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What a Difference a Year Makes

– By Marian Maskow

A year ago July, I was very much moping around having lost my Mollie the Collie. It was pretty obvious I needed something to pull me out of the doldrums. I think David and Betty suspected they had the cure when they brought Bosco, one of the latest rescues, to a gathering at Tom and Cindy's home. This big guy seemed pretty quiet, very content to be petted, and looked like he could have that "Velcro" effect once you paid attention to him. I think Bosco secretly had a plan. One look into his big, brown eyes and, well, he figured he'd just about melt your heart, and then hitch a ride home with you.

Well, his plan was working...except I was hesitant because I still had a large vet bill to pay off from Mollie's surgery and passing. NEOCR offered that I could take Bosco home and foster him. So I started to listen to his story. David and Betty said Bosco was a bit of a loner at their place. When left outside, he went under their deck in the back yard the for the first couple days and wouldn't easily come out. The next few days, he walked the perimeter of their yard and avoided the other dogs. They thought he would do better in a one-dog home.

I asked a lot of questions about eight-year-old Bosco while petting and checking him out. They said he was turned in because he jumped a four-foot fence. I also learned he was heartworm positive. I didn't know what the ramifications of having heartworm were, but I wondered if that was the real reason he was turned in to a shelter. I wasn't too concerned about the fenced yard aspect since my pets don't go outside without me and/or a leash.



"PLEASE take me home," his eyes seemed to plead. Those eyes...those soulful eyes... they really tug at your heart. Once Bosco knew he had me, he stuck by my side. Deciding to try my first foster situation, off we went for our ride home. Bosco eagerly jumped in the back seat, settled in and made himself comfortable, while my neighbor, Bonnie, documented the event with pictures.

Back at home, the first order of business was to introduce Bosco to Buffy, my petite, eight-year-old calico kitty. Now mind you, Buffy had just lived with Mollie for five-and-a-half years, and they got along splendidly. When I walked in with Bosco, she was a little surprised. Actually, I think she was a little miffed. After the initial introduction, she perched herself at the top of the steps while surveying the room and glaring at me. "Give it time," I thought. Yeah, right. For the first two weeks, I walked around, and slept, armed with a squirt bottle. Whoever budged first to start the chase or antagonize the other, that's who got squirted. They made progress behaving well and tolerating each other in the living room. But, every time I went

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Whine & Cheese Party

We raised \$860 at the 2011 Whine and Cheese event this year. The money raised came from admissions, silent auction, dog cookie jar raffle, donations and dues.

Special thanks to Peggy Jensen for all of the hard work that she puts into this event. Thanks, also, to everyone who donated items for the silent auction, which was a great fundraiser this year. Finally, thanks to everyone who attended and to those who donated food, wine and cheese, money and their time to make this event possible. Dogs and owners all had a great time in spite of the weather.

NEOCR Annual Collie Reunion & Picnic

Below is a list of people and pets that we'd like to thank from the 2011 Annual Collie Reunion & Picnic for their donations, calendar orders, participation and winning bids on the live and silent auction items. Special thanks to Tim Wiley, who provided the bagpipe music for the memorial service, and also to Val and Mike Gustovich, who did a great job emceeding the live auction. If there is anyone we forgot, please drop the editor an e-mail and we'll acknowledge them in the next newsletter. In no particular order, they are...

Anne Naugle, Cheryl Grant, David & Lillie Dean, Raymond & Sue Perorazio, Brenda Moore-Nichols, Carolyn Zorn, Marian Maskow, Peggy Jensen, Jan Benson, Linda Kessler, Betty Hodgson, David Gray, Anita Silverman, James Wagner, Johanna Lance, Laurie Harwich, Tom Hoadley, Cindy Lombardo, Kathy Leenhouts, Jon & Judy Lester, Sharon Hamrick, Marilyn McCarthy, Bonnie Harris, Mike McLaughlin, Kathryn Kenzik, Marilyn & Leo Kenzik...and especially to furkids Duke Hodgson, Greta and Tulip Jensen, Raggs, Howard Huge, Buffy and Bosco Maskow, and Crème Harris.

NEOCR 2nd Quarter 2011 Treasurer's Report

Balance April 1, 2011	\$ 9,477.32
Deposits April 1 – June 30, 2011	\$ 1,737.00
(Includes \$860 from Whine & Cheese Event)	
Total	\$ 11,214.32
Expenses	
Care for dogs	
Vet bills, adoption fees, food, etc.....	-\$3,885.31
Lunar pages (Website)	-\$134.55
Mutt Hutt for the Whine & Cheese event.....	-\$120.00
Total Expenses	-\$4,139.86
Balance June 30, 2011	\$ 7,074.46
Leo Kenzik, Secretary / Treasurer	

Meeting Minutes – 8/7/11

The annual meeting of Northeast Ohio Collie Rescue was called to order by President Tom Hoadley at 1:10 p.m. at the home of Jon and Judy Lester.

