Wayne Township Council was a Sunnybank supporter as was Charlie Kelly, the head of the Parks Department. Don Yott, the librarian at a local high school, turned into a PR person, writing press releases for the local media. Howard Ball, a writer for a local newspaper, wrote many articles about Sunnybank and championed the park idea.

Claire wrote to collie clubs all across the nation. She began a regular monthly Sunnybank column in the magazine *Collie Cues*. Letter writing campaigns were started, and money was raised. In addition to the New Jersey collie clubs, groups in California, Arizona and the Southwest were extremely supportive.

In the end, it was a very close 5 to 4 vote to save Sunnybank. The Township of Wayne purchased the property for



\$145,240.92 (all but \$9,000 of which was reimbursed by grants from Federal Open Spaces and the State Green Acres), and the Terhune Memorial Park was born. Not all of the battles would end so happily. Though Claire and others had managed to raise enough funds to restore the house, the township declined to take on the project. On April 29, 1969, the bulldozers moved in and the house and barn were razed.



Claire and the others who had worked so long to save Sunnybank formed the Terhune Sunnybank Memorial. This group has been responsible for preserving and restoring Sunnybank. And, oh, what they have accomplished. They have cleared and marked the graves of the Sunnybank collies, have repaired the evening lookout and placed numerous signs. The puppy house has been rebuilt, and there are benches, including one honoring the Terhunes and Claire Leishman. Soon there will be a walkway around what was the old lily pond and a tribute to Jack the Bullfrog. Year in and year out, they have come up with many imaginative fund-raising ideas.

### Adoptions April 2014 – April 2015

- Bretta Mae** – Phyllis Dempsey, Tallmadge, OH
- Cassie** – Mike & Gail DeVore, Cumberland, MD
- Chance** – Grant & Beth Snider, Sharon Center, OH
- Darla** – Ann Emsinger, Pittsburgh, PA
- Foxy** – Adam & Joni Pepe, Ellet, OH
- Gage (Sage)** – Phyllis Dempsey, Tallmadge, OH
- Garrett** – Jim and Joann Bialosky, Moreland Hills, OH
- JJ (Joey Jr.)** – Heinz & Elaine Knall, Solon, OH
- Jenny** – Ann & Ben Farah, Rocky River, OH
- Jonah** – Paige Richardson, Romulus, MI
- Journey** – Peg & Mike Partington, Cleveland Heights, OH
- Lad (Shep)** – Shelley Britenbucher, Chippewa Lake, OH
- Lassie (X)** – Nancy Yuhn, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI
- Lucky (Lassie)** – Blanche & Robert McMullen, Ellet, OH
- Misty** – Tom Hoadley & Cindy Lombardo, Richfield, OH

# Happy Tails

## Lassie

– Nancy Yuhn

Lassie continues to do well here in Grosse Pointe Woods. She is pretty much as you described her. She is adjusting to a new home, and I believe she is happy. There is no indication of arthritis as she gets up easily from wood floors. We try to walk morning and night, and her strength has grown as she easily handles it. She is barking at neighbors and chasing squirrels (just a little). This morning, she flushed out a baby bird but did not touch it. Sometimes she barks at our other collie, which I think is a bit of jealousy. Otherwise, she is well behaved and easy to handle. The vet was pleased with her, and his staff loves her. She does need a lot of petting. She has been meeting the neighbors and family and is curious about all.



## Chance

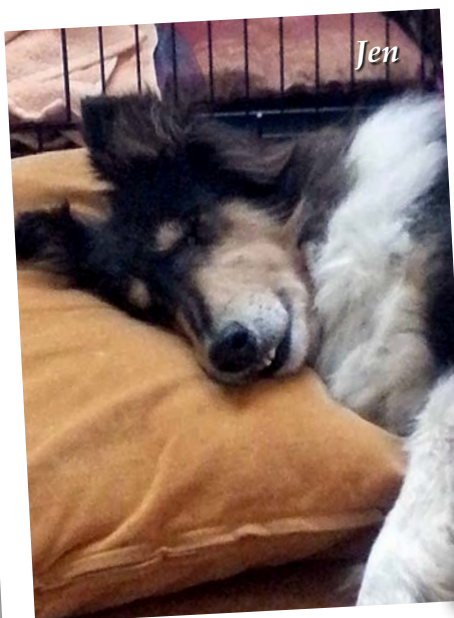
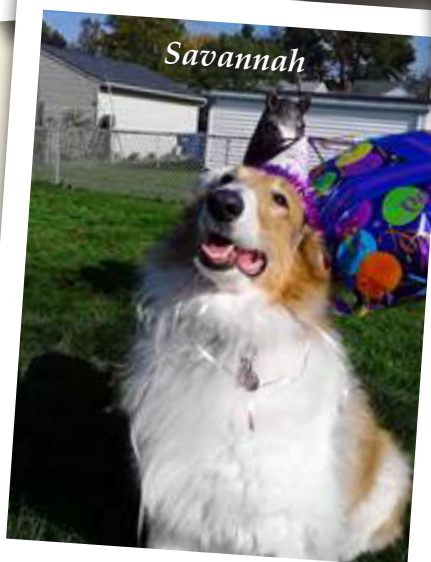
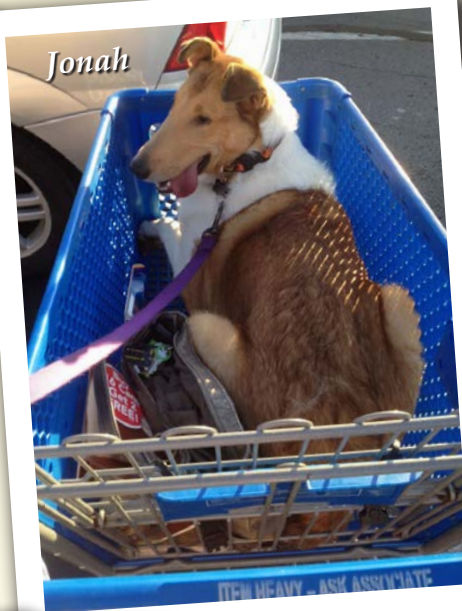
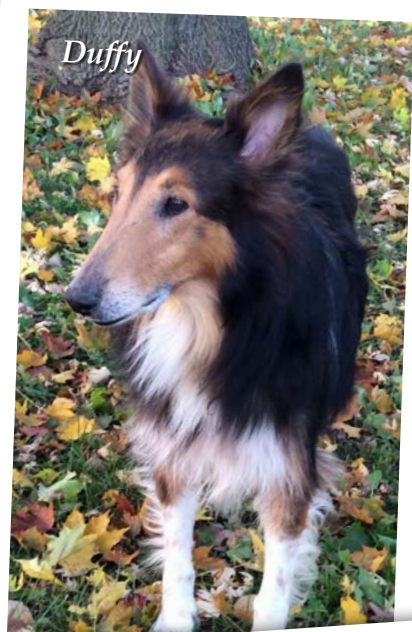
– Betty Hodgson

