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Don't Let Them Dig!

– By Susan Smith

August 15, 2012

It was only a few days before my Bravo Boy was to attend his training class at PetSmart® when I noticed something was terribly wrong. Bravo Boy, then a six-month-old Chesapeake Bay retriever, was usually full of energy and bouncy and devoured his puppy chow. But for some reason, he was not eating, had developed a “gaggy” cough, and just seemed depressed. So right away, we went to the vet who treated with antibiotics. But by the second antibiotic, Bravo could not take the pills, and he was given an antibiotic shot.

After a couple of days, he still had a fever over 103.5 degrees, a cough, wouldn't eat, and had lost five pounds. After chest x-rays, a blood test and urine test, Bravo Boy was diagnosed with *blastomycosis*—a fungal infection in the lungs.

How do dogs get this illness? By sniffing and following a scent or by digging in dirt or decaying wood, which releases spores into the air.

- ✍ When the spores are inhaled, the fungus then grows in their lungs.¹
- ✍ Thirty-five percent of dogs diagnosed with this illness die. Of those in treatment, fifteen percent die. And of those treated successfully, twenty-five percent will have a reoccurrence.
- ✍ The spores can be widespread, and there is no vaccine for it. Prevention involves keeping dogs away from soil by waterways that has been disturbed and by keeping them from digging.³

The treatment involved an expensive anti-fungal medicine and getting Bravo

Boy to eat enough to survive. We gave him his medication in peanut butter because that was the only way we could get it in him. We tried every kind of food with him, but it was about three weeks before he ate anything. As a result, he lost over nine pounds. After being on the medication, his cough improved, and he started eating more. He was hand fed daily just to keep him alive. He was scheduled to be on the medication for a year.

Our collie rescue dog, Blue, was also diagnosed with blastomycosis, but it was not as bad. He was put on the same medication. Initially, it had not spread beyond the lungs in either dog. It can be in the eye and cause blindness, the joints, the skin, and elsewhere.⁴ At which case, the prognosis is very poor.²

October 28, 2012

Bravo Boy had his first grand-mal seizure with vomiting. He had 3 more seizures in 36 hours. We took him to the vet right away. He informed us that the blastomycosis had gotten to his brain and was causing the seizures—and there was nothing more that could be done. Although it broke our hearts, we said our goodbyes, and Bravo Boy was sadly euthanized. He is now waiting for us at the rainbow bridge.



Bravo Boy

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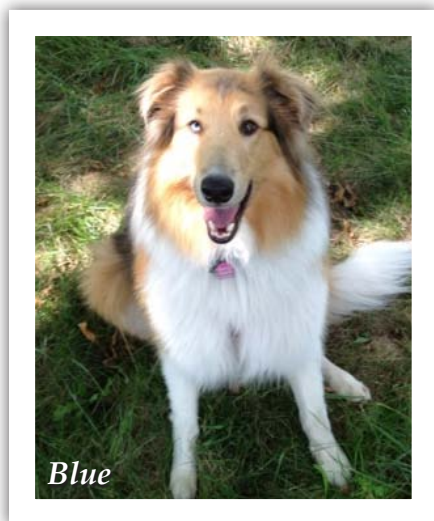
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NEOCR Treasurer's Report January 1 – March 31, 2013

Balance January 1, 2013.....	\$5,124.08
Deposits January 1 – March 31, 2013.....	\$5,523.01
Total.....	\$10,647.09
Expenses	
Insurance.....	-\$344.00
Expenses for Dogs (vet bills, good, grooming, etc.)	-\$3,143.74
Total Expenses.....	\$3,487.74
Balance March 31, 2013.....	\$7,159.35
Leo Kenzik, Secretary / Treasurer	



As far as we could tell, Blue was doing much better. He still had more treatments to go, and his next vet appointment was scheduled for November 12 for chest x-rays and yearly shots. We were optimistic we would receive good news as his last x-rays showed improvement. We were hopeful he'd make it through.