Treasurer's Report — was read.

Old Business

At the Medina Adoptathon no dogs were adopted. At the Working Dog Weekend there were no adoptions.

New Business

The Annual NEOCR Reunion & Picnic will be held on September 18, 2011. Jon and Judy Lester will bring the hot dogs for the picnic. Tom and Cindy will bring the charcoal, buns and condiments. Leo and Marilyn will bring the table coverings,

plates, knives, forks, spoons, cups, straws, and napkins. The Memorial Service at the picnic will be at noon.

Betty Hodgson discussed the intake of dogs. Judy Lester discussed the adoptions of Natalie, Emma, Jesse, Cisco, Iris and Willow.

Dogs who have passed away were Barrett, Lassie, Buddy, Charlie and Jeff.

Upcoming Events

- ☞ The Tremont Yappy Hour — 8/30/11
- ☞ Quailcrest — 9/17/11
- ☞ Oberlin Doggie Doo — 10/1/11

The meeting was adjourned at 1:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Leo Kenzik, Secretary/Treasurer



Above left and right: Guests enjoy the fine spread of food and wine at this year's Whine & Cheese party while our furry friends look on. At right: Here are a few of the many dogs who relaxed at the Annual Collie Reunion & Picnic. Below: Group photo of the entire gang who attended last month's Annual Collie Reunion & Picnic at Hubbard Valley Park in Medina County.



The Scoop on Poop

Part Three – “The Final Movement”

– By Betty Hodgson



Parts 1 and 2 of this series covered the generic causes of doggie diarrhea and touched on colitis, food issues, parasites, and provided some information about irritable bowel syndrome and inflammatory bowel disease. This last article on the subject will endeavor to provide more information on the latter two causes of diarrhea.

Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS)

It is easy to get confused between inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) and irritable bowel syndrome (IBS). IBD is a physical disease and will be discussed below. This has nothing to do with IBS.

IBS is a psychosomatic disease — meaning it is the activity of the mind that causes the symptoms. Most people do not have difficulty imagining having so much anxiety that diarrhea results. Chronic anxiety can similarly result in chronic diarrhea. This is basically what IBS is all about. Intestinal biopsies are normal because there is nothing directly wrong with the large intestine.

IBS is typically associated with the large intestine and can have many causes. As stated in Part 1 of the series, IBS is responsible for about 10-15% of diarrhea cases. Obviously, other physical causes must be ruled out before blaming psychological reasons, but if all tests are normal and treatment for physical problems is not yielding results, a biopsy is helpful. Again, a normal intestinal biopsy rules in IBS. It should be noted that fresh blood in the diarrhea is common with large intestinal diarrhea other than IBS. If there is fresh blood present, this is a sign that a physical cause is actually present.

Treatment of IBS includes treating the anxiety. The source of emotional stress may not be obvious, but general anti-anxiety medications such as amitriptyline may be of use, particularly if the anxiety source is not clear or cannot be removed. It is important to imagine the dog’s world from his/her own perspective. The dog does not speak and must infer what is going on from events he or she witnesses directly. Inconsistent scheduling, moving, even weather changes can be very confusing for an animal.

Increasing dietary fiber also seems to help with this condition. Commercial high fiber diets can be purchased from the veterinarian’s office, or you may ask your veterinarian how to add wheat bran or a commercial fiber supplement to the diet. Fiber seems to normalize the activity of the large intestinal muscle to help stop spasms. Often this sort of dietary modification with periodic use of an anti-diarrheal medication during flare-ups controls the condition. Antispasmodic drugs can also be helpful in relieving the discomfort of irritable bowel syndrome.

Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD)

IBD is a physical disease where the intestinal lining is infiltrated by inflammatory cells. The delicate intestinal lining becomes thickened and absorption of nutrients becomes altered. The infiltration can be seen under the microscope and this is how the diagnosis is confirmed.

Chronic vomiting results if the infiltration is in the stomach or higher areas of the small intestine. A watery diarrhea with weight loss results if the infiltration is in the lower small intestine. A mucous diarrhea with fresh blood (colitis) results if the infiltration occurs in the large intestine. Of course, the entire tract from top to bottom may be involved. IBD should be considered to be an immunologic reaction to some kind of immunologic stimulation. In other words, IBD is more of a symptom than an actual disease in and of itself. Treatment requires managing the immunologic reaction and symptoms.

While most dog owner understand that their dog(s) will occasionally vomit or have diarrhea, they may suspect IBD when they notice that these symptoms are more frequent than they should be, and when parasites have been controlled. This is especially true when they realized they have not seen their dog have a normal stool in weeks or months. Typically with IBD, the dog doesn’t seem obviously sick. Maybe there has been weight loss over time but nothing acute. There is simply a chronic problem with vomiting, diarrhea or both. IBD is probably the most common cause of chronic intestinal clinical signs and would be the likely condition to pursue first.

