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We get by with a LOT of help from our friends

– by Tom Hoadley

In the last issue of Imprints we sent out a reader appeal for contributions to our treasury, which had been severely depleted due to some “high-maintenance” fosters, especially Daytona, an older gentleman who went through over \$1,200 in just three days, thanks to a case of pneumonia

Not surprisingly, you came through and generously answered the call. Members donated over \$ 3,700 to keep our treasury afloat! Then, the nicest people in the dog world opened their wallets again at our annual picnic, which raised a record-setting \$3,000+ with auctions and merchandise sales

Thanks to your support our treasury is back in the black, at least until the next

disaster strikes. Believe me, NEOCR is *very* grateful for your continuing kindness.

And, while our financial needs are never-ending, we want to make sure that we stay in touch with you on a regular basis without always having our hands out, using this newsletter to bring you stories that share our successes, as well as the challenges we face, and reminding you that most of our dog tales have happy endings which you have made possible.

All of us at NEOCR hope you'll enjoy this issue, the last for 2009, and that your holidays will be the happiest! (I hope you all took advantage of our 501c3 status to make one last tax-deductible contribution for the year.)

(Sorry – I couldn't resist.)

Collie Reunion Picnic Truly a “Collective Effort”

What a tremendous turnout we had for our Annual Collie Reunion Picnic this past September. Hubbard Valley Park was once again overflowing with collies and the collie clan as can be seen from the photo below.

Thanks to everyone who made this gathering memorable. Your contributions—whether from adoptions, calendar sales, craft and merchandise sales, donations, live

or silent auctions and memberships—made this fund-raiser extremely successful raising over \$3,000!

Thanks, also, to the team who came and did set-up, arranged bid items, organized the auctions, lent their BBQ talents, facilitated the memorial or worked a table. And let's not forget the scrumptious pot luck feast! Without your talents, undertaking this event would not have been possible! (See page 2 for a list of donors.)



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In passing...

Our sincere condolences are extended on the passing of...

 *Lucky*, beloved collie of *Ted & Cindy Johns*

 *Sarge*, beloved foster dog of *Tom Hoadley & Cindy Lombardo*

 *Toby*, beloved collie of *Brian & Susan Fowler*

Donations

We would like to thank [Mega Fluidline Products of Akron, Ohio](#), and **Mr. Peter Newell** for donating the printing services for this newsletter.

Thanks to all of you who have supported our efforts, whether by monetary or goods donations, adoptions, memberships, fund raising or fostering! We couldn't do it without you!

Below is a list of picnic and other donors from this past quarter. If we have overlooked anyone, drop the editor a note and we'll acknowledge you in the next issue of *Imprints*.

Donors

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NEOCR 3rd Quarter 2009 Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance July 1, 2009	\$1,886.00
Deposits	\$9,660.00
Total	\$11,546.00
Expenses	
Postage	\$91.75
American Messaging	\$73.09
Cafe Press (items to sell)	\$364.90
Care for Dogs (Medical, Licenses, Food, etc.)	\$5,260.65
Total Expenses	\$5,931.27
Ending Balance September 30, 2009	\$ 5,755.61
Leo Kenzik, Secretary / Treasurer	

Needing Rabies Protection When You Least Expect It

Let me tell you a little story about a recent experience of mine. I came home from town late one August afternoon, let the collies outside as usual, and walked up the hill to get the mail. All of a sudden, there was tremendous chaos down in the orchard.

Calling the dogs back to the house did no good, so I ran down there only to find our six collies had cornered a huge groundhog at the back fence line. Not only were the collies attacking the ground hog, but it was attacking them, too. By the time I reached the battleground, the dogs had blood all over them and had whipped themselves into a wolf pack-like mentality. The critter charged me, too, and when I screamed, it sent the collies into an even greater frenzy.

Yikes! Who do I grab first? It was quite the task to get them away from this fear-crazed groundhog and back up to the house to safety. I then grabbed a shovel (not really sure what I thought I would do with it), and headed back down the hill, where the groundhog charged me again!