January 14, 2013

We took Blue to the vet last Friday, and we received good news. He survived six months on the anti-fungal medicine without apparent spread of the Blastomycosis to other parts of his body. His lungs were clear, and the large swollen lymph node that was pushing up his trachea shrank back to normal size—his trachea was once again straight. He was taken off the anti-fungal medicine, and we were hopeful that some of the other things that developed during his treatment would

gradually subside—like his lick granulomas, itching, and anxiety. Hopefully his healing will soon be complete in all ways, and that he will be off all medications. We hope Blue is with us until a ripe old age!

April 5, 2013

How many collies get the chance to be rescued *twice*—first as a rescued dog and secondly from a deadly, life-threatening illness? Our Blue is that dog! We took him to the vet, and his lungs are even clearer than they were in January! Everything has shrunk back to normal, and he weighed in at 70.5 pounds. His blastomycosis seems to be gone, although we will follow up with an x-ray in six months when he gets his Proheart® shot. We are so happy, and so is Blue! He romps and plays and jumps, and then rests in his doggy bed until supper. His appetite has been very good. At night, he curls up for an evening of TV and a good night's sleep on the bed with mom and dad and brother Roscoe. All is well! We are tickled pink he made it and is in the clear!

There is a long period of restricted activity and recuperation in store for dogs with blastomycosis and a lot of extra tender loving care. And the moral of this story is: *NO DIGGING!*

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Meeting Minutes 1/13/13

The meeting was called to order at 1:25 p.m. by President Tom Hoadley. There were nine members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Leo stated that Chase Giving gave us \$ 335.30.

Intakes and adoptions were discussed by Betty.

The next meeting will be on April 28, 2013, at Tom and Cindy's home.

Leo made a motion to suspend the Whine & Cheese event this year. Betty seconded the motion.

The majority voted to suspend the Whine & Cheese event for 2013.

The current officers were re-elected for 2013.

- ✍ Tom Hoadley – President
- ✍ Leo Kenzik – Treasurer
- ✍ The Board of Directors was re-elected, with the exception that Marian Maskow will replace Johanna Lance on the Board.

Marian motioned to adjourn. Betty seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leo Kenzik, Secretary/Treasurer

Meeting Minutes 4/28/13

The meeting was called to order at 1:25 p.m. by President Tom Hoadley.

There were 9 members in attendance.

Tom stated that the IRS forms are up to date and the Ohio Secretary of State is up to date.

Adoptions — Jackson has been adopted. Judy also received an application from a man who does not do vet care.

Intakes — Abby, Lucy, Robby, Sammy, Samson, Shadow, and Sydney.

Betty stated that five collie mixes are available.

Tom ordered some books for NEOCR.

Lake Farm Park is coming up June 8-9. We are looking for volunteers to work that event and the Pet Expo in Akron.

Marian stated that the newsletter is underway. Events will be in the newsletter and updated on the website.

The NEOCR picnic will be the fourth Sunday in September.

Tom and Cindy stated they have some artwork they might be interested in selling to make money for NEOCR.

Betty made a motion to adjourn. Beverly seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 2:25 PM.

Some of Our Available Collies

Chance



Collie

Size: Large
Age: Senior
Sex: Male

Chance is a great boy with some spunk and plenty of love. He is nine years old, but still frisky and doesn't

have any issues with steps or playing with other dogs. He is friendly with everyone and likes to eat. He is on a diet to drop a few of those pesky pounds. He enjoys just hanging out in nice weather on the deck — keeping the wildlife at bay and taking a nap or two. At night, he prefers the love seat or a cushy dog bed. Chance has a beautiful coat but doesn't care much for being combed, yet he is gradually getting more used to grooming. He will not tolerate being grabbed by the collar or having his face touched, so he should not be with small children. Overall, he is a handsome, typical collie and would just love his own, rest-of-his-life home in a calm, peaceful environment.

Dax

Collie/German Shepherd Mix

Size: Large
Age: Adult
Sex: Male



Dax is a little shy. He lost his home due to foreclosure, so he was living outside with a friend of the owners. Since winter was coming, we rescued him so he could be warm and cozy. He gets along with cats and other dogs (as long as the dogs don't try to beat him up). He is friendly but reserved and would just love to have a permanent home with folks who love him.



Sidney

Collie/Hound Mix

Size: Medium
Age: Adult
Sex: Male

Sidney is just the best dog — he is friendly, happy, playful and gets along with other dogs just fine.

