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## Read any good dog food labels lately?

– By Judy Lester

**A**s more and more pet parents like yourself, consider feeding their dogs a healthier diet, learning about the ingredients in your dog's food becomes all the more important.

While many leading dry dog food brands cover the front of their bags with beautiful photography or illustrations of healthy ingredients, it's the ingredient listing on the back of the bag where you can actually determine whether your dog's food is of the highest quality, or not.

Take a few minutes and have a good look at that ingredient label on the back of the dog food you are currently feeding your dog. As a government regulation, all dog food manufactures must list the ingredients in their food by order of weight. The first is the most important ingredient and should be a real meat source, such as chicken, fish, lamb, beef, etc. These are sources of high quality, highly digestible protein. Proteins are essential for growth, maintenance, reproduction, repair and energy.

Whole grains such as brown rice, barley and oats supply complex carbohydrates to maintain your dog's energy level and have healthy fiber not found in most processed grains.

Vegetables and fruit provide essential phytonutrients, antioxidants and enzymes, plus vitamins, minerals and fibers that promote and maintain health and wellness.

The first ten ingredients usually comprise 80% of a dry dog food's formula and give you a real insight into the overall quality. If you compare the top ten ingredients on a high quality dog food label to some of the leading brands, the differences in quality will be quite clear.

As you look at ingredient labels and compare, you can usually be confident that the first item has the largest amount mixed into the formula, the second, the next largest amount, and the third, on down the line. Be aware, though, that some dog food manufactures can define their ingredients in several different ways so that the lower quality ingredients appear further down the list.



## DOG FOOD

For example, an ingredient list could contain as their first six ingredients, chicken, ground corn, ground wheat, corn bran, corn gluten, and chicken by-product meal. So if you were to group all the corn ingredients as one, they may far out-weigh the amount of chicken in that food, and actually be the main ingredient. Corn is a very low quality protein source for dogs. Many dry dog foods and treats also contain meat or poultry (chicken) by-product meals. Meat by-products or meat meals are euphemisms for parts of animals that wouldn't be considered meat by any smart consumer as they contain little if any meat. These are the parts left over after all the meat has been stripped from the bone. Chicken by-products include such things as the head, feet, entrails, lungs, spleen, stomach, bones, blood, and intestines.

Visit <http://www.dogfoodadvisor.com/> for a comparative rating of dog foods.

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### NEOCR Treasurer's Report April 1-June 30, 2012

Balance April 1, 2012.....	\$5,610.16
Deposits April 1 – June 30, 2012.....	\$1,542.00
Total.....	\$7,152.16
Expenses	
Postage .....	-\$135.00
Website .....	-\$134.30
Cardstock .....	-\$17.35
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Total Administrative & Other .....	-\$406.65
Medical Expenses for Dogs .....	-\$1,768.48
Total Expenses .....	\$2,175.13
Balance June 30, 2012.....	\$4,997.03
Leo Kenzik, Secretary / Treasurer	

## Dog Food Labels ...continued from page 1

These by-products have very little nutritional value to add to a dog food.

Also, be sure to read all the way to the bottom of the ingredient list to know if any artificial coloring or chemical preservatives have been used.

Added dyes like red #40, yellow #5, yellow #6 and blue #2 and chemical preservatives like BHA, BHT, ethoxyquin, and propylene glycol, provide no nutritional value and have been linked to serious diseases and side effects such as lymphoma, thyroid tumors, brain tumors, seizures, kidney failure and allergies in dogs. Many pet food companies use artificial colors, flavors and sweeteners in an effort to make the food look better to consumers and make the low quality ingredients taste better to their dogs. Years of research has shown, corn, wheat and soy products are linked to allergies in dogs. So if your dog is suffering from allergies, be sure to check the ingredient label on his food. One or more of these ingredients may well be the cause. Many top quality "grain-free" dry dog foods are available now for the dog with grain allergies.

Finally, be sure to check the "best by" date/code. Look for the stamped or printed code that tells you when the food should be purchased by. Fresher is better; fats go rancid over time and many vitamins start to lose their punch. Avoid any food that is close to its "best by" date.

