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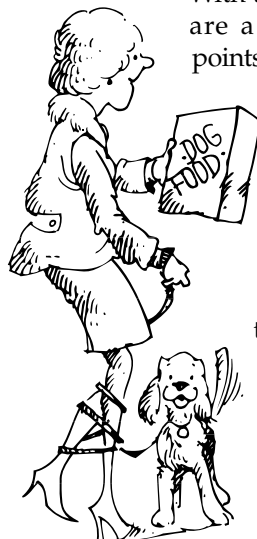
by Betty Hodgson

When it comes to dog food, the old adage “You get what you pay for” generally does apply. The question about what to feed a dog (collie or other breed or mix) comes up again and again when we are placing dogs in their new homes. In fact, we are thinking of putting a question about what the person or family applying to adopt currently feeds their dog or previous dog on the application since it definitely relates to the health of the dog in the future.

With the magnitude of dog foods available and the massive advertising campaigns by the large manufacturers claiming “natural ingredients,” it is confusing.

In 2007, The Whole Dog Journal (WDJ) printed a comprehensive dog food review for both dry and wet foods entitled “Top Dog Foods for Total Wellness.” Keep in mind that dogs are individuals just like us in that some foods may suit them and others do not so there is no one best food for dogs.

With that in mind, here are a few of the key points to consider when purchasing dog food.



It appears that the giant pet food companies are just now starting to improve the quality of their foods. In the past, it has been the small companies who focused on good

quality ingredients. Of course, they cost more. In the 2007 review, they still show up as the majority of top rated foods.

There is no one single “best food.” All dogs are different; some foods will “agree” with them, and others will not. DO NOT feed one food for the dog’s entire life to prevent nutrient toxicity, deficiency, or imbalance. Your dog is what he or she eats. (They say “switch but don’t mix” meaning that after months or a year switch to another food; don’t just mix several.)

WDJ Selection criteria for High Quality Foods – they should contain:

- Superior sources of protein (whole, fresh meats or a single source of meat meal).
- A whole meat source as one of the first or second ingredients; better would be two meat sources.
- Not Corn as one of the first two ingredients.
- Whole, unprocessed grains, veggies, or other fragments.
- Minimum amounts of food fragments (by-products) and not several fragments of a single food (i.e., rice flour, rice bran, brewers rice).
- Minimum meat by-products.

Low-quality foods contain generic fats or proteins (recycled grease from restaurants), artificial preservatives (BHT, BHA, ethoxyquin), artificial color, propylene glycol (added to chewy foods to keep them soft), and sweeteners.

There are way too many 2007 Top Approved dog foods to list but here are a few that are more likely to be available. What follows

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is the manufacturer-formula (followed by the location of the manufacturer).

- Blue Buffalo – Chicken formula (Wilton, CT)
- Candidae – All Life Stages formula (San Luis Obispo, CA)
- Chicken Soup for the Pet Lover's Soul – Adult dog formula (Meta, MO)
- Drs. Foster & Smith – Lamb formula (Rhineland, WI)
- Innova – Turkey & Chicken formulas (Santa Clara, CA)
- Innova – Evo – grain free (Santa Clara, CA)
- Millennia (Solid Gold) – Beef formula (El Cajon, CA)
- Newman's Own Organics – Chicken formula (Aptos, CA)
- PHD Viand – Canine Growth & Maintenance formula (Elmsford, NY)
- Royal Canin Natural Blend – Med. Breed Adult formula (St. Charles, MO)
- Royal Canin Veterinary Diet – Potato & Rabbit formula (St. Charles, MO)
- Nutro Ultra Holistic Nutrition – Adult formulas (City of Industry, CA)
- Wellness (Old Mother Hubbard) – Fish & Sweet Potato (Lowell, MA)
- Wellness (Old Mother Hubbard) – Simple Food -Venison formula (Lowell, MD)

Here are the brands **NOT RECOMMENDED**:

- Purina Beneful (WDJ calls it "awful" – contains animal digest)
- Cycle (preservative issues)