He is also quite the cuddler. He is neutered, has all his shots and is heartworm negative. He was wormed. Overall, he is a great dog and just wants to please. He does like to play with other dogs and would do well with another dog or two or at a dog park or doggie events.

Bobby

Collie

Size: Large
Age: Adult
Sex: Male



Robby is about 6-7 years years old and very sweet with a nice disposition. He likes to play with toys — well, at least he likes moving them around. He is good with people and with other dogs. He is neutered, heartworm negative, up-to-date with shots, wormed and scheduled for a dental checkup.



Sammy

Collie/Australian Shepherd Mix

Size: Large
Age: Adult
Sex: Male

Sammy is a 4-5 year old collie mix, most likely mixed with Aussie. He is good with people and other dogs. He is neutered, heartworm negative, up-to-date with shots, wormed and scheduled for a dental cleaning. He came from a shelter but had obviously been a house dog.



Lucy

Collie/Golden Retriever Mix

Size: Medium
Age: Senior
Sex: Female

When Lucy came to us from a shelter, she was a stray and pretty lean. She is eating well, gaining weight and is positively the sweetest dog you will ever run across. She is just a dear and happy to be fed, housed and loved. She is estimated to be 8-9 years old, but very spry — she runs and plays with other dogs and then takes nice long naps. She is house trained (she came that way) and is a very loving soul. It is hard to imagine how anyone could have not claimed this little girl.

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



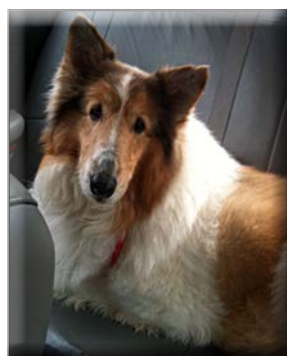
Faith

Collie

Size: Large
Age: Adult
Sex: Female

This happy girl is 7 years old. She likes being around people and loves to get her belly

rubbed. Faith needs to go to a home with a fenced yard where she can romp and play and go out her business. She will not tolerate being crated or confined, but does well when given free reign in her home. She might try to be the alpha pet when put in a pack of dogs, but did get along with most dogs she was with. She's definitely looking for her furever home where she can be your loyal companion.



Lily

Collie

Size: Large
Age: Adult
Sex: Female

What a great girl. She seems happy, sits, lays down on command, and already wants to play with our pack. She walked in her foster home and acted like she had always been

there. She is scheduled for spaying and dental work.

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In Passing

Our sincere condolences on the passing of...

- 🐾 *Agnes, Brandy and Fancy*, beloved collies of *Tom Hoadley & Cindy Lombardo*
- 🐾 *Amos*, beloved collie of *Tom & Elsa Keefer*
- 🐾 *Bo & Dustin*, beloved collies of *Alan & Jeannette Spevak*
- 🐾 *Bravo Boy*, beloved dog of *Suzanne Smith*
- 🐾 *Brogan*, beloved wolfhound of *Rosemary & Bob Nolan*
- 🐾 *Connor*, beloved collie of *Pat Cozzens & Brian Wynn*
- 🐾 *Daytona*, beloved collie of *Joannie Zita*
- 🐾 *Enoch*, beloved collie of *Kathy Leenhouts*
- 🐾 *Lorna*, beloved collie of *Melissa Johnston*
- 🐾 *Max*, beloved collie of *Bill & Jackie West*
- 🐾 *Philo*, beloved collie of *Denise DeLallelio*
- 🐾 *Roxy*, beloved dog of *Ray & Elaine Flanery*

A Call for Photos – NEOCR 2014 Calendar



- It's time to start working on our yearly fund-raising calendar! If you have a high resolution picture of your collies, or collie-mix dogs rescued through NEOCR, that you would like considered for the calendar, please email it to Webmaster@NEOCR.org.
- Please use separate emails for each submission and attach (not embed) the photos to your email.
- This is not a contest in the sense that no awards will be given or "winners" announced, but your pet may get the privilege of being featured on our 2014 calendar.
- We are looking for pictures in natural settings, or if taken indoors, featured in *simple, uncluttered* backgrounds.
- Pictures should be clear and in focus. Pictures can be from current or pets no longer with us and can include their sibling pets.
- We do have some size constraints. For more details, visit www.NEOCR.org "You Ought to Be In Pictures" article where you can read and download [complete guidelines](#).
- Owners will be notified prior to publication if your picture was selected. If you are not the original photographer, *please secure reprint permission prior to submission*.