The diagnosis of IBD usually starts with a basic blood panel and urinalysis to rule out widespread problems (such as liver disease, kidney disease or pancreatitis) that could be responsible for the symptoms. Since IBD is localized to the GI tract, bloodwork is usually normal but could show a general inflammatory response in the blood or a loss of blood proteins since there is often some leaking of albumin (an important blood protein) from the intestine into the bowel contents. X-rays may also be a good idea to rule out growths in the abdomen or tumors that could cause chronic problems.

A trial of a simple medication, such as metaclopramide (Reglan) or metronidazole (Flagyl), is often used to see if there is improvement. Broad-spectrum deworming is usually performed and sometimes more extensive parasite testing is done, especially if the dog is under one year old or has a history of living with numerous other animals.

If this non-invasive testing does not reveal the cause of the diarrhea, then a biopsy is needed since it is the definitive test for inflammatory bowel disease. Tissue samples must be harvested from several areas of the GI tract. This can be done either surgically or via endoscopy.

Endoscopy involves the use of an endoscope which has a tiny fiber optic or video camera at the end. The endoscope is inserted down the throat, into the stomach and into the small

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intestine, and small pinches of tissue are obtained. If the large intestine is to be viewed, the endoscope is inserted rectally and again tissue samples are harvested. The advantage of this procedure over surgery is that it is not as invasive as surgery. The dog typically goes home the same day. Disadvantages are expense (often referral to a specialist is necessary) and the fact that the rest of the abdomen cannot be viewed. Growths that are seen via endoscopy cannot be removed, so a second procedure must be planned.

Surgical exploration may also be used to obtain samples. With surgery, other organs can also be sampled and abnormal sections of tissue can be removed. Surgery tends to be more expensive than endoscopy, but this depends on the recovery period. Often these two procedures work out to be of similar expense.

The causes of inflammatory bowel disease are not well understood and usually not found. The basic theory is that “something” is leading to a chronic stimulus of inflammation. This could be an allergy against a food protein, the continuing presence of a parasite, inflammatory products produced by the normal bacteria living in the intestine or there may be an underlying problem with the immune system in affected dogs. Obviously, there may be different causes in different dogs or a combination of the possibilities listed working together. Most of the time an extensive search for the underlying cause is not made because of expense.

More serious causes of chronic gastrointestinal complaints might include intestinal cancer (especially lymphosarcoma/lymphoma), fungal infection infiltrating the GI lining (histoplasmosis), or a lymphatic condition called lymphangiectasia. A biopsy will differentiate inflammatory bowel disease from these other conditions. If substantial blood proteins are being lost through the GI tract, a biopsy to rule out these conditions is particularly important and aggressive therapy will be necessary.

An infection in the stomach with a bacterium called helicobacter is associated with inflammatory bowel disease, but it is not clear as to which is the cause and which is the effect. A helicobacter infection can lead to ulceration and inflammation, compounding the problems of the inflammatory bowel disease. Special treatment is necessary for this type of infection.

The cornerstone of treatment for inflammatory bowel disease is suppression of the inflammation. In milder cases of large intestinal inflammatory bowel disease, the immunomodulating properties of metronidazole (Flagyl) might be adequate for control, but usually prednisone is needed. Prednisone will work on inflammatory bowel disease in any area of the intestinal tract. In more severe cases, stronger immune suppression is needed (as with cyclosporine or azathioprine). Higher doses are usually used in treatment at first and tapered down after control of symptoms has been gained. Some animals are able to eventually discontinue treatment or only require treatment

during flare-ups. Others require some medication at all times. Long-term use of prednisone should be accompanied by appropriate periodic monitoring tests due to the immune suppressive nature of this treatment.

In cases where it is particularly important to minimize the side effects of long-term steroids, a medication called budesonide can be used. This medication is not readily absorbed from the GI tract and serves as a topical treatment for the lining of the intestine.

Dietary manipulation may also be helpful in the management of inflammatory bowel disease depending on the patient's interest in newer foods. The first step in dietary management of inflammatory bowel disease is fat restriction. Fat prolongs the time food spends in the stomach, which tends to promote nausea. There can also be undesirable interactions with fats and the bacteria of the intestine.

Beyond these alternatives, there are several dietary approaches to IBD:

- Hypoallergenic Diet — a novel or hydrolyzed protein-based diet is used, the idea being that some of the immunologic stimulation may be from diet. Sometimes a sacrificial protein diet is used during the healing process with the expectation that the dog may become allergic to the treatment diet and will be switched to another hypoallergenic diet at the end of the diet trial. Food allergy is definitely a cause of inflammatory bowel disease
- Low Residue Diet — a diet that is especially easy to digest and absorb is used. These are typically prescription intestinal diets.
- High Fiber Diet — insoluble fibers have been helpful in inflammatory bowel disease. They increase fecal bulk which stimulates more normal motility from the intestine. Slower stool passage results which enhances water absorption. Adding oat bran to the hypoallergenic diet may be helpful.