I called the Burton Police. They sent out an officer who decided to dispatch the injured creature. When the officer left, I slowly

began checking the collies for injuries. Once I had most of the blood washed off, I could actually see who was hurt and who wasn't. It turned out that only Jesse and Grace had actually sustained injury. Jesse had five bites on his face, chin and nose, and Grace had three. The groundhog had not fared well either, and in the end it was kinder to have the police officer put him out of his misery.



Whether this groundhog was ill or just fighting for his life, I don't know, but I was so thankful, our collies were all up to date on their rabies vaccine! I always check my fence line for problems that could allow the collies to escape, but never think too much about danger entering from the outside.

It took all evening for me to calm down. Grace and Jesse were put on antibiotics after the occurrence and the vet assured me they would be okay.

So the moral of this story: You may need that rabies protection when you least expect it! Guess I'll never look at Punxsutawney Phil the same way again!

– Judy Lester

Meeting Minutes – August 9, 2009

Tom Hoadley called the meeting to order at 1:50 pm; it was held at Betty and David's house. Present were: Joanne Dugan, Dorothy Eller, Charles Gordon, David Gray, Tom Hoadley, Betty Hodgson, Peggy Jensen, Jon & Judy Lester, Cindy Lombardo, Marian Maskow and Dot Schubert.

General Discussion:

Tom H. mentioned [Copley Feed](#) continues to collect donations at their store. Thanks! We have had many older dogs with health issues that have put constraints on our financial status. Possible fund raising activities were discussed including custom printed mutt mitts and a Christmas appeal.

Marian M. provided a draft copy of the next newsletter. She is also working on a pull-tab flyer for vet offices, business cards and pay pal set-up for our Web site. The 2010 calendar will possibly be available at the September picnic.

Chuck G. suggested coordinating with vet offices to pass out referrals at various events.

David G. suggested inviting the public to our upcoming picnic to "meet the breed" and advertise this in local papers.

Upcoming events on September 19 include a booth at Quailcrest Farm in Wooster and also at the Oberlin Doggie Do. Tom H. is updating our displays.

Tom H. suggested posting flyers in vet offices recruiting potential foster homes.

Picnic arrangements were discussed including the memorial and live and silent auctions.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

– Submitted by Peggy Jensen

Adoptions

August – November, 2009

Beau – Betty Hodgson & David Gray,
Medina, OH

Blue – John & Joannie Zita,
Cuyahoga Falls, OH

Clancy – Nancy Krause, Huron, OH

Jake II (aka Cody) – Tim & April Guarino,
North Olmsted, OH

Jenny (aka Bailey) Jennifer Rymer – Medina, OH

King (aka Bandit) – Bob & Jeannie Leiter,
Penninsula, OH

Max – Anne and Kevin Naugle

Mikey – Melissa Johnston, Garfield Hts., OH

Misty – Susan Dexter, New Castle, PA

Peaches (aka Willow) – Monika Bachmann,
Mantua, OH

Sable II (aka Jessie) – Linda Auwers,
Shelby Township, MI

Stosh – Nancy Krause, Huron, OH

Tucker – Joanne McClafferty, Vermilion, OH

Willow – Jim & Lori Retter – Butler, PA

Laddie's Story Was All Too Short

— by Gloria Bickley

I want you all to know a little about Laddie, a dog I went to pick up from the Erie County dog pound. He was a very special rescue collie. Let me tell you what I saw in him for the short time I was blessed to have spent time with him.

Although his coat was in terrible shape, you could still see what a handsome fellow he was. He was sable and white with two beautiful blue eyes. Only the tips of his fly bitten ears were merled. It was clear he had not been cared for, although I don't think he was on his own long. His toenails were very long, and usually when they are on the run, they get worn down. Laddie's fur was matted and felt like straw. He was well mannered and didn't try to jump on you, yet he showed his excitement when someone showed attention to him. He just ached to be petted and loved.