Once finished, calendars will be available for order from www.CafePress.com/NEOCR.

Deadline for submission is June 30, 2013.

Adoptions

October 2012 — May 2013

- Ava** — Diane Gilger, Wadsworth, OH
- Diego** — Sam & Tiffany Stofel, West Chester, OH
- Jackson** — Deb & Chad Erwin, Barberton, OH
- King** — David & Tina Stannard, Fairlawn, OH
- Sandy** — Tom Hoadley & Cindy Lombardo, Richfield, OH
- Shadow** — Bing & Debbie Blossom, Hunting Valley, OH
- Samson** — Pat Cozzens & Brian Wynn, Chagrin Falls, OH
- Skyler** (fna Cyril) — Betty Hodgson & David Gray, Medina, OH
- Stilts** — Tom Hoadley & Cindy Lombardo, Richfield, OH
- Tigger** — Jeanette & John Singley, Tallmadge, OH
- Tori** — Shelley & Jeff Britenbucher, Chippawa Lake, OH

Our Boy, Bo

— By Alan Spevak

Ten years ago, our girl Shannon had her one and only litter. She had a good birth, and out of that litter we kept two puppies. One was small and female (named Cayenne) the other was a good size male (named Bo). Sister and brother grew up, and while growing up there were spats with their litter mates. Coming into their yearling years, Bo always seemed to get picked on by our older kids. You see, even though Bo was a pretty good size, he was always a lover and never learned to defend himself. Thus the scars on his nose, some of which never healed properly due to the hair not growing in. We always tried to watch out for him, but we had to leave for work. Kids being kids, he got the brunt of things.



Bo grew up and he finally learned to defend himself. He was always a big guy with a very full and deep chest. He loved to run and never seemed to get tired. How he ran and stood, I will never know—he had the skinniest legs I have ever seen on a collie. He was Dad's boy, and he would always greet me when I came home. He would bark up a storm and just about wiggle out of his skin. He was also a spoiled boy and claimed the couch for himself along with any pillows that were there. He loved his couch and to be comfortable, sometimes to the point of us thinking he would never walk again and take his meals there. Of course he didn't, and he ate in the kitchen with the rest of the kids. He was guarded about his food but would share with his sister when she came over to him.

Bo was very intelligent and he always asked to go outside when the need arose, no matter the hour of the day or night. He was also a guy who when he finished his dinner would walk into the living room and come over to me. Whenever I asked him if he ate his kibble, he would look me right in the face and belch (what love). I would then tell him he was a piggy, and he would get all excited and start talking and wiggle his butt. One more special trait of his was when I would come home from work and settle in to my chair. He would (you guessed it) be on the couch, and we would have a five minute conversation about his day. He would talk to me quietly, I would ask him questions, he would answer back, and so it went. I will miss that part of him the most and not being able to ask him about his day anymore.

Ten short years of pure undying love and affection is too short in my opinion. Am I being selfish and greedy? Yes! We all are that way with our kids. Bo was very special to us. He was so lovable, sweet and gentle for such a big boy. He was one in a million and left a very, very big hole in our hearts. Stay sweet my boy and enjoy an eternity of sun and warm fields to run in. Look for us at the bridge. As the doctor gave you the shot, I held your paw, and mommy hugged you and held you while you went to sleep. I promised you one day we will see you there on the other side of the bridge, and we will play and love you and have our special talks again. For you will ever be in our hearts, our boy Bo.

Dustin: A Bright and Brave Boy

— By Alan Spevak

About a week after Dustin was diagnosed with squamous cell carcinoma, the vet found three more tumors in his neck while the vet prepped him for surgery. These tumors were bigger than the original one that was found, one of which was pressing on his trachea. We made the difficult decision to let him cross over the rainbow bridge so he would have no more suffering. He was so strong through all of this; we had no idea just how bad off he was. He never gave any signs, and up till our last night together, he was strong as ever, ate a good meal and was barking. Despite everything that was going on, he never once complained about it. Jeanette was just devastated because he was *her* boy and followed her everywhere she went. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, my friend. You were bright, brave and brilliant to the very end.