The problem with the prednisone or prednisolone trial involves the possibility of intestinal lymphosarcoma (also called lymphoma). This is a type of cancer that produces chronic diarrhea or vomiting just as inflammatory bowel disease can. Lymphoma is temporarily responsive to prednisone, but the response is short-lived. Exposure to prednisone will make the lymphoma much more difficult to diagnose should biopsies be obtained later. Plus, exposure to prednisone can lead to resistance to other medications. In short, if one tries prednisone or prednisolone without confirming a diagnosis, harm can be caused should a lymphoma be present instead of inflammatory bowel disease.

Inflammatory bowel disease continues to be a common cause of chronic intestinal distress in both humans and animals. Research for less invasive tests and for newer treatments is ongoing.

Some of Our Available Collies



Blue

Collie
Size: Large
Age: Young
Sex: Male

Blue is a typical young dog playful and needs exercise. A fenced yard would be ideal with plenty of room to run. He has a herding instinct, so he should probably not be around young children as he may nip/herd them. In general, Blue gets along with other dogs and loves to fetch and play tug-o-war (with a rope toy or sticks) with other dogs. This handsome two-year-old boy's primary colors are sable and blue merle. He is neutered and current on vaccines.

Jasper II

Collie, German Shepherd Mix

Size: Large
Age: Senior
Sex: Male

Jasper is 8-9 years old but still gets around well. He does a full flight of stairs with no trouble and is able to jump up on the bed if you are inclined to let him.

He was alone in his terminally ill owner's house for four months (let out a couple of times a day), so he is enjoying some activity and companionship. His eyes are clear and his teeth make him look more like a 6-7 year old dog. Jasper is definitely mostly collie but probably has some other breed in there, perhaps German shepherd. He is a nice boy and gets along with lots of other dogs. He would really like to find that special person who will love and keep him. He is friendly and seems to enjoy being brushed.



Rena

Collie
Size: Medium
Age: Adult
Sex: Female

Rena is very sweet — a real gem of a collie. She is friendly and gets along with other dogs, cats and kids. She is 8 years old and easy going. She would make a great companion for any collie or dog lover. Rena is on the smaller side for a collie. She is ready for her forever home so if you want a easy-going, laid back collie, she is your girl.

Duke II

Collie
Size: Large
Age: Senior
Sex: Male

Duke is a great, tri-colored male collie. He is friendly and plays with other dogs. He is 10 years old and does steps just fine.

He evidently had an injury on his tail when he was young and it was amputated. It is actually very cute — fluffy and curly and about 10 inches long. It actually adds some character to this already "character" of a dog. He has some cranky moments, so he probably shouldn't be around young children. He is so happy to be an "in the house" collie and shows his appreciation daily by coming over to be petted. He really is a great boy.



Nigel

Collie
Size: Large
Age: Young
Sex: Male

Nigel is a 3-4 year old beautiful male collie. He gets along with other dogs, cats, kids and everyone.

He is a little shy at first but is playful and happier every day now that he is in a foster home and out of a shelter. He has a great temperament and loves being brushed — a real plus for anyone owning a collie.



Shadow

Collie
Size: Large
Age: Adult
Sex: Male

Shadow came to us matted fur, so he is partly shaved. He was on a poor diet, but now that he is on good food and can move without all those mats pulling on his skin, he is doing great. He is housebroken and is a very friendly and frisky. He is 8 years old but seems younger every day. He has some scabs on his nose, but they are healed and the fur is growing in. Evidently, the other two dogs he lived with would beat him up occasionally. He learned to do a flight of stairs and loves being a house dog, loves getting attention and being petted. He can be vocal when he wants to be with his people. He gets along well with other dogs and wants to play. Shadow is a typical tricolored male — just a sweetheart of a collie and easy going.



Chance

Collie

Size: Large
Age: Senior
Sex: Male

Chance is a great boy with some spunk and plenty of love. He is 9 years old, but still frisky and doesn't have any issues with steps or playing

with other dogs. He is friendly with everyone and sure does like 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 wonderful coat but doesn't care much for being combed yet, but he is gradually getting more used to grooming. He did fine during his bath. 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.

In passing...

Our sincere condolences on the passing of...

-  *Barrett*, beloved Irish wolfhound of *David Gray & Betty Hodgson*
-  *Brady*, beloved collie of *Pat Cozzens & Brian Wynne*
-  *Buddy*, beloved collie of *Joe & Phyllis Pepoy*
-  *Charlie*, beloved collie of *Colleen Hathaway*
-  *Jeff*, beloved collie of *Tom Hoadley & Cindy Lombardo*
-  *Grace*, beloved collie of *Jon & Judy Lester*
-  *Killian*, beloved collie of *John & Mary Clearly*
-  *Lassie*, beloved collie of *Robin Lawson*
-  *Nelson*, beloved rescue of *Daryl & Marty Conklin*
-  *Twix*, beloved collie of *Grant & Beth Snider*

If only it were this easy for people...