In the car, I encouraged Laddie to lay down so he wouldn't fall over, but it was clear he had problems in his hind quarters. He wanted to see out the window so badly. I got the feeling he thought he was going home, and it made me sad for him and angry at whoever had him before he was picked up as a stray. There were even a couple times, he acted like he recognized a few places. I just patted him lovingly, and my granddaughter told him that he was going home with us now. Bless her heart — she is only six years old. I think my other dogs knew of his health conditions far more than what we did; once they sniffed him they then stayed away from him.

Before taking him into the vet later in the day, I noticed he was peeing often and in small amounts. Something

just wasn't right so we got a sample, and sure enough it wasn't. The vet said the urine was the consistency of egg yoke and the infection was really bad.

Laddie was very accommodating and would do whatever you asked of him: lay down, sit, give paw, and step up on the examining table before they raised it up. He was very alert and smart. When the vet checked his abdomen, she felt the large mass. It was painful for him and he tried to bite her twice. Then as soon as she stopped Laddie acted like he was embarrassed and felt bad for doing so.

Unfortunately, physically there were many things wrong with poor Laddie. I will not continue to go into them all, but there were not the funds to try and save this poor, loving creature. Even if there had been, we may not have been able to save him; chances were he would not have been adoptable. (He could have been my foster for as long as he lived, but it wasn't meant to be.) Laddie even quickly won the heart of one of the Vet technicians that was assisting the vet. She asked me, after I told her the decision from the rescue was to have him put to sleep, if the group had ever turned a dog over in cases like this? Then the vet reminded her of all Laddie's complications and what it would cost to even *try* to save him, and she knew she couldn't do it either as it was not affordable.

Laddie passed later that day with her and I lovingly holding him and kissing him, telling him what a good boy he was. I could not let Laddie just pass without telling what a wonderful Collie he truly was. Although I only knew him a very short time, a matter of hours, he left a HUGE pawprint on my life. I may have left Laddie's body at the vet's office, but he came home with me in my heart!

Tribute to Toby — Susan Decker

Right before my oldest boy's second birthday, I begged for a collie for "his" birthday. My husband travels, and I "needed" the dog for protection. We were lucky enough to stumble on NEOCR.

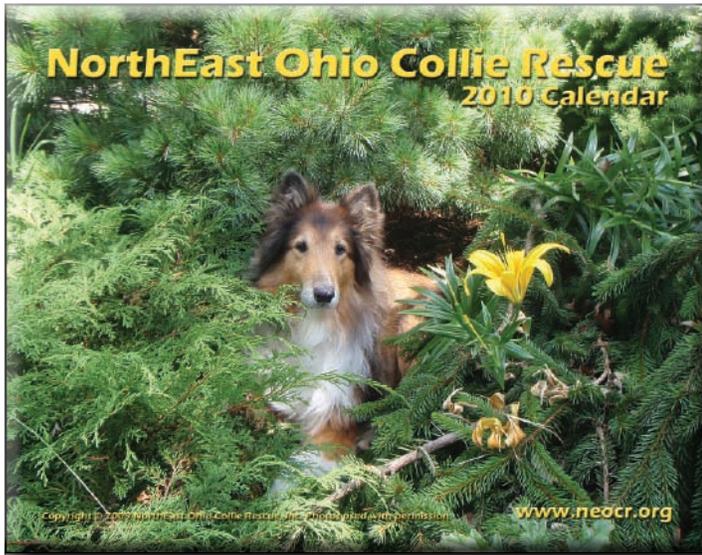
My grandmother and aunt showed collies when I was a child, and we had collies all my life. Because they could never sell the ones that were not show worthy, we had 13 collies at one time. Luckily we had a big yard. There is nothing that annoys a group of collies more than two siblings going out in a yard and deliberately running helter-skelter in different directions. Let's just say I probably could have been a good running back.

