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## Cameron: An Internet Romance

– By Matt & Julie Ashby

Just about a year ago fall, we lost one of our all-time great, ultimate dogs, Spirit—an Eskimo-Spitz, that my wife and I had through three-fourths of our 20 years of marriage. This left us with our rough collie, Max, who was approaching nine, and our black Labrador retriever, Ella, who had just turned two. We knew we wanted another dog, one who could match Ella's young energy, even though Max still acts half his age. We also knew we wanted another collie, given the gentleness of the breed, because of Ella's skittish, nervous nature. We knew a collie would be the perfect match.

My wife, Julie, soon found herself on the NEOCR website, face to face with a one-and-a-half year old short-haired collie named Cameron. It was love at first sight, and we knew immediately we wanted to adopt him. We inquired about him and filled out the application.

Within a week, we met young Cameron at a small shopping center in Cranberry Township, PA, (mistakenly missing the toll booth in our nervous anticipation of meeting our new son) where his foster parents, Beth and Grant Snider, agreed to meet. As we approached him from across the lot, our love was affirmed. Cameron was such a small collie (about 45 pounds) compared to our Max (about 90 pounds). He slept on Julie's lap in the back seat the whole way home, as calm as if he had been part of our family from a pup. When we got him home, he instantly bonded with our dogs. Within a day, Ella and Cameron were tearing around our backyard as though they had been together for years. He also took to playing tug of war with Max in addition to idolizing him.

When we first spoke with Judy Lester about Cameron, we had been told that he had "collie eye"—a condition that causes him to be unable to focus his eyes properly. It is almost as though he sees the



world through a fish bowl. His breeder had found out about the condition early on and had eventually given him to NEOCR. Once we had heard this, we were undeterred, and it actually just made us want him as ours even more. It is definitely part of his personality, often shaking or "bobbling" his head (causing us to give him one of our many nicknames, "The Bobbler").

Coupled with his champion show-dog swagger, he often goes to the top of the hill in our backyard looking over his domain as if he is John Wayne. His condition doesn't impede his ability to be a loving pet, companion and being yet another "ultimate" dog for us.

A month or so after adopting Cameron, he was diagnosed with a serious skin condition, from which he has since recovered. He has also put on about ten pounds, although he still looks thin. Even though he just turned two, he still acts like a rascally puppy, often grabbing cushions or pillows. We've found, however, that if you give him a big hug, he will almost always go and lie down.

We know this past year has been so much more enjoyable having our "Cammie" with us, and we are so blessed to have this loving guy. Words cannot fully describe the joy and love he's brought to our lives. Thanks so much to everyone at NEOCR for allowing this little guy to come to us—we believe in internet romances, and he is truly "our champion."

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Balance October 1, 2013.....	\$4,733.89
Deposits October 1 – December 31, 2013.....	\$2,201.86
Total Cash.....	\$6,935.75
Expenses October 1 – December 31, 2013	
Vet bills, medicine, licenses, grooming, boarding, etc.....	-\$2,042.99
CafePress.....	-\$ 212.84
Total Expenses .....	-\$2,255.83
Balance December 31, 2013.....	\$4,679.92
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## 2013 Yearly Recap

– By Tom Hoadley

2013 proved to be a disappointing year for rescue on the social front. Our spring Whine & Cheese event fell victim to the schedules of members when a committee couldn't be formed to pull the event together. And the presence of a "mystery virus" in late summer and early fall led to the cancellation of our annual picnic. We received a full range of veterinary advice from "I wouldn't do anything different" to "You should cancel the event." In the end, the board decided to play it safe and hope for a better 2014. While we attempted to contact all members by e-mail, mail, or phone, a printer glitch resulted in many postal cards becoming illegible by the time they reached their destination.

We were able to attend two events at the patio at **Tremont Tap** House last year. Those who went enjoyed an evening of fun, food and beer, and NEOCR even received a cut of profits. It was a successful evening all around. We hope to be back this summer; plan to join us.