After the 2007 dog food scare during which dogs were dying from tainted ingredients imported from China, the government implemented more regulations for dog food manufacturers, but there is still a long way to go. As a step in the right direction, many manufacturers now voluntarily post on their websites where they obtain their ingredients.

If you cannot find out where the food is manufactured and where their ingredients come from, pass it by. Many dog food manufacturers still import low cost ingredients, like wheat gluten, from China.

Keep an eye on your boxed dog treat ingredient labels too as they may be made with the same ingredients as the low quality dry dog foods. Many also contain the artificial colors mentioned above.

Right now there is a recall of a brand of chicken jerky treats imported from China, dogs are dying. Read the back of the packages of rawhide bones, pig ears, hooves, shank bones, dried sweet potato treats, etc, for the country of origin. Many of those items are processed in China, Mexico and Thailand. Most people are surprised to learn that rawhide chews sold for dogs are a by-product of the leather industry and not the beef industry. Because of that, these items do not require ingredient labels or a disclosure of their treatment process. Most of the tanneries producing rawhide chews for consumers are in foreign countries and not located in the USA. Lead, arsenic, mercury, chromium salts, formaldehyde and other toxic chemicals have been detected in these foreign processed rawhides. Also avoid chews that are comprised of small or shredded pieces of rawhide pressed and bound together with who-knows-what material. Rawhide chews made from cattle raised and slaughtered, with their hides processed in the USA, are less likely to be a cause for concern.

Choosing the best dog food for your beloved friend isn't easy, especially when there are so many brands touting themselves as being healthy.

The bottom line is pet food label comparison. Do your homework and select the best possible food and treats for your canine companion. Remember, your dog is depending on you and has to live with your choice.

## 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

### Dax

#### Collie/German Shepherd Mix

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

Dax is a little shy. He lost his home due to foreclosure so was living outside with a friend of the owners. Since winter is coming, we rescued him so he could be warm and cozy this and in all future winters. 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.





# The Dreaded Bloat<sup>1</sup>

— Submitted by Betty Hodgson

Bloat in dogs is reported to be the second leading cause of death, after cancer. It is very serious, extremely painful, and can kill in less than an hour so immediate vet care is essential!

Be prepared – know where your nearest emergency vet clinic is located and the phone number. If bloat occurs, call them to let them know you suspect bloat so they are prepared.

Know what to do in advance. Always keep a simethicone product—i.e., Mylanta® Gas (not regular Mylanta) or Gas-X® in case your dog has gas to help reduce or slow gas to give you more time to get to the vet ER.

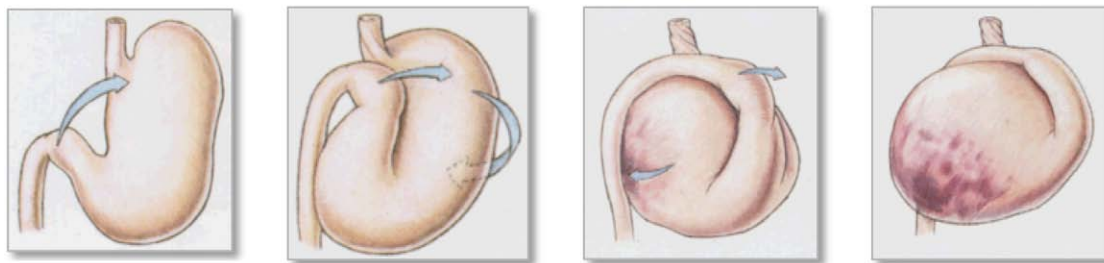
Bloat kits available from the [Collie Health Foundation](#) for \$25. The kits include instructions, tubing, lubricant, a mouthpiece with hole for the tubing (to keep dog from biting the tubing), and 4-14 gauge 1.5" needles to relieve the gas from the stomach.) You must buy your own simethicone to have on hand. (See middle bottom of page.)

The technical name for bloat is Gastric Dilatation-Volvulus (GVD). Bloat of the dog's stomach is related to swallowed air but food and fluid/water may also be present. It usually happens when air, fluid, and/or foam abnormally accumulates in the stomach. It can occur with or without the stomach twisting. As the stomach swells (below), it can

- Tight feeling abdomen (when using finger to snap right side of abdomen sounds like a tin can or drum).