Adoptions January – April 2008

Ginger – Sue & Tim Guarino, North Olmsted OH

Lacey – Jackie Russell, Akron, OH

Lassie – Robin Lawson, Shreve, OH

Maggi – Bob & Sylvia Janosov, Youngstown, OH

Princess Grace – Dale & Judy Leathers, Fairport Harbor, OH

Sammy – Pam Fries, Moatsville, WV

Sea Biscuit – John & Jeanette Singley, Tallmadge, OH

Sherlock – Liz Tripp, Adrian, MI

Tanner & Red Chief – Douglas & Valerie Woodburn, Canal Fulton, OH

Thomasina – Skip & Gloria Bickley, Norwalk, OH

- Dads (Low-quality protein; corn and by-products)
- Diamond (generic meat meal)
- The Good Life (Mars, Inc., containing corn and chicken by-products)
- Gravy Train (animal fat and digest)
- Iams & Eukanuba Lamb & Rice (not horrible — just not great)
- Kibbles 'n Bits
- Nutro Max Adult, Natural Choice Lamb & Rice, and Adult Nuggets
- Nature's Recipe "Breed Specific" formulas
- Ol'Roy (Incredibly cheap ingredients, corn)
- Pedigree Complete Nutrition for Adult Dogs (corn)
- Purina Hi Pro ("awful"), Dog Chow and Purina One Lamb & Rice
- Science Diet Adult Original (just not great)
- Science Diet Nature's Best with real beef (rice and wheat are first and second ingredients; beef is seventh.)
- Purina has recently come up with "Exclusive" Chicken and Rice for dogs. It has chicken, chicken meal and brown rice as the first three ingredients.

The WDJ also evaluated canned (wet) dog food but not enough room for that info in this newsletter.

When all is said and done, it just seems like common sense that dogs on better food should be healthier and live better lives than those on poor quality food. Unfortunately, there are no guarantees, but we do what we can for our critters.



Pictured above is Jim Bialosky with his dog Mac, and Cosmo (see page 4) greeting a visitor dog at the Paws-4-A-Cause event in May 2008.

Some of Our Available Collies



Mona

Collie

Sex: Female
Age: Senior
Size: Large

Mona is an older woman — about 10, but moves well and does a flight of steps just fine. She will probably be even more active once she gains a little weight and her muscles get stronger. She is quite the 'loungelizard' who loves a nice nap.

She is very friendly and happy to be a house dog.

This precious girl had a mammary tumor removed and the prognosis is excellent per the vet.

Brie

Collie

Sex: Female
Age: Young
Size: Large

Brie is an easy-going, 2 year-old sable-headed white collie with a great collie coat. She is a little shy with strangers and unknown situations but warms up quickly. She loves affection and loves to play with other dogs. She would do best in a fenced yard with no cats.



Cosmo

Collie / Border Collie (mix)

Sex: Male
Age: Adult
Size: Large

Cosmo is a 5 year-old, well-behaved collie/border collie mix. He is smart and easy going. He

loves playing with other dogs and needs some room to run and play. Cosmo is smart and knows when to settle down.

He is quite photogenic and enjoys lounging in bed whenever possible. He loves people and is anxious for his forever home.



Callie

Collie mix

Sex: Female
Age: Young
Size: Large

This is a cross-post, so call the number below — not NEOCR.

Callie is a one year-old spayed female. She is up to date on all her vaccines. She has been obedience trained and house trained. Callie loves everyone, people and other dogs. She was rescued her from our local

pound a few months ago, she was vetted and put her in the prison program for training. For information please contact Debbie Helser 419-204-6157.

Crackers

Collie / German Shepherd Mix

Sex: Male
Age: Adult
Size: Medium

Crackers is a sweet boy and anxious to please. While not a

pure-bred collie, he is a handsome fellow rescued from the Lorain County pound by our friend and supporter Sharon Hamrick. We're assisting with finding a forever home for this charming boy.



Copper

Collie

Sex: Male
Age: Adult
Size: Large

Copper is a beautiful sable and white male collie—very coppery colored, hence the name. He loves attention and is good with other dogs. He is housebroken and as is typical for

the breed— a real attention hound and wants to be your companion.