Our first introduction to NEOCR was Betty Hodgson, a gem with a heart of gold. She was good enough to bring us 2 four-year-old, tri-color males while she attended a board meeting. After her meeting, she stopped back, and we asked if we could have them for a slumber

party. As much as we liked Bobby, Toby was impervious to loud two-year-old males and snooty cats. We chose Toby. Although Toby was no guard dog (I eventually got an alarm system), he was the kindest, sweetest soul with children.

It became apparent early on that Toby's health was not good. First we struggled with low thyroid, then huge weight loss. Finally, severe irritable bowel syndrome was diagnosed. This was a hideous disease because it robbed him of nutrition. We soon found that little is effective in treating this illness, which vets consider an auto-immune disease. The disease did not take his personality. Through it all, he was snuggly and loving and patient.

I had a second boy, and Toby loved the baby. He couldn't bear to hear him cry. He would stand by him mournfully. The last time he climbed all 14 stairs to get upstairs was when he heard Ian crying He was an incredibly sweet gentleman . We could not have asked for a nicer dog.



The 2010 NEOCR Calendars Have Arrived!

For a preview of our 2010 NEOCR fund-raising calendar, visit the www.neocr.org Welcome page where you can view or download a sample PDF.

Once we have orders for 15 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
- ✎ \$18 for calendars mailed directly to the customer.

To reserve copies at the discounted price, contact info@neocr.org.

Individual copies are available for \$19.99 plus shipping from www.CafePress.com/NEOCR or by clicking on the *Shop!* button shown on our Web site. A portion of the proceeds benefit NorthEast Ohio Collie Rescue.

You ought to be in pictures!

We're always looking for new pictures for upcoming calendars or newsletters, or possibly even the Web. If you have a picture you are interested in submitting, contact webmaster@neocr.org and put "Collie Photos" in the subject line.



While lower quality (72 dots per inch or DPI) photos are often acceptable for the Web, higher quality (250-300 DPI) photos are desired for print. Here are a few tips...

- ✎ Digital cameras take pictures in pixels per inch or PPI. Set your camera's PPI to the highest setting below the "raw" image option.
- ✎ Traditional 35 mm photo film can be developed and saved on a CD by your local merchant, also in PPI format.
- ✎ If scanning a photo hardcopy, set your scanner's resolution to 300 DPI.

Lucky, a wonderful loving collie

I wanted to pass along that Lucky passed away this past summer. He was one of two collies who came to us from a farm in Lorain county.

Cindy and Ted Johns adopted Lucky about 11-12 years ago. He was a great dog and was wonderful with the grandchildren all these years. He had a rough start, was terrified of everything in the home, and ended up on Buspar for anxiety. Amazingly, this drug turned him around, and he became a normal dog. For a dog that started out with many many phobias, he turned into a wonderful, loving collie. He adored his family, especially all the grandchildren. Lucky will be sadly missed.

— Carol Schwarber

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- ✎ Need help translating PPI into DPI? In your photo editing program, divide your picture's PPI dimensions by 300 to determine your picture's resized printing dimensions in inches.

Visit the *Welcome* page at www.neocr.org to download some handy guidelines for submitting calendar photos.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit our web site at www.neocr.org for more information and links to the following events...

The upcoming **2010 Board Meetings** are scheduled as follows. (Tentative dates are marked with an asterisk.)

✎ **Sunday, January 31, 1-3 p.m.** at the [Strongsville Library](#), 18700 Westwood Dr., located directly behind the police station. Come hungry and **meet at 11:30 a.m. for lunch** at [Panera Bread](#) located at 17090 Royalton Road in Strongsville.

✎ **Sunday, April 18, 1-3 p.m.***

✎ **Sunday, July 25, 1-3 p.m.***

✎ **Sunday, October 24, 1-3 p.m.***

The hungry bunch usually gathers at 11:30 a.m. for lunch. Please stay tuned for further details regarding lunch and meeting locations, or consult our Web site for updates.

The **2010 NEOCR Annual Collie Reunion & Pot Luck Picnic** will be held **Sunday, September 19, 2010**, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This great fund-raising event, featuring silent and live auctions and lots of great food, will be held once again at Hubbard Valley Park in Medina County, Ohio. Mark your calendars and don't miss out on all the fun activities!