## Other Symptoms Include

- Pale or off-color gums (when pressing thumb hard on gum above canine tooth — it should be white when remove thumb but refill to pink within 3 seconds).
- Coughing
- Unproductive gagging
- Heavy salivating or drooling
- Foamy mucous around lips or vomiting foamy mucous
- Unproductive attempts to defecate
- Whining
- Pacing
- Licking the air
- Seeking a hiding place
- Refusing to lie down or sit; standing spread-legged or may try to curl up in a ball
- Drinking excessively
- Heavy or rapid panting



## Contributing Factors to Bloat

Factors that contribute to bloat include stress, such as with changes in routine or activities that result in the dog gulping air. Eating habit factors include:

rotate 90-360°, twisting and cutting off/trapping air, food and water and gas builds up causing the stomach to swell and this obstructs veins in the abdomen which leads to low blood pressure, shock, and damage to internal organs. The spleen tends to go with the stomach when it flips.

## Symptoms

The key is knowing your dog and knowing when he or she isn't acting right. Typical symptoms can include:

- Attempts to vomit (usually unsuccessfully)—frequently. Either nothing or mucus/foam comes up. This is the most common symptom and referred to as the “hallmark symptom” of bloat.
- Doesn't act right — probably the earliest warning sign — such as seeming anxious/pacing and, if trying to vomit frequently, you need to respond immediately.
- Hunched up/roached up — seems to occur frequently.
- Lack of normal stomach sounds/gurgling when listening to dog's belly.

- Elevated food bowls
- Rapid eating
- Eating dry foods containing citric acid as a preservative (Risk is even worse if you moisten the food.)
- Eating foods that contain fat among the first four ingredients
- Insufficient pancreatic enzymes such as Trypsin (present in meat)
- Dilution of gastric juices by drinking too much water before or after eating
- Exercise before and especially after eating
- Heredity [having a first degree relative who has bloat]; untreated Exocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency (EPI) — gas associated with incomplete digestion]

## Build & Physical Characteristics

- Big dogs (collies included in breeds prone to bloat)

- Older dogs (7-12 years)
- Males
- Deep/barrel chested dogs
- Underweight dogs

## Disposition

- Fearful or anxious temperament
- Prone to stress
- History of aggression toward other dogs or people

Simethicone products can be used prophylactically to prevent gas if you suspect your dog is gulping air, having excess gas, in stressful situations, etc.

## Treatment

First and foremost is to decompress the stomach. The stomach, now huge when bloated, stops circulation and sends the dog into shock. Also, the stomach tissue begins to die from lack of circulating blood. There can be no recovery until the stomach is untwisted and the gas released. A stomach tube and stomach pump are generally used for this but sometimes surgery is needed to achieve stomach decompression.

Rapid intravenous fluids are needed to reverse the shock and medication is needed to control pain to allow the heart rate to slow down. The heart rhythm needs to be assessed and stabilized and an EKG is needed to monitor the heart. Disturbed heart rhythm already present at the beginning of treatment is associated with a 38% mortality rate.

While all this is happening, there is much more to be done. After the expense and effort to decompress the stomach and reverse the shock, it is tempting to forgo the further expense of surgery. However, consider that the next time your dog bloats, you may not be there to catch it in time and, according to the study described below, without surgery there is a 24% mortality rate and a 76% chance of re-bloating at some point. The best choice is to finish the treatment that has been started and have the abdomen explored. If the stomach can be surgically tacked into place, recurrence rate drops to 6%.

Surgery will prevent the stomach from twisting in the future but the stomach is still able to periodically distend with gas. This is uncomfortable but not life-threatening.

Several studies indicate the following:

### 1993 –

Study of 134 dogs with GDV by the School of Veterinary Medicine in Hanover, Germany:

- 10% died or were euthanized prior to surgery. (Factors involved included expense of treatment, severity/ advancement of disease, etc.)
- 33 dogs were treated with decompression and no surgery. Of these dogs, eight (24%) died or were euthanized within the next 48 hours due to poor response to treatment

(i.e., 6 of these 8 had actually re-bloated).