The two cancelled events represent our major annual fund-raisers. While our treasury is sound as of this writing, it has

depended on a number of generous donors who have stepped in to help close the gap. We are very grateful to them and to all who have donated through the year. If you are getting a nice tax refund this year, feel free to share. You'll find a [Membership Renewal](#) form elsewhere in this issue. You can also [donate online](#) through our website.

Of course, while we miss the income from the cancelled events, we also miss the opportunities for us to come together with our furry friends for a fun gathering. Let's hope the coming year sees us back on track and that you can join us for **2014's Whine & Cheese Party** in May and our **Annual Collie Picnic Reunion** in September. Be sure to see our [Upcoming Events](#) for more details.

## Call for Nominations

Have you ever considered becoming more active in collie rescue? NorthEast Ohio Collie Rescue's elections will take place at the **Annual General Meeting on Sunday, June 29, at 1 p.m.** at the North Royalton Library. If you are interested in running for office or a board member position, please let us know by contacting us at either [info@neocr.org](mailto:info@neocr.org) or [thoadley@megafloodline.com](mailto:thoadley@megafloodline.com). See our [Upcoming Events](#).

## Meeting Minutes 1/19/14

The meeting was called to order on January 19, 2014, at 1:20 p.m.

The treasurer's report was read. We have \$ 5,452.70 in the checking account.

We did not sell any calendars through NEOCR. All sales were through CafePress. We will try to buy bulk calendars for 2015.

We discussed where we might have a fund-raiser.

Betty discussed what dogs were available for adoption. Cindy Lombardo volunteered to help with adoptions.

Tom asked for a motion to keep the current officers until the next newsletter comes out and nominations are made. Betty made the motion; Marian seconded it. Motion passed.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 30, 2014.

Events:

- ✍ There will be a possible Whine and Cheese event on May 18 or June 1, 2014.
- ✍ March 22 is Rally to the Rescue at Elyria Midway Mall.
- ✍ May 3 will be the Medina Adoptathon.
- ✍ June 7 WAKR Adoptathon.
- ✍ The annual picnic will be on September 21, 2014.
- ✍ We also discussed having a possible yard sale as a fund-raiser.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Leo Kenzik, Secretary/Treasurer

## In Passing

Our sincere condolences on the passing of...

- ✍ *Buckeye (Angel), beloved collie of David & Christin Maurer*
- ✍ *Roddy, beloved collie of Kathy Leenhouts*
- ✍ *Sadie, beloved collie of Richard & Barb Advay*
- ✍ *Shadow, beloved collie of Tim & Janice Pinson*
- ✍ *Sunny, beloved collie of Dave & Kathie Miner*
- ✍ *Sunny, beloved collie of Alexis & Diana Geoffrion*
- ✍ *Vana, beloved collie of Chuck & Linda Kessler*

## NEOCR Treasurer's Yearly Report 2013

Balance January 1, 2013 .....	\$ 5,124.08
Deposits, Donations, Adoption Fees .....	\$12,848.72
Total Cash .....	\$17,972.80
Expenses	
Vet bills, medicine, licenses,	
grooming, boarding, etc. ....	-\$11,871.83
Postage .....	-\$ 358.50
Liability Insurance .....	-\$ 344.00
Office Supplies .....	-\$ 146.41
Website .....	-\$ 134.30
CafePress .....	-\$ 212.84
Newsletter Printing .....	-\$ 225.00
Total Expenses .....	-\$13,292.88
Balance December 31, 2013 .....	\$ 4,679.92
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## Some of Our Available Collies

### Dax

Collie Mix & Shepherd

**Size:** Large  
**Age:** Adult  
**Sex:** Male

Dax is a little shy. He lost his home due to foreclosure, and so was living outside with a friend of his owner. He gets along with cats and other dogs (as long as they don't pick on him). Dax is eight years old and very active. He is friendly and would just love to have a permanent home with folks who love him. His body and fur look more shepherd than collie, so he probably has either white shepherd in him or could be a tri-headed white collie that gives him his coloring.