Some of Our Available Collies



Kayla

Collie, German Shepherd Mix

Size: Medium
Age: Adult
Sex: Female

Kayla is a wonderful mixed breed adult girl who needs her forever family. She loves attention and will be someone's loyal companion. She is friendly and gets along with most other dogs but would probably do best

as an "only dog." She is good with school-age children. She loves to go for car rides and is well behaved.

Kayla would especially like a large yard to play in and would like to go for walks, too. Kayla is up-to-date with routine shots, house trained and spayed/neutered.

Peanut

Collie, German Shepherd Mix

Size: Medium
Age: Adult
Sex: Female

Peanut is such a dear soul; very sweet even though her previous owners weren't very nice to her. She is fine with kids and dogs and happy to be loved and cared for. She will be someone's loyal companion if they give her a chance

Peanut is up-to-date with routine shots, house trained and spayed/neutered.



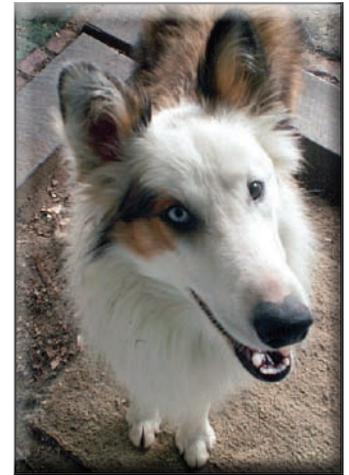
Ian

Collie Mix

Size: Large
Age: Young
Sex: Male

Ian is a handsome, active 10 month – 1 year old collie mix (probably with husky) with one blue eye. He looks to be "white factored." Ian loves to run and play with other dogs and is a friendly guy.

Ian is neutered, up-to-date with his vaccines and wormed. He is also housebroken. Ian would do best in a fenced yard with some room to run and having a bud to entertain him. Ian seems confident and quickly adjusts to his surroundings. He is crate-trained but needs some basic obedience training.



Mollie

Collie, Great Pyrenees (Mix)

Size: Large
Age: Adult
Sex: Female

Mollie is a happy, sweet, lovable "Great Collie" — a Collie/Great Pyrenees mix. And what a wonderful mix that is. She is a young-adult dog with plenty of affection to give and needs her forever home.

Mollie is spayed and up-to-date with her shots and gets along well with other dogs.

NOTE: All dogs are spayed or neutered and up to date on standard vaccinations (including Bordatella and Rabies).



Gift Wrapping at Borders® Bookstore

We received \$247 from donations at the Borders® bookstore in Strongsville on Saturday, December 19, during our session from 10 a.m. till 10 p.m.

Thanks to all volunteers for your hard work, time, energy and effort during this fund-raising event!

Happy Holidays!

— Leo Kenzik NorthEast Ohio Collie Secretary/Treasurer

Pictured at right: Betty Hodgson gift wraps while Peggy Jensen (left) chats with a customer.



Toledo Mudhens (Mudcollies?)

— Betty Hodgson

Recently we received a call from Deanne Mathews (our Toledo collie connection and transporter extraordinaire), who had been contacted by a woman regarding two collies in need. The owners were having health issues and couldn't take care of their two outside/garage collies, so we agreed to take them. Deanne assisted by contacting the woman numerous times and finally getting in touch with a friend of the collie owners.

We were all ready to go get the collies when we found out the female supposedly had a litter of pups about four weeks old. Since it would be too early to take the nursing mother from them, we said we would get the mom and dad when the pups were about 8 weeks old. When we got a call the next day saying the pups were "gone," we decided to change our plans and get the dogs immediately. What did it mean that the pups were "gone?" Dumped at a pound? Destroyed? Sold way before they should have been taken from their mother?