- Of the dogs that did not have surgical treatment but did survive to go home, 76% had another episode of GDV eventually.
- 88 dogs were treated with both decompression and surgery. Of these dogs, 10% (9 dogs) died in surgery, 18% (16 dogs) died in the week after surgery, 71.5% (63 dogs) went home in good condition. Of the dogs that went home in good condition, 6% (four dogs) had a second episode of bloat later in life.
- In this study 66.4% of the bloated dogs were male and 33.6% were female. Most dogs were between ages 7 and 12 years old. The German Shepherd dog and the Boxer appeared to have a greater risk for bloating than did other breeds.

### 2006 –

Study of 166 dogs that received surgery for gastric dilatation and volvulus. The point of the study was to identify factors that led to poor prognosis.

- A 16.2% mortality rate was observed. The mortality rate for dogs over age 10 years was 21%.
- Of the 166 going to surgery, 4.8% were euthanized during surgery, and the other 11.4% died during hospitalization (2 of dogs died during surgery). All dogs that survived to go home were still alive at the time of suture removal.
- 34 out of 166 dogs had gastric necrosis (dead stomach tissue which had to be removed). Of these dogs, 26% died or were euthanized.
- Post-operative complications of some sort occurred in 75.9% of patients. Approximately 50% of these dogs developed a cardiac arrhythmia.
- Risk factors significantly associated with death prior to suture removal included clinical signs of bloating for greater than six hours before seeing the vet, partial stomach removal combined with spleen removal, need for blood transfusion, low blood pressure at any time during hospitalization, sepsis (blood infection, and peritonitis (infection of the abdominal membranes).

## Costs

Be prepared for the cost of treatment. Just to have an emergency vet clinic tube the dog and try to flip the stomach back into place may be in the \$2,000 range since blood work, x-rays before and after the procedure, intravenous and other medications, and observation come into play. Surgery can be in the \$4,000-\$6,000 range depending upon how much damage has occurred (whether the spleen has to be removed and parts of stomach excised and then the stomach tacked to prevent recurrence).

<sup>1</sup>Information extracted from online sources including Marvista Pet Web Library and others and from personal experience.



## Collie Reunion Picnic Recap

— By Marian Maskow

This year's Annual Collie Reunion Picnic was another astounding success. Turnout at Hubbard Valley Park included over 42 people, 31 dogs and 1 friendly goat! Grillmaster Tom Hoadley and Auctioneer Jon Lester kept the gathering moving in fine form. Treasurer Leo Kenzik reported we raised \$1,725 from the live and silent auctions as well as sales items! So thanks again to all our generous donors who donated items to the auctions, and thanks to all of you who generously opened your wallets to support our rescue efforts. Most of all, our gratitude to Betty Hodgson and Judy Lester who work tirelessly to place our dogs in foster and forever homes. Lastly, thanks to all of you who have opened your homes to dogs in need. We couldn't do it without YOU!



## A Call for Photos—NEOCR 2013 Calendar



It's that time of year again when we've got our sleeves rolled up to work 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](mailto:Webmaster@NEOCR.org). If you wish to submit more than one photo, please consider using separate emails for each attachment.

Please note that 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 2013 calendar.

We are looking for pictures in natural settings, or if taken indoors, 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](http://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.* Calendars will be available for order from [www.CafePress.com/NEOCR](http://www.CafePress.com/NEOCR).

**Deadline for submission is October 27, 2012.**



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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](http://www.CafePress.com/NEOCR).





## You can run, but you can't hide!

— By Christine Vrooman

Paisley (at left): "Mr. Squirrel, you can run but you can't hide!"

Since we adopted Paisley from rescue five months ago at age 10+, we are no longer overrun by squirrels. The three families of squirrels have moved out of their tree-homes in our yard.

## Congrats Roddy!



Pictured above is Kathy Leenhouts (left) and Roddy at Sunnybank, who received awards for best veteran, and best adult dog, with Junior Handler Selma Ward and John Buddie judging.