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

### Angel

Collie

**Size:** Large  
**Age:** Adult  
**Sex:** Female

Angel is beautiful, intelligent, active, playful and mannered. She settles easily and is trustworthy in the house. She does stairs with ease. Angel takes food gently from your hand and has no issues with being fed while other dogs are in her space. She gets along with other dogs, but seems to really appreciate one-on-one attention from her people. She is a great companion, likes to be cuddled and spoken to with a gentle voice.



Angel will need a home that has a fenced yard where she can run and play; chasing squirrels is her passion. She is a fast walker. She gets excited and barks when she sees other dogs, animals and people. Angel does well when given a bath; however, she does not like having her feet/lower legs groomed nor touched for an extended period of time.

## Membership Renewal and Mailing List Update

We hope you enjoy receiving and reading this newsletter which contains the latest information about the NEOCR dogs available for adoption, updates about placements, and general news from our extended collie family. Thank you for sharing your photos and stories with us!

If you have not renewed your **annual membership** in the last year and wish to do so, please fill out and return the form below with payment of \$20.00. **Please make checks payable to NorthEast Ohio Collie Rescue.** You may use a photocopy of the form if you prefer not to remove the page from the newsletter. You can also use Acrobat Reader® to fill out and save the completed form.

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## Tributes

### Buckeye

— By David & Christen Maurer

It is with a sad heart that I inform you that Buckeye (formerly Angel) has passed on. We adopted her back in 2006 when she was about 5 years old and were able to enjoy her company for the past 7 years. The name you gave her, Angel was so fitting. We couldn't have asked for a sweeter little girl. I remember meeting Betty by I-76 by the Medina Antique Mall when we picked her up. She came up to me and put her head on my shoulder as if she was giving me a hug. My wife and I fell in love with her immediately, and she became our little sweetheart.

For the next seven years, I would come home from work and she would come up to me and tuck her head into my shoulder as to give me a hug. She was such a gentle soul. Although as I type this story I have tears in my eyes thinking about her, I am also comforted knowing we were able to give her a loving home for the remainder of her life after not knowing what she had been through the first part of her life.



I know we loved her as much as anybody could have, but the love she gave back to us is something we cannot not measure. Thank you so much for bringing her into our lives and blessing our home with such a sweet girl. We will miss her and always have a special place in our hearts for our little sweetheart.

### Shadow

— By Tim and Janice Pinson

We lost our Shadow on February 8, the day after my birthday. He was 11 years old. He came to us via Betty and Judy. His name was "Foster." He was a beautiful, predominately white collie with a sable-colored head. We renamed him "Shadow." He followed us everywhere, and the name fit.



Tim Pinson with Shadow and Janice Pinson with Mac and Shane

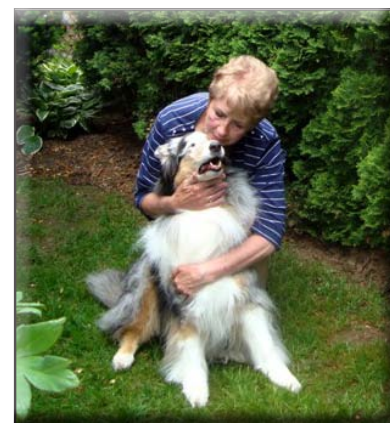
We would love to find one similar to his color. We dearly miss him.

Our other two collies (Mac and Shane) got along so well with him. Betty located these two for us. Mac is now 5, and Shane is 8 years old.