Copper is 8 years old but active and playful.



Kayla

Collie / German Shepherd Mix

Sex: Female
Age: Adult
Size: Medium

Kayla is a young-acting adult mixed breed dog with lots of spunk. She is good with kids and needs a boy child (not a toddler) of her own — she so misses her little boy in her previous

home. She is playful and just wants to be part of a family.

Kayla is housebroken and up-to-date with her shots and on heartworm prevention.

Hobbs

Collie

Sex: Male
Age: Senior
Size: Large

What can you say about a collie that was starved but still is as sweet and trusting as can be — a true collie temperament.

We think he is about 8 years old.

Hobbs is a great guy — friendly and loves other dogs and especially loves people. He just wants to be able to eat each day and get a pat on the head. What a sweetie he is. He has already gained 20 pounds.

If you can help him continue some weight gain and give him the love and care he deserves — please let us know.



Connor

Collie

Sex: Male
Age: Adult
Size: Large

Conner is a gorgeous mahogany and white collie with a wonderful (typical collie) temperament. He is about 5 or 6 years old and very friendly. He settled into his foster home with lots of other dogs quickly. He just loves to play and carries toys around

hoping someone or some other dog will play tug-o-war. He is not food aggressive — he eats well with other dogs around. Connor also knows some obedience commands.

He evidently had some mats on his tail and hind legs which the shelter cut off but his fur will grow back.

Lorna

Collie

Sex: Female
Age: Adult
Size: Large

Lorna is a little shy but warms up quickly. She gets along with other dogs and is completely housebroken. She also knows some commands so obviously has had some obedience training. Lorna especially likes children. We and the vet estimate her to be 5-6 yrs. old.



Lass

Collie

Sex: Female
Age: Adult
Size: Large

Lass is about 2-3 years old and has a very sweet, typical collie temperament. She loves to play with her toys, but she is not a high energy girl. She is laid back and just wants to be your shadow.

Lass is housebroken and knows some commands such as sit, down, and shake. You just couldn't ask

for a better companion. She truly is a princess of a collie and deserves nothing but the best!



Bosco

Collie

Sex: Male
Age: Adult
Size: Large

Bosco is a turn-in after a divorce and is a wonderful, sweet collie. He is 8-9 yrs. old and obedience trained, housebroken and has a great temperament. Oh,

and did we mention that he is just gorgeous. They just don't come much better than him.

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



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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2008

FROM 11:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

HUBBARD VALLEY PARK, MEDINA COUNTY, OHIO

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

ITEMS TO BRING

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

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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

GOODIES TO BUY...

- ★ Collie crafts hand made from the heart including hand-knitted items, doggie crafts, and other assorted collie logo items.
- ★ Opportunity for pet portraits by artist Anita Silverman.

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

We are presently collecting auction donations. Suggested items are gift certificates, gift baskets, collie memorabilia, framed prints, specialty crafts, cellophane wrap, ribbon, etc. Gift baskets can follow a theme, or they will be assembled from individual items donated to create a larger basket.

Items collected so far include a lovely hand-made quilt, collie prints, pet basket, portable CD player, embroidered towels and more!