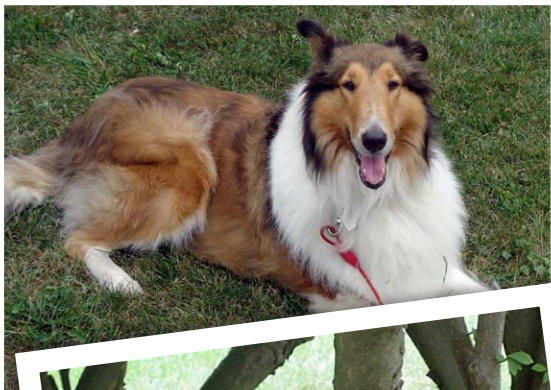
## Lacy

Sherrie Dochat's new Lacy (at right) – a collie/shepherd mix she rescued in Ely, MN. The owner was going to shoot the dog if nobody came and got it so she stepped up. Kudos Sherrie for the awesome rescue job!



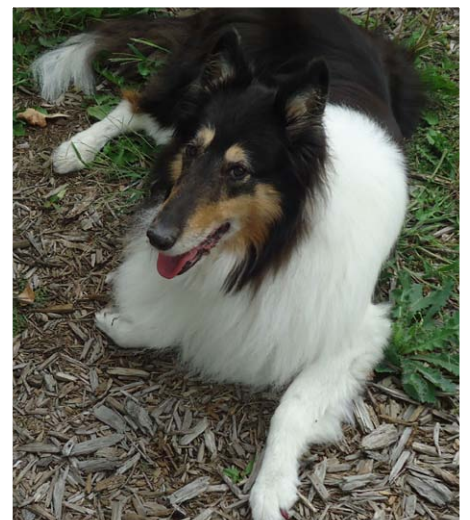
## Way to go, Bosco!

Bosco Maskow had two reasons to celebrate this summer. First he celebrated his 10th birthday in fine style, followed by a celebration for passing his Canine Good Citizen test. Way to go, Bosco!



## Gina and Her New Friends — By Halle Brook

Gina is doing fine and adjusting well to the other collies in her life. I drove down to Columbus to pick up Liberty, a sable three-year-old female. Liberty is a very sweet dog who really loves attention! In early September, my husband and I drove down to Portsmouth to purchase our own tricolor female puppy, who we have named Siri. She looks like she could be Gina's puppy, and Gina has been very motherly towards her and always watches out for her. It's so cute! Liberty has been very tolerant of the puppy as well.





## Our “Baby Girl”

— By Alan and Jeanette Spevak

We all come into this world not knowing what to expect and who we will meet. Twelve years ago I came across the most adorable tri-collie puppy, and one look at her I knew I had to have her. My wife, Jeanette, on the other hand was not so sure we should get another dog. I said just go and see her and meet her she will change your mind. A few days later she relented and went to see this puppy with some doubt in her mind. We were able to see her by ourselves in a back room of the store, and the pup was kind of shy and reserved. My wife said, “I don’t know she isn’t too playful.” I said, “Give her time to get to know you.” Sure enough after a few minutes, this puppy decided to key in on my wife’s pink scarf, she got this devil look in her eyes, and she ran over and grabbed the scarf off of my wife’s neck and proceeded to go crazy running around the room. That was all it took, love had met its match, and we brought home our baby girl “Sasha.”

Sasha always had that devil look in her eyes, and from the way she held her ears we learned quickly she was up to no good. She grew up to be a wonderful and very caring mom and gave us three beautiful kids, who she still took care of and put them in their place until the very end. She also became mamma’s girl and when outside in the back yard and what we called “walk the mamma.” She would grab my wife’s hand in her mouth, oh so gentle, and proceed to walk her back and forth in the driveway, turning around at one end and switching hands and take off again. We had many years of pleasure with this special girl. Sadly arthritis set in the last year, and eventually she started to go downhill her last few days.