THE OTHER COAST



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Adoptions May – September 2011

Chase — Stephanie Holzer & Dennis Dominiac, Wyoming, NY

Cisco — Kathleen Burton, Monroeville, PA

Desmond — Mark & Anita Kasunic, Richmond Hts., OH

Emma — Dave & Lizzie Dean, New London, OH

Fancy — Tom Hoadley & Cindy Lombardo, Richfield, OH

Iris — Pat Cozzens, Auburn, OH

Jessie — Dave & Julie Esmond, Mayfield Hts., OH

Maxine — Dale & Anjanette Brannon, Elyria OH

Willow (aka Suzy) — John & Jan Tuttle, Vermilion, OH

Special condolences to our collie family

In every issue we try to mention the special furkids who have left us and who are now waiting for us on the other side of the rainbow bridge. From time to time, we also include pet owners in our collie family when we learn of their passings. Since editing this newsletter, I don't recall an issue where we lost so many of our family in such a short period of time. To these members and their families, please know you will be missed so very much, and we are forever grateful for your presence and support in our community. No one can fill the hole you've left in our hearts.

Special condolences are extended to the families of *Monika Bachmann, Gloria Bickley, John & Dot Shubert*, and *Colleen Hathaway*.

— *Marian Maskow*

Charlie & Colleen – Cheryl Hathaway, Daughter

This note is to tell you that the most wonderful doggie in the whole world, Charlie, who was adopted by Colleen Hathaway and who lived a long and happy life in a huge fenced in yard and a big house with a fireplace that warmed his stiff old bones, in a neighborhood full of children and grown ups who would call out for him as they walked down the road, has died.

What a sweetheart he was. One week later, his Mommy, Colleen Hathaway, died. Together in Heaven, we think.

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upstairs to bed, the cat ducked under the bed, and the dog did his best to rat her out. Buffy got quarantined to the basement for a few nights since she would let the dog sleep. Whoever's tags jingled, that's who got shot with the water bottle. Make it or break it time for Bosco. If he didn't get along with my cat, he'd have to go back. After a few pep talks, they both got the message, called a truce, and Bosco made the first cut.

Next hurdle we had to pass was shaping up Bosco's digestive system. He came home with a pretty bad case of diarrhea. I took him to the vet for a checkup and asked about the heartworm condition while I was at it. It turns out dogs can develop COPD or congestive heart failure from untreated heartworm. Due to his age, we put Bosco on monthly heartworm preventive, but nothing more aggressive. He also got some antibiotics and anti-diarrhea medicine. It turned out he was also underweight at 62 pounds. After several messy cleanups, a near melt-down on my part, four dog foods later and a few relapses, his digestive system finally shaped up. Bosco now does so well with potty breaks that I tell people he came with a cast-iron bladder.

Now my Buddy-Boy Bosco had a few hang-ups when he first came home. He wouldn't go upstairs or downstairs, and he wouldn't cross tile floors. I put him on a leash and took him up and down the stairs to the bedrooms. Bribed by biscuits, that situation worked out okay, but under no circumstances would he go down the (carpeted) basement stairs. To get him across the tiled kitchen floor, I went out and bought some carpet runners. Then, he'd only traipse through the kitchen in a counter-clockwise direction. One day I washed the kitchen floor, and in doing so I picked up all the rugs and pet dishes. While I was waiting for the floor to dry, I spied Bosco slowly walking through the kitchen, sniffing here and there, and no runners were down! Not wanting to miss this teaching moment, I only put a small rug back in front of the kitchen sink. I put Bosco's food dish on that rug. He couldn't reach it from either entrance unless he came all four paws into the kitchen. Determined to eat, Bosco finally crossed the kitchen floor to his dish. Mission accomplished!

One day about three to four months after Bosco came home, Buffy and I charged downstairs to get the nightly meals of pet food. Bosco, not wanting to be left behind, followed us down the stairs. He got about three-quarters of the way down, realized what he did, and then turned around and went back upstairs. Despite being cheered on, he did this several times, always returning to the kitchen. I went upstairs and got one of his squeaky toys. I went back downstairs and squeaked the bejeebers out of his toy. He got up enough nerve to come down to the last basement step. He gingerly touched the floor from the last step as if he were testing the waters, and then he finally crossed the last step to the basement. His reward was eating dinner downstairs that night. He paraded up and down the stairs several more times in a row with me, proud of every step, and stuck to me like glue. However, he still avoided the tiled bathroom floor.

Bosco does not like thunderstorms, which was apparent early on. Although I have to say he isn't as scared as Mollie was

during storms, he is still pretty traumatized. If you are on the couch, he instantly becomes your lap dog. If you're sleeping in bed, he jumps up next to you and tries to squeeze between your head and the headboard. Then I have a dog sitting on my head, panting and drooling. One day as I was getting ready for work, he quietly came in the bathroom and sat down next to me on the tile floor. "Ah-ha, Bosco! I see thunderstorms trump tile floors!"