We would like to thank our close and extended collie family for all of your very heartfelt wishes and comments regarding

the loss of our boy Dustin. It is more than we expected, and we are very deeply touched.

I know we all say this but he was a very special boy. Jeanette helped Dustin's mom birth him on our bed, and he never left her side since then. He would even lay in the hot steam of the bathroom as she took a shower until she was done.

Again thank you all so much. We love you all, and this, too, we shall survive...although the house is getting emptier each time we say good bye.



Tribute to Connor

— By Pat Cozzens



We fell in love with Connor at the Collie Rescue Picnic in 2008 and lived happily together until the end. I attended the picnic with Brian and our beloved Brady (Gilbert), who always loved trying to control situations.

As I approached the pen of available collies, I “listened” to a beautiful mahogany male

calling to me with incredible passion and excitement. I asked Betty if I could take him for a walk, and she encouraged me and told me what a good boy Connor was. He wasn’t just a good boy, but a perfect boy! We immediately developed a bond during our short walk, which was truly created by his unusual ability to communicate. Connor loved to talk when happy or excited, moan and groan while settling onto his bed, or crying with excitement when I would walk in the door or knock on the window and yell, “Hello Connor!”

He came home with us to live on his farm with the cats, chickens, and horses that he always tried to keep in line. They were all his friends. He was my foreman during barn chores. When I cut the grass, Connor would constantly change locations so he could keep an eye on me at all times. While picking berries and produce, Connor was always by my side. As I walked my way down the rows, Connor would also. Connor was so in love. He would lay on his bed and stare at me, rarely blinking his eyelids, but always reaching out to hold hands.

Connor loved life even as it became more challenging for him. In November 2011, he was diagnosed with spinal cord degeneration. Getting around became progressively worse for my friend in the last six months. I gladly became his personal nurse, orderly, masseuse, and, of course, chef. He always loved every meal I prepared for him, except for the cheese treats because they were a camouflage for medication. He endured the changes atop his body, but never lost his incredible gifts of happiness, loyalty, and deeply committed love.

We said goodbye to Connor on February 16, 2013. He is once again next to his good friend Brady; the two of them overlooking the field from their favorite vantage point. Although no longer with us, “The Boys” will always be alive in our hearts, never to be forgotten until the day we are reunited at The Rainbow Bridge.

Enoch

— By Kathy Leenhouts

Enoch was acquired from Tri-County Collie Rescue of Michigan on Sept. 8, 2010, at the age of 9. Enoch had previously belonged to a family from Nevada. They subsequently moved to western Michigan. For reasons unclear to me, he was an owner turn-in to rescue, either due to a divorce situation, health issues, or both. We met Enoch at the reunion picnic at Collie Day in the Park the first Saturday in August, and returned a month later to pick him up, after he’d undergone a benign tumor removal.

It turned out that Enoch suffered from epilepsy as well as recurrent urinary infections. He was a very sweet, kind, affectionate, and a laid-back dog, and it was hard to watch him suffer from health problems. In addition to seizures, in the fall of 2011, he had a severe urinary infection that made him so weak he couldn’t walk. After a month of therapy, he recovered. Unfortunately he had a recurrence a year later, over the Christmas holiday of 2012. We were never able to clear it up. We tried several different oral meds, and upon reculturing his urine, found out the bacteria was resistant to all but injectable medications. During his course of subcutaneous meropenem, he died. Enoch did not make it to his twelfth birthday.

Enoch was beautiful, gentle, friendly, and kind. During his illness, it was hard to watch his interest in people wane. While I am glad his suffering is over, I wish we could have cured him.

I thought the loss would be a little easier, because we only had him for a few short years, and I thought it would be easier if he died spontaneously without resorting to euthanasia. Neither was true.

In loving memory of Enoch:
4/16/2001 – 2/14/2013,
from the Leenhouts family.