Sasha had her man “Dusty” who she loved. The strangest thing happened one day after a rainstorm moved through. While sitting in the living room with the blinds shut to help keep out the heat, the sun came back out. I happened to look up at the ceiling. There displayed across the ceiling over where Sasha lay, was a small rainbow color of light. Now I knew it was from a reflection off of my car taillights, yet we wondered if it was not Dusty sending Sasha a message, or a bridge to the other side showing her the way. It was as if Dusty was saying, “I am waiting and I will meet you there.” Sasha passed away July 5 at 5 a.m. in my wife’s arms. Jeanette told her to be quiet and go to sleep, and she took her last breaths in a very peaceful manner.

Our baby girl Sasha is home and at peace with no more pain. We love you very much sweetheart. Be happy and waiting for us until we meet again

## My Beloved Brie

— By Christine Vrooman

You never know where a “one of a kind” treasure will be found. Mine was to be found at the City of Cleveland Kennel on November 15, 2002, in cage number 12, a filthy, disheveled collie. I just happened to be there that day “just looking.” She was a stray, a new arrival that day, frightened, wet and cold,



with matted fur and burrs pressing into her skin. The kennel listed her age at 7+ years old. She had the most pleading eyes and an air about her (I am not referring to the horrible stench emitting from her body) as if to be telling me that she was a princess and that her being in this jail cell was insulting. I melted as I instantly fell under the spell of her charm.

Being a volunteer with NorthEast Ohio Collie Rescue, I contacted them immediately and agreed to foster her if they were to pull her. After she served her stray-time, on November 19 I loaded her into my Jeep, brought her home, and then the “baggage issues” of one that has been abused began to surface.

To make a long story short, I adopted her. We lovingly and patiently worked together through each one of her baggage issues and she overcame most of them. We became so connected that we could communicate with our eyes and few body gestures. I could touch her anywhere and do anything to her without her having any fear. She was so gentle in spirit, so unique, a real character, and had such moxie. I loved and admired her immensely. So much of me was poured into her and her into me. I was blessed with sharing just over nine very full years of life with her. She passed on February 21, 2012, and lives forever in my heart. She will always be my beloved Brie, my baby girl, my princess, my most faithful companion.



I Just wanted to say thanks for bringing Max into our lives. When we lost our Max three months ago, it was so terribly hard, as everyone at NEOCR can attest to. There are no words to describe a loss like this, so I won't even try to go there. Suffice it to say that he was, by far, the most gentlest of dogs, extremely smart and curious, my constant companion and friend, and a true ambassador for the Collie world. It's been my privilege to watch all of my dogs develop their own unique personalities, and all bring something new to this thing we call life. I'm sure my new Max will be no exception.

Lizzie appears to enjoy her new pack member. You never know when a situation arises how they will react, but so far it's been wonderful. She was with Max almost her entire life, and his as well. I'm positive that she's missed him since he's been gone just as much as we have. While you can never replace what's been lost (and I don't expect to), I'm hoping. "New" Max will fill a void in all of our lives and that we can do the same for him.

If you stay in touch with owners who turn their dogs over to NEOCR, please tell Max's prior owners (and I have to believe from the way he's been so far that he was a beloved member of that family) that we will give Max the best home we possibly can. He has found his forever home here. Barring anything tragic, we will get Max through the remaining years of his life, provide him with the best medical care we can, try to make sure that he can be all he was meant to be, but above all, give him the loving and secure home he so justly deserves.

Our hats are off to all those dedicated volunteers at NEOCR. Without you, people like us would never have the opportunity to experience a breed of pet we truly enjoy. I'm glad to see that the policies that were in place when we adopted Lizzie

## In Passing

Our sincere condolences on the passing of...

- ✿ *Dick Frech*, beloved husband of *Tammy Frech*
- ✿ *Virginia "Ginny" Prikryl* beloved mother of *Judy Lester*
- ✿ *AJ, Beau, Chloe, Duke and* beloved collies of *David Gray & Betty Hodgson*
- ✿ *Addie*, beloved dog of *Jennifer Bortner*
- ✿ *Bagheera*, beloved cat of *Tom Hoadley & Cindy Lombardo*
- ✿ *Ben*, beloved collie of *Dave & Tina Stannard*
- ✿ *Chance*, beloved border collie of *Gerry Krepop*
- ✿ *Cremé*, beloved cat of *Bonnie Harris*.
- ✿ *Cynders*, beloved dog of *Mike & Christa Sandy*
- ✿ *Joey & Tessa*, beloved collies of *Tom Hoadley & Cindy Lombardo*
- ✿ *Macie*, beloved collie of *Grant and Beth Snider*
- ✿ *Max*, beloved collie of *Bill & Jackie West*
- ✿ *Prince Charlie*, beloved collie of *Diana & Alexis Geoffrion*
- ✿ *Sasha*, beloved collie of *Alan & Jeannette Spevak*
- ✿ *Shadow*, beloved collie of *Sheri Dochat*