That first day I came home with Bosco, I took him for a walk in the neighborhood. Oh my gosh. I wanted to say, "Giddyup, doggie!" Let's just say he was moving about at a snail's pace. I thought, maybe I had a dog who didn't like to go for walks. The vet told me he needed his exercise, but we had to pace him because of the heartworm. I thought about the situation, and concluded that no one probably ever took him for walks, so he didn't know what to do and was greatly out of shape. Hence, we built our daily walks a little at a time. He looked like Eeyore going down the street. Da-dum, da-dum. Da-dum, da-dum. "Come on Bosco, you can do it! Pick up the pace, Bosco." Then one day I saw with my own eyes... Da-dum, da-dum, TROT, TROT, TROT! Hey, what was that? He started to pick up the pace slowly but surely. As I passed from yard to yard, neighbors noticed and asked about his progress.

"Hey Moose!"

"How's the bear today?"

"Hey, Mr. B. How's it going?"

"Looking good, buddy!"

"How's Bozo doing?"

"How's Corky?"

"Corky?" I did a double take on that one. "Who the heck is Corky?"



Bosco continued to improve all winter. He definitely likes cold weather better than warm weather. Can you blame him with that beautiful fur coat of his? Well, spring came along, and out came the bikes, motorcycles, scooters and skateboards...not to mention other neighborhood dogs. Bosco, having now passed his heartworm test at the spring vet visit, was feeling better and getting stronger every day. Mr. Meek & Mild, who first strolled down the street last summer, who did not bark at all for the first three weeks he was home, was now pretty feisty and objecting loudly and wildly over intrusions into his neighborhood. Before the summer was out, I had to get him to some serious training to break his bad outdoor habits. This was the last hurdle. Could we do it? Time would tell.

Bosco was one strong-minded dog with a strong herding instinct. He would take a correction, but he kept barking, twirling and pulling at those obstacles on wheels. "I know, buddy, you would love just once to sink your teeth into one of

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those rubber tires that keep circling around us, but that's just not polite." My back was giving out, and I couldn't control him on just a leash. We had already tripped over each other and wiped out once, and I'm sure it was a good show for the neighbors. His aggression toward other dogs had to be kept in check, too.

After trying other traditional alternatives, the trainer I was working with and I decided to try an electronic collar for Bosco that came with a portable remote. Some people might object to this method of correction, but it was the solution that worked. I am so proud of Bosco and the progress he's made. Just the other night we passed a bike, a motorcycle and a couple dogs with nary a WOOF out of him. He gets an opportunity to comply to the heel, sit-stay and leave-it commands, and then he gets a momentary correction after that if he doesn't listen. He can now get to the point where he starts to object, sighs, and just settles into a sit next to my side.

"Good boy, Bosco! I knew you could do it! Such a good doggie you are!" Yes, he gets LOTS of praise, and loudly too, so the neighbors and bike riders can hear us. We are no longer intimidated by them, but feel free to walk our neighborhood in a well-behaved manner. We still need to work on doggie

Lassie's Big Surprise — By Robin Lawson

Lassie was just an old, obese, outside farm dog. Her coat was totally matted. Her feet were bleeding. She had diarrhea, broken teeth, cataracts, internal parasites, bacterial and yeast infections. She was a mess existing in a garage.

Lassie was surprised one day when a lady she remembered came and put her in her car (she liked car rides). She was surprised the next day when she went for another ride and all her hair was shaved off and she got a thorough bath. She was further surprised when she entered a house for the first time. Then she was surprised when there was no bowl, forever filled with food. Water was plentiful but food only arrived two times a day. She was surprised that she got to live inside all the time with dog and cat friends. (She loved cats!) She could not believe she was encouraged to get up on the cushy furniture. She was also surprised when she got to sleep in the same room with the dog, the cat, and the people.

Lassie was surprised when the lady started teaching her, and being smart, she had fun learning. In a very short time, Lassie surprised the lady by passing her AKC Canine Good Citizen and Therapy Dog tests. She was surprised to start going into all kinds of buildings — her favorite being the Wayne County Public Library in Wooster.

Lassie continued surprising others. Her coat started to grow, tangle-free, shiny, sweet smelling and beautiful. She even eventually won a contest, "Dog with the Longest Hair." She lost weight (40 pounds in all), which was a great trick for a dog whose healthy weight was 65 pounds, and began laying in all kinds of positions she hadn't tried in years.

Lassie started traveling and was surprised by camping and visiting relatives in Kentucky and Florida. Lassie was

socialization skills, but I couldn't be happier with his progress. I even took him to the Collie Picnic this year.