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

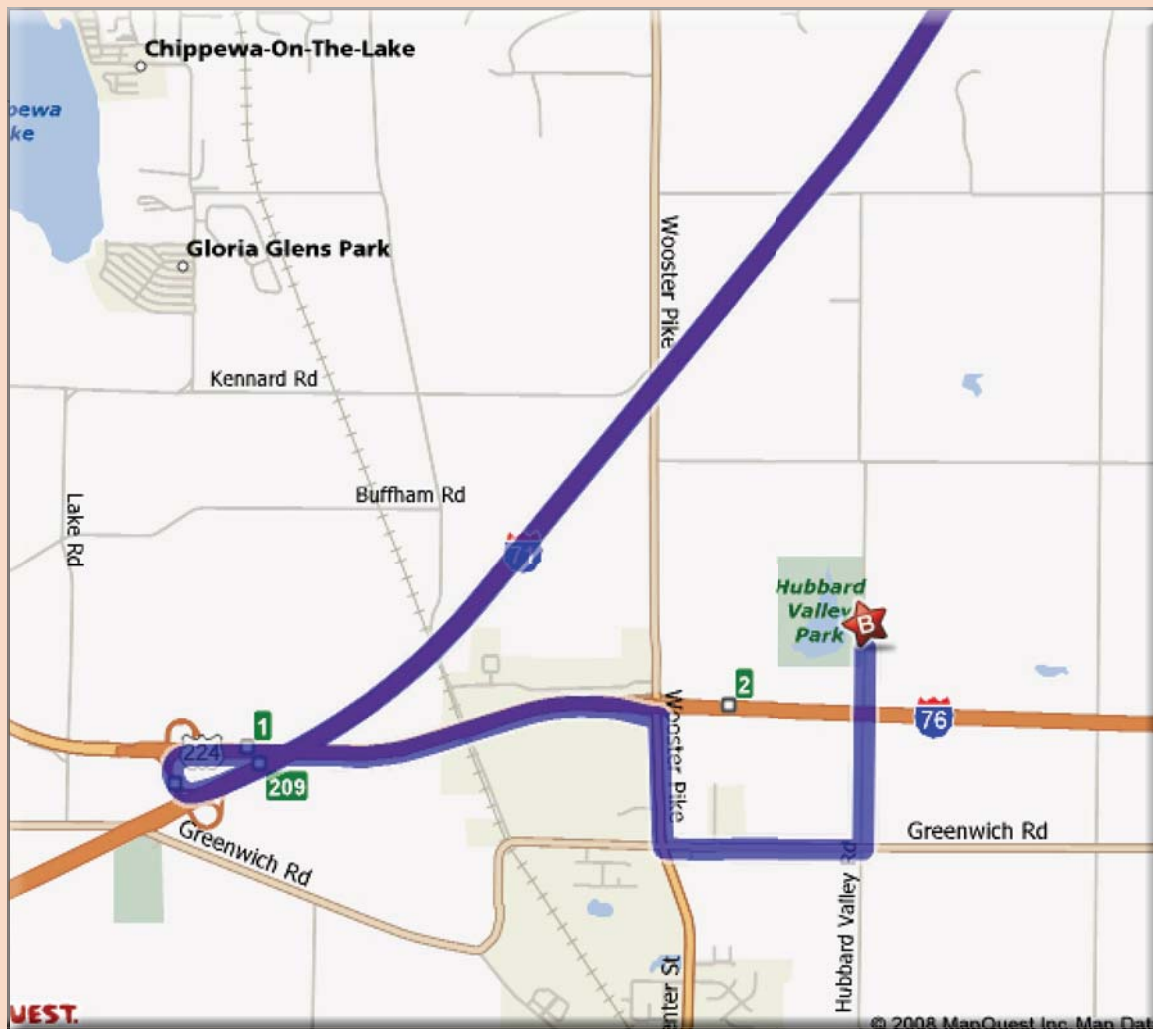


Money raised at this event directly benefits our rescues.
 Owners are responsible for the safety of and any "mess" made by their dog.



DIRECTIONS TO HUBBARD VALLEY PARK, MEDINA COUNTY...

Hubbard Valley Park is located at 8600 Hubbard Valley Road in Guilford Township, south of Blake Road and north of Greenwich Road.



From the North:

- Take I-71 south to I-76 East / US 224 East, Exit 209 toward Akron.
- Take the Ohio Rt. 3, Exit 2, toward Medina/Seville.
- Turn RIGHT onto Wooster Pike / OH Rt. 3.
- Turn LEFT onto Greenwich Road / CR 97.
- Turn LEFT onto Hubbard Valley Road.

From the Northeast:

- Take I-271 South to I-71 South.
- Follow above directions.

From the West (or East):

- Take I-480 East (or West) to I-71 South.
- Follow first set of directions.

From the Akron area:

- Take I-76 West to OH Rt. 3, Exit 2, toward Medina/Seville.
- Turn LEFT onto Wooster Pike / OH Rt. 3.
- Turn LEFT onto Greenwich Road / CR 97.
- Turn LEFT onto Hubbard Valley Road.