in 2003 are still intact to protect the dogs you adopt out, so keep up the great work! So thank you again for giving us a new "leash" on life.

## Our Beautiful Beau

— By Betty Hodgson & David Gray

It is with a very heavy heart that we lost Beau at the end of August while in New Jersey after two rounds of bloat where his stomach flipped over. After being treated at the vet hospital, where they were able to tube him and unflip his stomach, it happened again under their care. His EKG indicated that his heart was damaged, and it seemed best to euthanize him at that point. For a while after the first time, I was hopeful that he might make it home to have it tacked so it could not happen again, but it wasn't meant to be.

Beau was 11 years old and one of the Priscilla DuPlaga (Lagrange, OH) bred dogs. He was a big boy and had always been healthy since we got him in 2008 at seven years old. I don't ever remember him being sick. He loved everyone and was just an easy-going guy. After being in a pen by himself out back with his original owners for seven years, he was so happy to be loved and petted and living in the house.

We are thrilled that we were able to have him for the four short years we did. We're glad that he seemed pretty happy and comfortable with us. We took him to the Winery at Wolf



Creek, Yappy Hour, and the D'Angese Doggie Dinner this year, and we're so glad he got to enjoy meeting and greeting folks at those events. We will miss him more than word can say.

## Adorable Hamlet – By Christa Sandy

Let me start by saying that we adore Hamlet! From the moment we met him, he fit into our family as if he was meant to be a part of us. He is certainly a youngster who sometimes tests limits, or gets wound up when there is energy around him or he is overtired, but he responds quickly to correction and redirection. With time and patience he is learning. He knows sit, paw, is lengthening the time and distance of stay, is learning come, and has a solid leave-it (even dropping a precious naughty find when caught or waiting on a bone placed in front of him).

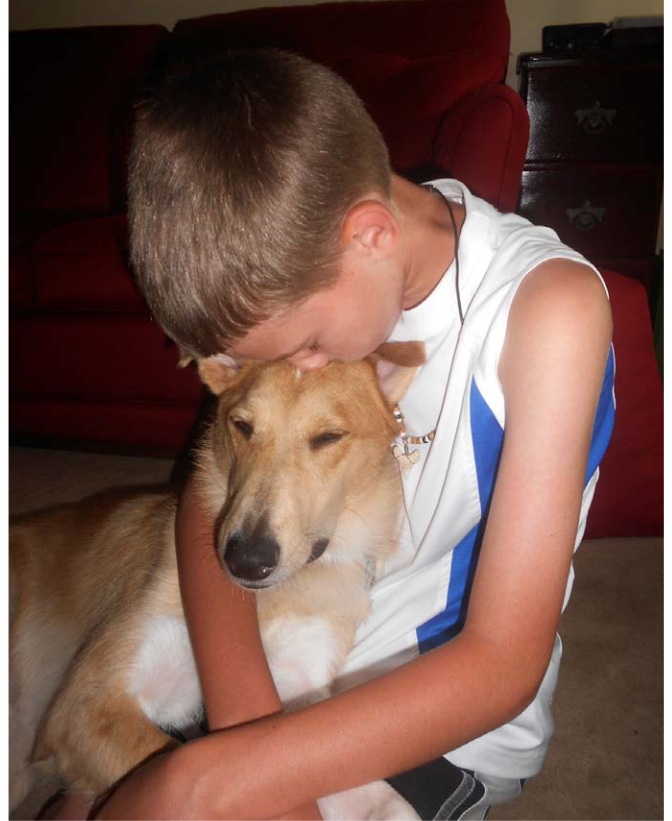
Most of the time, Hamlet is sweet, playful, cuddly, and well behaved. He seems to adore each of us as we adore him. He loves nothing more than to curl up on the couch or in bed with us and snuggle (often attempting to share a pillow). I think his favorite time of day is bedtime!