Okay, what's the moral of the story? What a difference a year makes! Fostering wasn't the easiest thing in the world to do, but I was determined to get Bosco over his hang-ups and fears and make him feel comfortable, secure and loved. Even when we hadn't worked out all the kinks, I knew I didn't want this dog going to another home. I didn't want him regressing and starting all over again. Jumped a four foot fence they say? I don't think so, unless he was left out neglected in a yard or left to wander aimlessly during a thunderstorm. This dog is like a big teddy bear on the inside, gives all kinds of kisses, and, more often than not, likes to be my shadow when I'm home. I nicknamed him Back-Pocket Bosco when he first came home. He seems every day to turn into the relaxed and confident pup I knew he could be.

If you have never fostered before, please consider this loving alternative for a dog who might otherwise be hard to place. I hope when I'm Bosco's age, someone is as kind to my cranky old self and gives me a little extra attention, too. After celebrating Bosco's one-year anniversary, we recently upgraded his status to adopted. "Atta boy, Bosco!"

surprised to spend winter inside, warm and comfy, with people she loved, especially on Christmas. She had always wondered about that.

Lassie continued to surprise others by appearing in the 2009, 2010, and 2011 Northeast Ohio Collie Rescue fundraising calendars on different pages each year. She was even a cover girl on the 2010 calendar. She became an acting star, appearing as herself in a Christmas musical/play at church. She was surprised to get to go to Vacation Bible School.

She was voted "2010 Dog of the Year" by Caring Therapy Canines members, a great honor and wonderful surprise.

But none of those things was "Lassie's Big Surprise." Lassie thought somewhere on that first car ride with the lady, she must have died because she certainly had been living in heaven. She'd become more achy as time went on and couldn't stay on her feet anymore for very long. She got to go for another car ride. She fell asleep while the lady gently petted her head and woke up in the most wonderful place she'd ever been. It took her only a moment to figure out she hadn't been in heaven after all because this new place was definitely IT. The parts of her body that had been sore before she fell asleep weren't sore anymore. She had her balance back and could run faster than ever before.

It hadn't been heaven before. It was just a lot better than it had been. It definitely was Heaven now! What a wonderful surprise!!



Our Buddy is Gone



There is a bowl empty in the corner. It won't be filled again. Buddy is gone.

He was four, maybe five. Athletic, proud, and passed around, he came unexpectedly into our lives. Unexpectedly, Buddy is gone.

His story has a familiar ring. His elderly owner had a serious disease and passed on. Her nurse took

him on. The landlord found out. Buddy was gone

The nurse's friend took him to her home. But she had another dog, more aggressive. She complained to the groomer. Buddy had to be gone.

The groomer told us of his troubles and wondered if Collie Rescue would take him over. The day of the Annual Collie Rescue picnic, we picked him up. Buddy was gone.

He didn't understand and he looked wistfully out the back of the van. Bad though it was, Buddy's home was gone.

At the picnic, he wore the yellow scarf. A family with a mean little boy had their eye on him. Phyllis reached over and took the scarf away. Buddy was gone.

He came home with us that day. He had been called Laddie all of his life. We changed his name to Buddy Boy as we already had a Laddie. "Laddie" was gone.

Buddy fit in well with our other collies and our miniature Schnauzer. It took him some getting used to but he liked his new name and loved his new home. Buddy's past was gone.

Laddie was older, but Buddy taught him to run the fence and bark at the passing cars. The electronic fence didn't control him very well and they gave him a "bad boy collar." Buddy's jumping over the rails was gone.

Young, he loved to play and romp and bark. Weather couldn't bother him. He had a sense of humor and loved to sneak up on one of his owners and poke him or her with a sharp nose. Buddy the joker is gone.

When age began to slow him down, he would sit at the top of a little slope in the driveway and watch the world go by. Buddy the watcher is gone.

His Pal Laddie crossed the Rainbow Bridge in March. Buddy wasn't quite the same after that. He had started to slow and to drag his hind leg. Buddy's romping was gone.

A trip to our gentle vet revealed Buddy had severe arthritis of the spine. The vet said sadly, "Buddy's feeling is gone."

Trooper that he was, he hung in for a few more weeks. But on June 15, he could not get up, and even with help he could not stand, and we knew Buddy's time was gone.

And so it is we write to tell the world, "Buddy is gone."

— Joe and Phyllis Pepoy

Nelson — Tom Hoadley

Nelson, a senior collie, was found stuck in a drainage ditch by construction workers. Marty Conklin (shelter/rescue volunteer extraordinaire) interceded to make sure he got the immediate medical attention he needed. NEOCR was ready to take in this sweet older guy, and Nelson was looking forward



Nelson is pictured here stuck in a deep bog of a drainage ditch before he was rescued.



Here's Nelson after he was rescued, all cleaned up and nicely groomed.

to getting settled in. He was just starting to do so much better. Having been cleaned up, he was eating well, on Flagyl, getting stronger in his back legs, and taking short walks.

Just as Nelson was making progress on his physical fitness, he took a sudden turn for the worse. Nelson became rapidly very ill and sadly passed away (probably from aspiration pneumonia) just as he reached emergency vet care. Our sympathy and boundless gratitude go out to Marty and her husband for their selfless actions on his behalf.