Peggy Jensen and I travelled to Toledo that Saturday. When we arrived and met Deanne and the family friend, we found there were 4 collies — Max, Misty and two 8-week-old pups; not the 4 weeks we had previously been told. Initially the owner said he would sell the female pup, but he was keeping the male. Collies are social dogs, and we would be taking the pup's mom, dad and sister. This cute little pup would be left all alone outside in the garage and yard, and we thought that was just too heartbreaking. In the end, we came home with all four dogs. There we were, driving down the road with four stinky, filthy, matted collies in the car, Peggy in the back seat with puppies crawling on her, and both of us thrilled we "rescued" them.



It didn't take long to get the adults wormed, altered, and up to date on their shots. Great homes also came quickly. Max and Misty were only on the Web site for a week or two and the pups never hit the site since Judy Lester had several people on her waiting list wanting young dogs. Everyone is doing well in a new home for the holidays. And they were all easy "foster dogs" — picking up the fun of being indoors and part of a family quickly. It is very gratifying to know that these four will get the love and affection they so longed for and are so enjoying. Guess this is why we do rescue!



Thanks to all the new homes, to Peggy for sharing the trip and the expense, and to Deanne for her love of the breed and her help to make this happen.

P.S. Special thanks to Jeannie and Bob Leiter, who adopted the male pup (so I didn't keep him) — which makes a total of four pups they have adopted from NEOCR. They should get some kind of reward — pups are adorable, but they're also a lot of work.



Willow Update...

Here are some recent Willow (formerly Peaches) pictures. You can see how much she has grown. She's about 25 pounds now and losing her puppy roundness, becoming leggy and long.

Saturday and Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend, I decided to let Willow and Lady have free range of the house while I was away at the hospital. Usually I lock Willow in my bedroom. On Saturday, Willow did really well, but on Sunday she was a bit more bored and managed to distribute my laundry and shred a plastic bag. That was all! No damage done. She has been really good. Except for an occasional spate of willfulness and the desire to chew and mouth everything, she's generally been really good.

— Monika Bachmann



Happy Tail Updates

Sadie

Here are a few pictures of Valentine, whom we've renamed Sadie. Sadie, a collie mix, was rescued from the Lorain County shelter. We took Sadie down to Hocking Hills with us for Jim's birthday this past August, and she genuinely enjoyed herself. She has filled out quite a bit and really made herself at home. We love her very much and know she loves us, too.

I hope you and yours (and all the doggies) are well and happy. Thank you so much for bringing us Val/Sadie. She makes us very happy.

– Susan Pinzone



Pictured above and below: Sadie Pinzone relaxes during her summer visit to Hocking Hills



Pictured at left: Jess & Linda Auwers stop to enjoy a beautiful autumn day.

Below: Jess enjoys a day in the "pumpkin patch."

"Ode to Jess"

My constant companion, my friend of grace
who greets me every morning with kisses on my face.
Has there ever been a friend so true?
So faithful and loving the whole day through?
Our unspoken words meet face to face,
and a quiet understanding takes place.
A part of my heart has been filled to the brim
by your lovely presence and your whim.
My beloved collie and friend so true,
my only question is: Just who adopted who?

Linda Auwers





Top left: Riley has made a great addition to the Kolesar family. During a visit to Lakewood Park, he shows how he enjoys the little kids as much as the dogs.

Pictured below: Riley even gets along well with the family cat!



Below right: Blue, the puppy adopted early this past fall by John and Joannie Zita, is already growing up fast as shown (below left) with siblings Lacey (on left) and Daytona (foreground), the latest addition to the family!



Above: Lassie Lawson and her choir pal anxiously await the holidays.



Above: Misty (see her story on page 7), recently adopted by Susan Dexter, loves the Christmas tree so much she sleeps under it! Home for the holidays, indeed!