Throughout the day, he follows us around room to room, never more than a few feet away from a member of his “pack.” The kids can’t get enough of him, and he is a willing participant in all their games, from dog shows to walks, to fetch to playing house, to splashing in a baby pool, or to being their pillow while relaxing. He also *loves* time spent with my parents’ Sophie (husky/collie). They seem to be on an even playing field when tumbling around, and when done tussling, they enjoy lying around close to one another. They get along beautifully. We were also pleasantly surprised that Hamlet could care less about our bird. He glances at it occasionally and, like our last dog, has found that the bird loves to alert him with tweets when someone is walking down the street—what a great guard bird.

Hamlet has truly helped each of us to heal after the loss of our dear Cynders. Cynders will never be forgotten and

always be close at heart, but Hamlet’s presence has helped us all to cry less and simply remember all of the good times we shared with Cynders. Sometimes we feel like he carries a bit of her spirit with him.

Thank you again for rescuing our dear Hamlet. We love him!



### UPCOMING EVENTS

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

✍ The next **NEOCR Board Meeting** will be held **Sunday, October 21, 2012, at 1 p.m.**, at the home of Betty Hodgson & David Gray in Medina.

✍ **Tuesday, Oct 9, 2012 – Yappy Hours at the Winery** at Wolf Creek, Norton, OH (Akron Metro Area). See <http://www.wineryatwolfcreek.com/events.php> for more info.

✍ **Saturday, Oct 13, 2012 – Halloween Bash** at Mosquito Lake Dog Park, Cortland, OH. For more info, visit: <http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/Portals/2/parks/pdf/mosquitohalloween.pdf>.

✍ **Saturday, Oct 20, 2012 – Spooky Pooch Parade Event**, Lakewood, OH. For more info visit: [http://downtownlakewood.org/category/1coming\\_events/](http://downtownlakewood.org/category/1coming_events/).

### Adoptions

**February 2012 — September 2012**

**Bernie** — Jeannie Leiter, Penninsula, OH

**Cameron** — Matt & Julie Ashby, N. Kensington, PA

**Gina** — Halle Rhodes

**Harry** — Janet & Robert Porcher, Lorain, OH

**Molly** — Marge & Tom Gorbett, Cleveland, OH

**Boo (aka Missy)** — John & Jeanette Singley, Tallmadge, OH

**Hamlet (aka Taz)** — Mike & Christa Sandy, Rocky River, OH

**Buddy** — James Branca, Nosrth Royalton, OH

**Rex** — Anita & Marty Silverman, Chesterland, OH

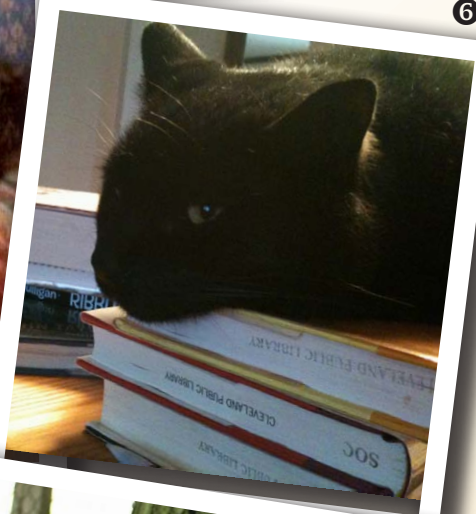
**Diamond** — Leah Deckner, Nashville, TN



## From the Scrapbook Gallery...

This issue we feature some of our beloved pets who have recently passed on. See [Page 9](#) for a complete list of pets and owners.

From top left: (1) Addie, (2) Ben, (3) AJ, (4) Tessa, (5) Duke, (6) Bagheera, (7) Shadow, (8) Crémé and (9) Macie.





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*"A dog has one aim in life.  
To bestow his heart."*

*J. R. Ackerly*

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