Here are some before and after pictures of Chance. The top photos (left and right) show Chance when he first came from a farm in Seville, OH, in October, 2013 and needed a home. Bill and Sherry Chestnut in PA were looking for a collie, so they took Chance even though he had obvious skin issues. They vetted him, nurtured and took great care of him so he could look like a collie should (bottom left).



Chance came back to OH in January of this year because he kept getting out of their fenced yard and didn't seem happy; they thought it would be safer/better for him to be rehomed. Below (right) is Chance after he was professionally groomed. Chance is now living the "good life" with Grant and Beth Snider and their pack in Sharon Center, OH.

## From the Scrapbook Gallery...



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 📌 NEOCR's **Annual Collie Reunion & Picnic** will be held Sunday, September 20, 2015, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at Hubbard Valley Park in Medina County. More details to follow.
- 📌 Join NEOCR for **Yappy Hours** at the **Tremont Taphouse**, 2572 Scranton Road in Cleveland, on June 23, August 4, September 29 and October 6, where a portion of sales will be donated to NEOCR.
- 📌 **Yappy Hours** at the **Winery at Wolf Creek**, Norton — Second Tuesday of the month, May-October, 5-8 p.m. on the lawn. Proceeds benefit GivePetsAChance. Tickets are \$10/person and include a raffle entry, a glass of wine, and goodies for your dog. (\$5 per person for non-drinkers includes soft drink or water.) Event is weather dependent.
- 📌 **Doggy Nights** — At **D'Agenese's at White Pond**, 566 White Pond Drive, Akron, begin first week in May. Dine with your doggy on the patio. Contact the restaurant for details.
- 📌 **Woof Walks** — At Stan Hywet in Akron on most Sundays through October 25, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., with last entry at 4:30 p.m. No Woof Walks on Mother's Day (5/10), Father's Day (6/21), Community Day (8/16) or Ohio Mart (10/4). Non-member dog owners pay \$10 for a garden and grounds admission, and their dogs can join them for \$5 per dog. Stan Hywet member dog owners and dogs are free. All dogs must be leashed.
- 📌 **Paws-4-A-Cause** — Saturday, June 6, 2015, in Chagrin Falls.
- 📌 **Working Dog Weekend** — June 13-14, 2015, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. will be held at Lake Metroparks Farmpark in Kirtland.
- 📌 **Woof, Wag and Wine** — Saturday, June 13, 2015, at Grand River Cellars in Madison.
- 📌 Eighth Annual **Hudson Wine Festival** — July 17-18, 2015, benefiting animal welfare and military support organizations.
- 📌 **Doggone North Canton** Dog Adoption & Wellness Fair — August 8, 2015, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Witwer Park, 301 Harmon Street SW, North Canton. Join the fun for a multi-rescue dog adoption event and wellness fair brought to you by Pawsitive Ohio.
- 📌 **Summer Scoop** — August 9, 2015, from 12-3 p.m. at Oak Park Picnic Area, Valley Parkway, Brecksville. Free admission and parking. Event benefits The Sanctuary for Senior Dogs.
- 📌 **Collie Health Foundation's 19th Annual Gathering at Sunnybank** — August 15-16, 2015, at Terhune Memorial Park at Sunnybank, Wayne, NJ.
- 📌 **Mutt Strut** — Saturday, August 22, 2015, from 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in Penitentiary Glen, Kirtland.
- 📌 **Dog Paddle and Pet Palooza** — August 23, 1-5 p.m. at Hinkley Reservation Ledge Pool for the annual Dog Paddle and Pet-a-Palooza. Visitors can bring their non-aggressive dogs to swim at Ledge Pool for a nominal donation (\$5/per dog) that benefits the Cleveland APL and the Medina County SPCA. A mini dog fair will also be held on the grounds with exhibitors and vendors to purchase items to pamper the pooches.



Pearl & Murdoch



Shaunna



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Darla



Gracie & Sabre



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