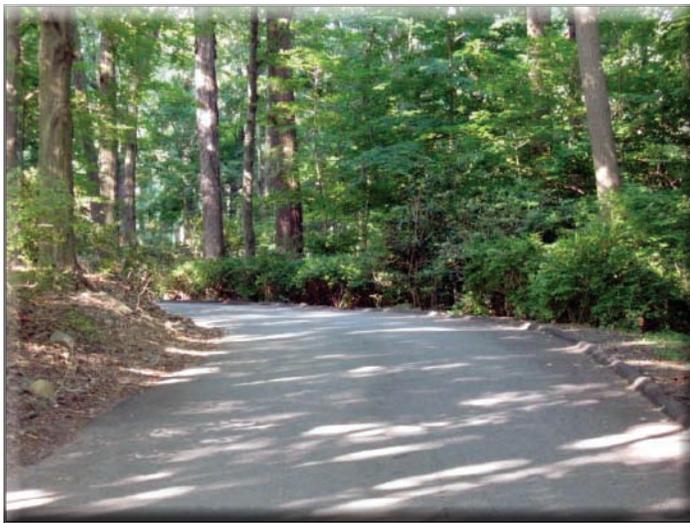


Sunnybank Experience

Last year was my first opportunity to attend the Gathering. Debbie Holland talked about Sunnybank and the Gathering so much that it became one of the things I just *had* to do.

So my friend Mary and I loaded up her Sportage and off we went to attend our first Gathering. We took three dogs with us: Taz, Rocker and the puppy Remy Martin. We left Cleveland in the middle of the night to avoid the heat and drove straight through. We had no idea that we were driving through the mountains until the return trip home.

Turning into the driveway of the park and passing through the stone entrance, I felt like I had just come back home after being away for too many years. Everything seemed familiar, and the peace and tranquility of Sunnybank hits you the moment you make that turn into the driveway. We had arrived at the "Place."



Traveling down the winding driveway, through the trees and catching a glimpse of the sunlight on the lake just took my breath away. At any moment, I expected to see a swirl of collies, with Lad at the head of the pack, barking a greeting and announcing our arrival.

We set up our little gypsy encampment under the larches. With cameras in one hand and our collie chums beside us, we set off to explore the Sunnybank that author Albert Payson Terhune brought to life for me in his books. Even though the buildings are long gone, I could picture them in my mind's eye standing before me in all of their glory.

We wandered over to the winter kennel area. I stopped to take pictures trying to record every moment of our visit to Sunnybank. I dropped Taz's leash so that I could focus the camera better. Taz wandered away, and when I turned to look, he had climbed up on the rocks by the wellhouse. In the meantime Remy Martin and Rocker went squirrely. They got loose and took off at top speed to do the Indy 500 around the flat area where the winter kennel once resided. As I watched Rocker and Remy race around the clearing, the air around them shimmered, as if there were more collies running loose than just the two of them. Everyone stopped

what they were doing and just watched them race around. The sheer joy displayed by those two dogs brought a smile to everyone's face.

In the meantime, Taz was having what Debbie Holland refers to as "A Sunnybank Moment." This old guy stayed up on the top of the hill by the wellhouse, never budging, the whole time the two young ones were running around. As I turned to capture this moment with the camera, seeing the absolute peace and serenity on his face was something I will always treasure.



Our first trip to Sunnybank is something I will never forget. To see so many collies in the one place on earth that truly belongs to them, the companionship of many old and new friends whose common denominator is the love for the collie, and the beautiful puppies that were everywhere are memories that I will cherish for the rest of my life.

We have returned to Sunnybank since that first gathering and have experienced more Sunnybank moments, but those are stories for another time.

– Johanna Lance & the Skye Blue Collies



From the Scrapbook Gallery...

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From top left: 1. Featured here is "the whole gang" of Laurie Harwich's collies & collie mixes, which even includes one "teacup" collie! 2. NEOCR members eagerly anticipate the live auction items at the 2009 Collie Reunion & Picnic; 3. Johanna Lance's Remy Martin and Rocker (bottom lower front) lounge with their New Jersey pals Molly & Danci during a recent return visit to Sunnybank Memorial Park; 4. Daytona, recently adopted by John and Joannie Zita, decked out in his holiday garb; 5. Group photo taken at the Akron Holiday Parade.

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