## Sunny — Tee Creek's Brown Eyed Girl May 30, 2000–July 16, 2013

— By Kathie Miner

Sunny seemed "off" one morning, so I called her vet. He said he could not feel anything and that an x-ray might determine if there was an obstruction or tumors. He felt it was pancreatitis, and since she didn't seem to be responding, he wanted to rule out anything else. If there was nothing, he was going to put her on heavy-duty medicine and painkillers by injection for pancreatitis in an effort to kick-starts things. But then he brought the x-ray in, and there were many small tumors throughout the intestines. He said he could "band-aid" it with painkillers, but that would do nothing really. So with her head in my hand, kissing that face and telling her over and over how much I loved her, I let her go and told her to play with Harley and wait for me.



Kathie and Sunny

*Tributes continue on page 10...*

## Adoptions May 2013 – March 2014

- Bella** – Tom Hoadley & Cindy Lombardo, Richfield, OH
- Chance** – Bill & Sherry Chestnut, Strabane, PA
- Emmett** – Rick & June Ann Beltz, Copley, OH
- Faith** – Al & Mary Keller, Hartville, OH
- Gracie** – Dave & Kathy Miner, Crystal Beach, ON
- Jenny** – Ben & Ann Farah, Rocky River
- Karly** – Jean Mills Wilson, Aurora, OH
- Lucy** – Harry & Debbie Porter, N. Canton, OH
- Luna** – Bill Sprow, Cleveland, OH
- Sahara** – Ray & Jeannie Fichter, Massillon, OH
- Sammy** – Robert & Blanche McMullen, Akron, OH
- Samson** – Pat Cozzens & Brian Wynne, Chagrin Falls, OH
- Savannah** – Kathleen Gundling, Parma, OH
- Scruffy** – Christine Baker, Elyria, OH
- Sidney** – Scott & Ann Stuetzer, Medina, OH
- Tori** – Jay & Shirley Ralston, Waynesville, OH



## A Foster for Chester

— By Betty Hodgson



Chester showed up at a shelter in Brown County (by Cincinnati) on October 17. A woman found him by the road and took him to Adams County Shelter, but since he was actually found in Brown County, the Adams County shelter representative took

him to the Brown County Animal Shelter. That was, for Chester, his first bit of good luck in quite a while. The Brown County shelter is very rescue-friendly and hasn't had a case of parvo or kennel cough in over a year. So if he had to go to a shelter, it was good he ended up there.

His picture was put out on Petfinder and FaceBook. That is how Marian Maskow, our newsletter editor, saw him and passed on the word. I e-mailed Tri-State and Almost Home rescues, and they indicated they were *not* getting him. After contacting a few folks down that way, Deb Mitman in Dayton agreed to pull him and meet me in the Columbus area the following Saturday. So that was how we got Chester, formerly called Mica by the shelter. I will admit, because of my age, I picked the name "Chester" from the television show *Gunsmoke*, and if you are familiar with the show, you will understand why after reading the next paragraph.

I didn't realize how pitiful he would be. The online information indicated he had some arthritis and that he was approximately ten years old. Well, that is just the tip of the proverbial iceberg. Poor Chester has some issues. To start with, his front right leg is deformed. The vet who examined him for the shelter said that, while he could not rule out an old

injury, it appeared to be a condition known as asynchronous growth of the right radius and ulna. This condition causes his foot to turn outward at a 90-degree angle. He also has a withered-looking back right leg with an old femoral fracture that has healed. Therefore, poor Chester just kind of hops when he walks. He does show signs of arthritis in hips, back and possibly an old pelvic fracture. As a result, he either needs surgery to help relieve pain, or long-term medication.

Our plan is to keep him on pain meds for the time being and to get him in for an evaluation by an orthopedic veterinarian. At his age, it is not likely that there will be a surgical resolution to his issues, but we shall see. He is a very sweet boy and seems to get in and out of the house okay to do his business, albeit very slowly. He is underweight weighing in at about 42 pounds; normal weight would be about 55-60 pounds. Although, it might be better for Chester's hips to be on the lighter side. He still needs lots of brushing, so we keep working on that and have checked with a groomer about a professional grooming. Chester is currently eating well and loves his big, soft dog bed.