From the South:

- Take I-71 North to I-76 East / US 224 East, Exit 209 toward Akron.
- Continue with first set of directions



Happy Tale Updates

Dixie

Dixie went for her spay in May. I think she will come around quickly once she is healed from her spay. By then she should be more comfortable with being a house dog. She is already quick to come in and likes it inside. She has not been doing bad with housebreaking so far, either.

She is doing better with coming up stairs on her own (she was seriously afraid of the steps but I made her do them a few times). She easily jumps up on the bed to take a nap and likes to play with Ross.



Dixie

– Betty Hodgson

Barkley

I have one of the best companions in the world, and I got him from adoption through NEOCR many years ago. I fostered him around March of 1998 and couldn't give him up; so I adopted him.

He was called Bark-less because he was so quiet and timid from obvious abuse. I renamed him BARKLEY. He did very well and has been the savior for me emotionally so many times the last 10 years because of my illness and personal family losses.

He became my heart and the best Collie I ever had because of his soft nature and laid-back personality. *Thank you!*

– Lea-Ann Vajda & Barkley



Barkley

Cooper & Sunny

"No More Dogs." Those were my words over two years ago. We just had to put our two dogs to sleep within two months of each other. They were both 16 years old and we knew that they had a great life, but the hurt was still there. So I told my daughter, Alexis, no more dogs.

But, it didn't take long to start searching the internet for another dog. I looked for awhile, and one Friday in May, low and behold, I came upon Cooper's face on NEOCR's Petfinder link. Well, I was smitten, hook line and sinker. Well we adopted Cooper and he fit in so well with all the guinea pigs, the bird, and Alexis, who cannot give enough attention to him. Cooper was afraid of everything — from picking up the remote, to a big ball, to the phone ringing. With a lot of loving care and "Good boy, Cooper!" reassurances, he has come around. He doesn't run and hide at every little noise. The big noises may cause him to hide in the bedroom, but by Alexis saying "Good boy, Cooper," it makes him come right back out again. Well life was good, but I still felt that maybe we could love two dogs.

While still searching the NEOCR web site, I came upon "Nick" now known as "Sunny," and he caught my eye. So I called Betty and we were going to give Sunny a try. Well, I brought him home, and it was great. Cooper just loved his new "brother." They get along so well, and sometimes they do have their moments, but don't we all? My mom has come to visit me for two months in the spring and now three months this summer. Sunny just loves my mom. She can not move without his nose giving her a "Christmas Goose."

From dog parks to the drive-in theater, these dogs love to ride in the car. They are so much a part of our lives, and I thank NorthEast Ohio Collie Rescue for our two guys. We have enough love for three; now we just have to come up with the room for three!

– Diana Geoffrion



*Pictured here:
(left) Cooper at
NEOCR's Whine
& Cheese Party
and (below)
Sunny, resting
comfortably on the
couch.*



Lassie's Trick – by Robin Lawson

Lassie did her first Bite Prevention program at a Red Cross Baby Sitter's Class on June 16, 2008. There were two other Therapy Dog teams there — one with a Miniature Poodle, the other an Italian Greyhound; both were long-time therapy dogs.

During our presentation, there is an opportunity to show off our dog's tricks. I got to thinking the evening before about what Lassie's trick could be.



Pictured here is Lassie in her new life vest looking rather "spiffy."

During one section of our program, we have the children learn how to properly approach and pet a friendly dog (owner and leash present). As each person finished petting Lassie, I had them pick up a bag that I had next to me. They didn't know what was in the bag or why they were to pick it up.

When the trick section came, we were called on last; the other two handlers did not know what I was going to do. Lassie and I went front and center where I sat on the floor with Lassie laying next to me. I told the students all the things that Lassie had wrong with her when I got her, how she became a registered therapy dog, and passed her Canine Good Citizen test in less than 30 days. I told them about her previous life and her present life. Then I said, "That bag you picked up... that's how much weight she has lost since her all-time high of 106 pounds. The fact that she could still wag her tail with all those things wrong, and the fact that she doesn't beg even though, since I got her, I have not fed her enough to maintain her weight — I think that's a very big trick."