At right: Forrest, Enoch, and Joel’s memorial at Sunnybank



Ms. Fancy

— By Tom Hoadley

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Ms. Fancy on January 17, 2013, after a sudden illness. She was a brave and loving dog who battled the discomfort of arthritis

every day, never letting it prevent her from being her mom’s and dad’s shadow. She will be missed.

Happy Tails: Max — The Case for Adopting an Older Dog

— Submitted by Jackie West

We lost our wonderful Collie, Max, in May of 2012, just two weeks shy of his thirteenth birthday. I always wanted to train Max to be a therapy dog, and he passed his obedience and Canine Good Citizenship tests before he was a year old. Unfortunately, Max had his quirks, not the least of which was the fact that he basically refused to walk on any type of slippery surface. Nothing we did could encourage him out of this behavior and we felt that therapy work would have been much too stressful for him.

When we lost Max, we started looking for a new dog. We had already decided we did not want a puppy, but would instead adopt an older dog since we felt (more than likely wrongly so) that older dogs have a harder time getting adopted. Enter our new Max, senior citizen. We found him available through Northeast Ohio Collie Rescue on Petfinder.com, and his name was Max—which is probably why hubby spotted him in the first place.

We contacted NEOCR and asked if we could meet Max. We wanted to see if he would get along well with our other collie, Lizzie, who we adopted from NEOCR in 2003. Betty brought Max to our home on a Saturday, and it was love at first sight.

The one nice thing about adopting an older dog is that more than likely they've already had some basic training and are (hopefully) house trained. In today's economic times, many people have to part with beloved pets not because it's something anyone has done wrong but just because things didn't work out as planned—an unfortunate situation for both pets and owners. You also have the opportunity to tell from the beginning if there are any problems that will need addressing. Fortunately, for us at least, there were none.

Max fit right in—like he'd been here forever and maybe he has been. I think he's been a part of our hearts before he even knew us, and I think he immediately sensed that he had found his forever home with us. He's certainly become Lizzie's best buddy, her guardian, the one she goes to when she needs something and can't figure out how to get it. One look at this wonderful boy and we knew it would be a waste to not share him with the world.

Since adopting Max, he has completed his advanced obedience training and his Canine Good Citizenship certification. We can't take credit for his good behavior—he had that training before we got him, and we just had the

opportunity to watch it develop. While his training as a therapy dog has been put on hold for a while because of an illness in the family, we hope to get him back on track for therapy work. We have also found out that, like our old Max, he hates tile flooring, so the break in therapy training has given us the opportunity to work with him on this issue. Whether or not his therapy dog work ever happens is just something we'll have to wait and see, but adopting Max has already had an impact on how people view adopting an older dog because they have seen how lucky we are and how much joy he has brought into our lives.

So the next time you think about adopting a cute, adorable puppy (and we've gone that route on several occasions), think about adopting an older dog. I know they won't be around as long as some pets, which is sad to think about, but you can never predict how long any dog will be with you or you with them, or what their health will be. Our Great Pyrenees was operated on for oral cancer at the age of 7, and yet lived to be 12. Our Old English sheepdog developed hip dysplasia by the time he was 6, and lived to be 11. Our collie, Max, was diagnosed with degenerative myelopathy at the age of 10 and still survived almost 3 years. All of these were horrible diseases, debilitating to say the least, and got progressively worse as time went on, but we cherished each and every moment we had with them. And the one thing I realized throughout all of this is that no matter how much time you have, it will never be enough.



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In addition to our Calendars, other imprinted NEOCR logo fund-raising items are available for sale by shopping at our online store at www.CafePress.com/NEOCR.



COME JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FUN!
NORTHEAST OHIO COLLIE RESCUE
ANNUAL COLLIE REUNION & PICNIC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2013

FROM 11:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

HUBBARD VALLEY PARK, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO

8600 Hubbard Valley Road in Guilford Township*

Catch up on all the collie chatter and enjoy a great pot luck!
NEOCR will provide the hot dogs and all the fixin's!

ITEMS TO BRING

- ★ Lawn Chairs
- ★ Beverages
- ★ A Dish to Share
- ★ A Healthy Appetite
- ★ Happy Tails!
- ★ Dog Leash or X-pens
- ★ A jacket

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 11:00 Roundup Begins
- 11:45 Group Photo
- 12:00 Pot-Luck Lunch
- 12:45 Collie Memorial
- 1:00 Live Auction
- 2:00 Silent Auction
- 3:30 Clean-up

GOODIES TO BUY...