He would most likely do better in a home with not many other dogs (less than 14) because of the dog traffic issues created by his slow movement, and somewhere he doesn't have to do steps. I have seen him go down two or three steps, but he hasn't been observed going up steps. If you have the right living conditions and have it in your heart to help foster this old guy, please contact Betty at (330) 571-4456 or e-mail [Betty.L.Hodgson@nasa.gov](mailto:Betty.L.Hodgson@nasa.gov).



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*NorthEast Ohio Collie Rescue, Inc.  
Invites You and Your Dog to a*

*Whine & Cheese Party  
Sunday, May 18, 2014, 1- 4 p.m.*

*to be held at  
Cleveland All Breed Training Club  
210 Hayes Drive  
Brooklyn Heights, Ohio 44131  
[www.cabtc.org](http://www.cabtc.org)*

*Admittance for this fund-raising event  
is \$10 per person (dogs are free)  
payable at the door.*

*Space is limited  
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*We recommend guests bring along  
folding chairs for their seating comfort.*

*Enjoy a buffet of  
Wine • Cheese • Appetizers • Desserts*

*A Silent Auction will be held to benefit  
our dogs waiting for their forever homes.  
Romping and play time for dogs!  
Fun and socializing for  
Owners & Guests!*

# The Suddenness of Bloat

— By Betty Hodgson

I just wanted to let our readers know the story about Howard's episode with bloat last summer—mostly because it can happen so quickly and awareness of what is happening is key to saving the dog, which may not even be possible. But in Howard's case, I got lucky.

It was just two years ago that Beau bloated at Sunnybank in Pompton Lakes, NJ. After a day in ICU at a vet emergency hospital, he had to be euthanized because his heart and stomach were too damaged from the bloat. At 11 years old, Beau was a big collie with a barrel chest. I'm still not sure why he bloated. He seemed calm, didn't run, and was fed less than normal on the trip. Regardless of those precautions, it still happened. A year later, I returned to Sunnybank and spread Beau's ashes on Bruce's (the dog without a fault) and Lad's graves along with the ashes of my Tasha, who died the previous fall.

Returning home after Beau's incident, I thought about having Howard's stomach tacked so it could not torsion (flip over). Howard is a big boy and, at the time, eight years old. While not as old as Beau and not as barrel-chested, he is definitely deep-chested. We had our wolfhound's stomach tacked when he was neutered since that breed is especially prone to bloat because of their size. I didn't have Howard's stomach tacked thinking that I was over-reacting. After all, Howard was a veteran at Sunnybank and really liked the travel and sleeping on the bed with Peggy at the hotel (with the AC on of course).



Last summer, I took Howard and Skyler to Sunnybank. All was well, but we did notice that Howard did seem to pace a little in the room. He mostly acted like he just couldn't find that right spot to lay down.

We traveled from NJ to PA and stayed overnight before driving home on Monday morning. Howard seemed fine in the car, and when we got home around 12:40 p.m., he went into the backyard and did his normal "business." Then he came into the basement

family room to lay on the cool floor, which was not unusual for him. David got home around 4 p.m., and Howard was resting. I asked David to send Howard up to eat, and he did, but Howard didn't come to the kitchen to eat. Rather he went out to the foyer to lay on the tile. I didn't think he was ready to eat just yet, probably acting tired from being mostly awake since 6 a.m. Normally, he is used to napping in the morning.

After I fed the first group of dogs and sent them out, I noticed that Howard was in the hallway by the bathroom. I went to him to see if he would get up to come and eat, but he just stood there. He didn't seem right so I took his temperature, and he actually let me (which is really unusual for him). His temp was 104.2°, so I called my vet's office and they said they were booked but would squeeze him in; I might have to wait a while. (They know how impatient I am when it comes to the dogs.) I got ready to leave, and when I walked him to the foyer to go to the car, I saw mucous—about 4 separate puddles of it.