UPCOMING EVENTS

• Visit our [Upcoming Events](http://www.neocr.org) page at www.neocr.org or the links below for more information about the following events...

📅 **FrankenMutt — October 22, 2011, from 1-5 p.m.** This dog-friendly Halloween party will be open to the public. There will be a costume contest, parade, dog bowling and the agility course will be turned into a "Fun House" for dogs with everything spooky and all about Halloween. Join us at **Ohio Air Dogs**, 13688 York Road, North Royalton, Ohio, 44133.

📅 **The next NEOCR Board Meeting will be held Sunday, January 15, 2012, at 1 p.m.** at the home of Tom Hoadley & Cindy Lombardo in Richfield, OH. See our website for directions or e-mail info@neocr.org.

From the Scrapbook Gallery...

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From top left: 1. Hollywood star *Lassie* was the guest of honor at the Annual Gathering at Sunnybank in New Jersey. Here he is shaking hands with one of his many admirers; 2. *Howard Huge & AJ* pose for their portraits on Lookout Point at Sunnybank; 3. *Denver & Misty Frech* lying nose to nose as they catch a nap; 4. *Cindy Lombardo & Tom Hoadley* enjoy a cool time out with *Tessa* during a visit to Maine this summer; 5. Pictured here is *Brady* (who passed away this past May), beloved collie of Pat Cozzens & Brian Wynne. Brady is also featured on the 2012 NEOCR calendar.

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Happy Tail Update: Willow gets a new home, and a new name!

Willow has adapted just beautifully. An amazing and super intelligent pet — we couldn't have asked for anyone better to replace our beloved Amber. Even Amber would approve! Willow seems to really love us, and we already love her. We are never out of her sight and she helps us with everything, including dishes, cooking, vacuuming, gardening and you name it — she is there!

So all is really well on that front. She is just a very good girl!

The first thing we did was rename Willow. She just did not seem to know her name, so we named her "Suzy." She has just taken it on as if it had always been her name.

She knows the commands come, sit, down, and stay fairly well. We work with her and brush her nearly every day. We go for a walk together each early morning.

She is so good with other dogs and cats, but is having a real learning the sounds of the town — trucks, cars, coke machines, cement trucks, and so on. She is getting more and more used to them, but they still scare her a bit when we walk. When she

lays in our upstairs bedroom window and watches outside while we are taking our naps, the noises don't bother her.

We take her with us in the car all the time, and she loves it. We tell her "car" and off she goes to wait outside the back door of the car. We totally love her. We think that she is the best and nicest dog we have ever had, and we have had collies since 1957! She fits our life style perfectly.

She has the run of the house and is just so good with everything. We haven't had any problems at all, except she is with us constantly and usually under one or the other of our feet! We do a lot of climbing over her, but that's okay.

The first night that she was here we all went to bed, we turned out the light and about one minute later heard this huge THUMP. It was Willow all stretched out on the bed between the two of us, just as if she had always belonged there. It didn't last long, because we didn't have room for her, but it sure was funny! She has her nice pillow to sleep on and that works fine, but that was a really funny experience!

Thanks for all your help with this adoption and finding her for us. It is an absolutely perfect match, and your dearest friend Monica Bachmann would be very happy about all of it, with not a thing to worry about. We do admire you and all that you do and suppose you are already rescuing another needy dog! You found the perfect home for Willow and we can't thank you enough. (Especially since I was the one who said "no more" after the sadness of our losing Amber!)

— Jan and John Tuttle in Vermilion





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Northeast Ohio Collie Rescue
 Embroidered Logo-Wear Order Form

Name _____

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Qty.	Item	Size & Color	Total \$
	Short Sleeve Polo Shirt (white or black)	\$15	
	Long Sleeve Polo Shirt (white or black)	\$19	
	Short Sleeve Denim Shirt	\$20	
	Long Sleeve Denim Shirt	\$24	
	Short Sleeve Twill Shirt (white or black)	\$21	
	Long Sleeve Twill Shirt (white or black)	\$21	
	Short Sleeve T-Shirt (white or black)	\$12	
	Long Sleeve T-Shirt (white or black)	\$15	
	Tote bag (white with red accents)	\$15	
	Zip-Front Hoodie (white or black)	\$25	
	Pull-Over Hoodie (white or black)	\$20	
		Subtotal	
		Tax (6.25%)	
		TOTAL	

Send in your order by October 31. Make checks payable to Northeast Ohio Collie Rescue

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Questions? Call Peggy at 216.228.6520 or email at jackalope110@gmail.com.

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- Once we have orders for 36 or more calendars, we can place a bulk order for calendars at a reduced price:
- ★ \$15 for calendars picked up in person at an NEOCR event or board meeting, or
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- All of the proceeds benefit NorthEast Ohio Collie Rescue. Thank you for your order!



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