- Collie statues ★ collie logo items ★ crafts hand made from the heart ★ jewelry ★ other assorted treasures ★

SPECIAL APPEARANCE
by Tim Wiley, guest bagpiper

Great Food ★ "Pot Luck" ★ Live Auction ★ Silent Auction ★ Crafts ★ Trails to Hike

We are presently collecting items to sell and donations for the silent and live auctions. Suggested items are gift certificates, gift baskets, collie memorabilia, framed prints, specialty crafts, or theme-grouped items.

There will also be items for sale, including hand-knitted scarves, jewelry and more!

*Anyone who has an item to donate for the **silent auction**, please contact Marian Maskow at msmask2@wowway.com to coordinate opening bids, drop-o° and/or delivery to the picnic. Be sure to include "Collie Picnic" in your subject line.*

*Items for the **live auction** may be brought with you the day of the picnic; however, please contact Betty Hodgson at hodgsonbl@yahoo.com with a description of your item along with suggested opening bid so we can organize the bidding process.*



Money raised at this event directly benefits our rescues.

Owners are responsible for the safety of and cleaning up after their dog.

*Visit http://www.neocr.org/NEOCR_UpcomingEvents.htm for map details and directions.



Happy Tails: Sgt. Shriver the Guardian

– By Eli Rife

I thought I'd write a quick note to let you know about Sgt. Shriver. Our oldest collie, Copper, is a smooth coat who is 12 years old and is rapidly declining in health, which has been



very hard. And while Sarge has sometimes been territorial with Copper, he has recently started being a sort of guardian for Copper.

Copper has epilepsy, and once in the middle of the night, Sarge woke everyone up by barking and putting his paws on the beds and poking us with his nose. When we were up and about to let him out to use the bathroom, we realized Copper was having a small seizure. Once we started attending to Copper, Sarge stopped barking. Then, one morning in December around 4 a.m., Sarge did the same thing, and it turned out Copper needed to use the bathroom but was having trouble getting downstairs. We were able to help Copper, and after that Sarge settled down. It moved me. To me, it signifies just how deep the collie's guardian instinct runs. Also, it shows me that he has really become part of our "pack."

We are so very grateful to have him in our lives, especially now that he has started watching over Copper. The end of January marked his second year with us. He has brought us so much joy and laughter. (He's very mischievous.)

I wanted to thank all of you who helped him along his way to our home. Everyday is a holiday with him in our lives.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit our [Events](#) page at www.neocr.org for more information about these events...

- ✍ The next **NEOCR Board Meeting** — Date TBD. Please check back with www.neocr.org for more details.
- ✍ **NEOCR's Annual Collie Reunion & Picnic** – Sunday, September 22, 2013, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., at Hubbard Valley Park in Medina County. See flier on [page 9](#).
- ✍ **Yappy Hours at the Winery at Wolf Creek**, 2nd Tuesday of the Month from May – October, Norton, OH (Akron Metro Area), 5–8 p.m. on the lawn.
- ✍ **Annual Paws-4-A-Cause: Adopt-A-Thon and Family Fun Day** – Saturday, June 1, 2013, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m., Moreland Hills, OH, Cleveland Metroparks Polo Grounds (South Chagrin Reservation)
- ✍ **Woof, Wag and Wine** – Saturday, June 1, 2013, 1–5 p.m., Madison, OH. Bring your four-legged friend along for a tour of the vineyards at Grand River Cellars while you enjoy a wine tasting, live music, the chance to win great prizes in the Silent and Chinese auctions and much more!
- ✍ **Hike for Hounds** – Sunday, June 2, 2013, Hinckley, OH. Join Greyhound Adoption of Ohio for this annual walk at the Hinckley Reservation. All breeds welcome! Note: Persons without a four-legged friend can sign up to walk an adoptable greyhound!
- ✍ **12th Annual Akron Pet Expo** – Saturday, June 8, 2013, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Hardesty Park, Akron, OH. NEOCR will be working this event. Come visit us!