Before then, I was thinking he might be getting pneumonia or some infection because of his temperature.

I realized he might be bloating. When I got to the office, I told them a vet had to see him immediately to see if she thought it was bloat. Dr. Tippins felt him (as I had also done) and didn't feel any bloat, but she said he would need x-rays to rule out bloat or any lung issues. She said they would call Metro and make it stat, and they took him in immediately. I drove him to Metro Vet Hospital in Copley and called them on the way. Howard vomited foam in my car, so I knew it was likely bloat. I told them I was pretty sure he was bloating and they needed to act quickly.

They took him in and sedated him. The x-ray showed his stomach had flipped, but it wasn't very large and not very distended. I took that as a positive sign but truly believed he would have to be euthanized from internal damage since I had no idea how long he had been bloating. For some reason, they waited for Dr. Messner (owner of Creekside where I go) to come to do surgery. She arrived in about 20 minutes after I arrived and immediately opened him up. She indicated (an hour later when she was done with surgery) that his stomach was actually starting to flip back to the normal position so she finished positioning it properly and tacked it so it cannot torsion again. She said his stomach was not damaged (only bruised slightly), and he should be fine. They kept him for 24 hours in ICU and had telemetry hooked to him so they could watch his heart rhythm continuously. Dr. Messner said that arrhythmia is common after bloat and they would give him medication if that should happen; luckily it didn't happen. The other thing they found is that Howard has mega-esophagus. He had no symptoms—didn't vomit after eating or drinking (he has always eaten elevated at home) nor have aspiration pneumonia that I am aware of. But evidently, hypothyroid dogs tend to get mega-esophagus in their latter years. They collected a blood sample to check his thyroid level.

Howard came home the following afternoon and was on several small meals a day for 4-5 days until his stomach tacking healed. He seemed fine, albeit a little uncomfortable, and was kept on pain medication and antibiotics.

I was so sure he was going to die that I cried my eyes out at Metro, but was so relieved that Howard made it. Poor Dr. Messner had to deal with me hugging her when she said he was going to be okay. I am not sure how but he did make it. The only thing I can think of is that the stomach was not totally blocked when flipped over and gas did not build up as much as it can. It must have been able to escape or he would have had major damage.

The really scary thing is that when I saw his temperature was elevated, I almost just gave him some Cephalexin and waited to see if it was lower in the morning before making a vet appointment at the vet the next day. Had I done that and not seen the mucous in the foyer, I would not have known he was bloating until it was probably too late to save him.

I wanted to share my story so the readers can be aware of the bloat issue. Howard definitely did not have an enlarged abdomen and didn't fuss when I pushed on it, so that is not a true indicator of bloat. Apollo is also a big collie and deep chested, but I am getting his stomach tacked. I am sure it will be much cheaper to do it as a regular surgery vs. an emergency. I cannot stand the thought of going through a crisis like this again anytime soon.



# Happy Tails

## Lily

I just had to update you on our wonderful collie, Lilly, that we adopted approximately six years ago. She is doing well! Our vet is so pleased with the love and care we have given her these past years.

She has been a wonderful addition to our family! We wouldn't know what do to without her. Thank you for giving her a home with us!

— Pam Ademko



## Diego



Diego and Rocky

I wanted to send you a quick line to update you on Diego! He is a great dog and an irreplaceable member of our family now. He is calm, gentle, regal, attentive, and a loyal guardian. The collie breed is definitely endearing and my favorite so far.

Before we went on vacation last year, he had a mild seizure. I was in the shower, and a spider jumped in the stall. The door to the bathroom was shut, and as soon as I screamed, Big D jumped off the bed to come to my rescue. When he could not get to me, he ran to my husband and collapsed on the bed, convulsing for about 10 seconds. He did not lose his bowels or vomit, and he resumed normal behavior immediately afterward. We called the vet immediately and took him in for a checkup and blood work. The vet said it was one of the mildest seizures she's ever heard of, and all of his health and levels check out fine. He has not had another seizure since then.

We decided about a month ago that Diego would be most happy with another dog in the house, so we began the process of seeking out a buddy for him. It didn't take long to hear about Rocky, a sheltie from Heartland Sheltie Rescue in Indiana. He is a five-year old sheltie rescued from an Amish puppy mill bust and is full of life, energy, spunk, and mischief. We brought him home two Sundays ago, and he and Diego are great buddies. He's teaching Diego how to play with toys, romp in the yard, and chase birds. It is so awesome to see Diego fully happy! He's wagging his tail like crazy these days!

I hope you all are well. Give all of your collies hugs for us.

— Tiffany & Sam Stofel

## Cassie

Cassie is settling in even better than we expected. She seems much more confident. She goes off the deck, does her business, and comes back on her own. Tonight, she came in through the back door with much less hesitation. She definitely likes to cuddle, gives kisses, and will occasionally roll over for belly rubs. Cassie and Lucky have from time to time played together. Cassie has decided that she no longer wants to sleep in her cage at night. We put her in it last night, and she made it clear she wasn't happy. She and Gail cuddled up on the couch, both seemed to have fallen asleep and spent the night there.

—Gail & Mike DeVore



Cassie (on couch) with Mike DeVore and Lucky (in front)

## Colleena

We are still celebrating our beloved collie, Colleena (Lena) who was fostered by Betty Hodgson and adopted by us about eight years ago.

Recently Tom retired, and we moved to Avon Lake. Here's Lena last fall when she was visiting our now new home, enjoying her newly added fence for the first time.

We are finding our new community very dog friendly and a good place for people, too.

— Julie Marlin



## Ian & Connor



David's & Betty's Ian and Connor recently made it through their PetSmart® training school. Here are their graduation pictures.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit our [Upcoming Events](http://www.neocr.org) page at [www.neocr.org](http://www.neocr.org) for more information about these events...

- ✍ **NEOCR's spring Whine & Cheese Party** — Sunday, May 18, 2014, from 1-4 p.m. at Cleveland All Breed Training Club, 210 Hayes Drive, Brooklyn Heights, OH. Admittance to the fund-raising event is \$10 for humans; dogs are free. There will be a silent auction and lots of good food, drink and socializing. Space is limited. [See flier](#) in newsletter for RSVP details.
- ✍ **NEOCR's Annual General Meeting** will be Sunday, June 29, 2014, at the [North Royalton Library](#), 5071 Wallings Road, Room 121, from 1:00-3:30 p.m. You can also join the group for lunch at noon at [The 3 Spot](#), 13855 Ridge Road in North Royalton.
- ✍ **NEOCR's Annual Collie Reunion & Picnic** will be held Sunday, September 21, 2014, at Hubbard Valley Park in Medina County. More details to follow.
- ✍ **Woof Walks** — Will be held Sundays, May to September, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., in Akron, OH. Admission: \$5 for non-member dogs; standard grounds admissions rates apply to humans. Bring your pup to Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens for a day of Fido-friendly fun! Taking place on Sundays throughout the summer: May 4, 18, & 25, June 8, 22, & 29, July 6, 13, 20, & 27, August 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, and September 7, 14, & 28.
- ✍ **Medina County Regional Pet Adoptathon** where NEOCR will have a table on May 3, 2014, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Medina County Community Center, located in the Medina County Fairgrounds, 735 Lafayette Road, Medina, OH.
- ✍ **Ranger K-9 5K and 1-Mile Pooch Parade** — Saturday, May 3, 2014, in Cleveland, OH, at Lakefront Reservation in Edgewater Park.
- ✍ **Yappy Hours** at the **Winery at Wolf Creek**, Norton, OH — 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.)