- ✍ **Working Dog Weekend** – Saturday-Sunday, June 8-9, 2013, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Lake Metroparks Farmpark, Kirtland, OH.
- ✍ **Fifth Annual Community Fun Dog Show** – Saturday, June 22, 2013, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Warren, OH
- ✍ **Canine Social** – Saturday, June 22, 2013, 7 a.m. – 4 p.m., Columbia Station, OH.
- ✍ **Helmets & Hounds Day with the Cleveland Gladiators** – Saturday, July 6, 2013, 7:00 p.m., Q Arena, Cleveland, OH.
- ✍ **Third Annual Greyhound Race – 5K and 1 Mile Dog Walk** – Sunday, July 7, 2013, 7 a.m. – 11 p.m., 1137 Linda Street, Rocky River, OH
- ✍ **Mutt Strut** – Saturday, August 10, 2013, 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m., Mentor, OH.
- ✍ **Summer Scoop 2013** with the Sanctuary for Senior Dogs – Sunday, August 11, 2013, Oak Grove Pavilion, Brecksville Reservation, Brecksville, OH.
- ✍ **Canine Fun Days** – Saturday-Sunday, August 17-18, 2013, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Moreland Hills, OH.
- ✍ **The Annual Gathering at Sunnybank** — Wolf's 100th Anniversary, Saturday & Sunday, August 17-18, 2013, Wayne, NJ.
- ✍ **Doggie Dinners at D'Agnese's in Akron**. Mondays, through September. Bring your four-legged family members to dinner on the patio. They supply the water bowls and a special menu for the dogs. Owners are responsible for the behavior of their dogs and must keep their dogs under control at all times. Call for Reservations: 234-678-3612.

From the Scrapbook Gallery...

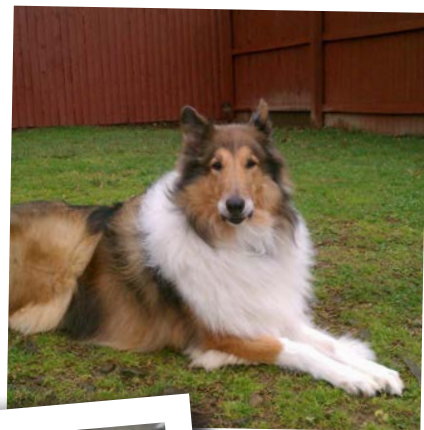
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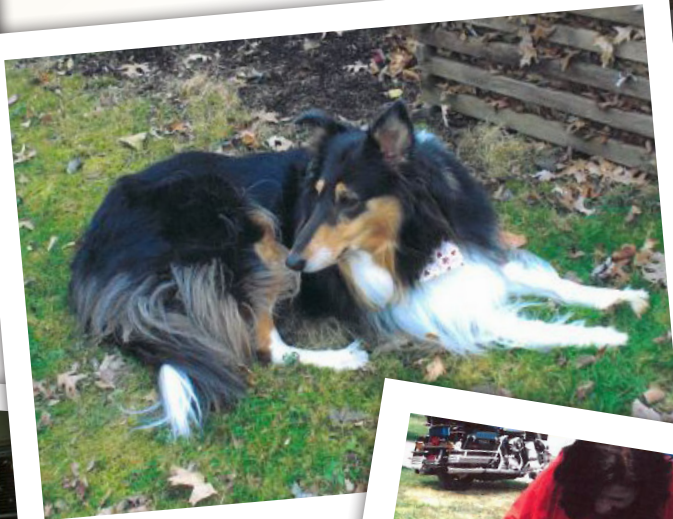
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From top left: (1) Dave & Tina Stannard and David Gray with King, Skyler, Howard & Colin at the Akron St. Pat's Day parade; (2) Max Ashby; (3) Colleen Marlin basking in the autumn sun; (4) Miranda & Danny with Michelle Murawski; (5) Betty & David's Cotton sporting some very cute bunny ears; (6) Shaunna & Bob Worley; (7) Brandy hard at work showing pup Owen the ropes. Sad to report that Brandy succumbed to stomach cancer this past February shortly after this photo was taken; and (8) Ms. Agnes grateful for her final days of comfort in Tom and Cindy's home. Agnes was rescued after being so dehydrated and starved that she could hardly stand up.



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