- ✍ **Dog Walk 2014** — Saturday, May 10, 2014, 8 am to when the fun ends to be held at Edgewater Park, Cleveland, OH. The events benefits Northeast Ohio SPCA.
- ✍ **Bark in the Park** — Saturday, May 10, 2014, in Akron, OH.
- ✍ **Paws-4-A-Cause** — Saturday, May 31, 2014, in Chagrin Falls, OH.
- ✍ **Working Dog Weekend** — June 7-8, 2014, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. will be held at Lake Metroparks Farmpark in Kirtland, OH.
- ✍ **Akron Pet Expo** — Saturday, June 8, 2014, at Hardesty Park, in Akron, OH.
- ✍ **Woof, Wag and Wine** — Saturday, June 14, 2014, in Madison, OH.
- ✍ **Hudson Wine Festival** — Friday, July 18-19, 2014, in Hudson, OH. The Hudson Wine Festival's goal is to increase awareness and support for animal welfare organizations in Summit County and the surrounding area as they work to find furever homes for the many animals that have become victims of cruelty and abandonment.
- ✍ **Woof in the City** — A festival for dogs and their humans, Saturday, June 28, 2014, in Shaker Heights, OH.
- ✍ **Summer Scoop** — Sunday, August 10, 2014, in Brecksville, OH.
- ✍ **Canine Fun Days** — Sunday, August 17, 2014, in Moreland Hills, OH.
- ✍ **Collie Health Foundation's 18th Annual Gathering at Sunnybank: "Grrrrl Power!"** — August 16-17, 2014 at Terhune Memorial Park at Sunnybank, Wayne, NJ.
- ✍ **Mutt Strut** — Saturday, August 23, 2014, will be held in Kirtland, OH.

## Tributes (continued)

### Sadie

It has to be 13 years or so ago I met Heinz and Tom, along with gorgeous moody Murphy, at the Greyhound Reunion event at the polo fields. That started it all for me with NEOCR. Shortly thereafter, I took in my first collie rescue, Sadie. She came from the City of Cleveland Kennel. You asked me to foster her for Barb



and Richard Advey, who were interested in adopting her but were out of town.

I just heard from Barb (we've kept in touch all these years) with the very sad news. Sadie's deteriorating health battles will end tomorrow. You can imagine how Barb feels as she and Dick have given this dog everything, most importantly, devoted love. I know how highly you thought of the Adveys and Sadie, so I thought that you would like to know. Sadie, my first collie foster, will always be very special to me. I hope that Brie welcomes her with a toy — in life, the two girls had issues, each feeling they were the one more deserving of the "top princess" title.

Hope all continues to go well for you and yours.

— Christine Vrooman



# From the Scrapbook Gallery...

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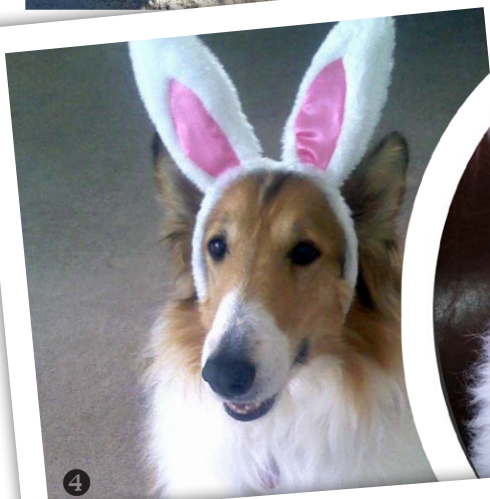
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From top left: (1) Tiffany & Sam Stofel with Diego and his buddy Rocky at Wrightsville beach last October; (2) Jay & Shirley Ralston with Tori & Shelby; (3) Gracie Miner was all ready for the ride home to her furever home in Crystal Beach, ON; (4) Savannah Gundling showing off her Easter attire; (5) Dakota Roth resting after a long walk; (6) Gracie Householder looking regal in the winter snow; (7) Bosco Maskow proudly displays his family's Irish heritage; (8) Jack Dugan makes a very sweet valentine.



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