The kids and the other therapy teams were quite impressed with our trick. That was a very heavy bag! One of the other ladies doing the program could not lift it. I had two 10-pound bar bells in it. In truth, Lassie had only lost around 19 pounds, but I figured it was close enough.

Update: As of this writing, Lassie now weighs about 76 pounds. She has lost a total of 30 pounds so far. Somewhere in the next 5 to 10 pounds, Lassie should be at her correct weight!

Rambo & Laddie

Marge Palik, adopter of Hagar & Hercules (Now Rambo & Laddie), wrote to tell us that everyone is getting along fine. Their invisible fence is in place and the dogs took to training quickly.

Pictured here: Rambo (left) and Laddie (right)



Grace Bell – Judy and Dale Leathers

Grace Belle was welcomed into our family on May 31, 2008. As many of you all know, Sunnybank is a special part of my life. Previously, I have never had the privilege of owning a collie. So after losing our beloved chums, Kayla and Cody, we waited a little while to add a sweet and gentle girl to our family.

Miss Rylee arrived one year ago April. We felt that she needed a friend to spend the day with while we worked. Since I had been visiting the petfinder list for Northeast Ohio Collie Rescue on a regular basis, I saw a lovely girl that needed help adjusting to a normal life.

Our friends at NEOCR have been so patient and understanding dealing with me and my never-ending questions. I want to thank them for giving us a chance to help Gracie join a family that is going to love her and give her a chance to be a happy girl.

As you can see in the photos, there is no problem with Gracie and Rylee being comfortable together...the bed is one of their favorite places!

Editor's note: Grace Belle (below left) is a special dog — very shy and skittish. Judy and Dale Leathers are gems and will work with her. Their other dog, Rylee (below right), was used as bait for fighting dogs, and was a mess when they got her. They said she was in fetal position for two weeks. These pups are truly two great Happy Tail examples!



From the Scrapbook Gallery...



Buddy (aka Sherlock) above left with Claire, Gloria Bickley's granddaughter



*Jon & Judy Lester's
Martha at 7 months*



Phyllis Dempsey and her new pal, Buddy



David Gray & Betty Hodgson's new pup, Linus



Beth Snider's Macie & Twix



Debra Hughes' Polly the Collie and pet Guinea pig — still the best of pals!

Whine & Cheese Party's remarkable success

NEOCR's annual Whine and Cheese party was held Sunday, May 18, 2008, at The Mutt Hutt, in Cleveland, Ohio. The fabulously fun event was once again a remarkable success. Always back by popular demand, this gathering is a substantial fundraiser for NEOCR as well as a wonderful opportunity for people and dogs to gather, mingle, and share heart-warming stories or antics.

At this year's event, 34 guests were accompanied by 27 canine companions for an afternoon of camaraderie, wine and cheese (of course), and a wide variety of delectable delights. The organizing committee once again knocked themselves out planning the event. They put together a highly-profitable silent auction that raised \$708 in necessary revenue that will aid the reimbursement of medical and other critical rescue expenses.

Our thanks to all our donors and sponsors whose donations made the silent auction a resounding success. Thanks, too, to all who brought food, beverages, or made additional contributions. Special thanks to Peggy Jensen, David Gray & Betty Hodgson, Marian Maskow, Tom Hoadley & Cindy Lombardo, Leo & Marilyn Kenzik, and Jon & Judy Lester for their work organizing, setting up, and taking down the event. And it would be remiss not to mention The Mutt Hutt's attentive staff, whose hospitality made the facility a welcome site for the resident dogs, our rescue dogs, their dog owners, and visitors alike.

If you missed this year's event, please consider joining us next year. Your volunteer time, talents, and personable presence will give us all pause as we reflect and are ever-appreciative of the unending need for rescue efforts.



Tribute to Chelsea

We regret to inform you of Chelsea's passing. Even though she was not adopted from NEOCR, she was loved and welcomed by all of you, and we appreciate the opportunity for her to be included in NEOCR events. She was our dear friend for 11 years, and we will miss our beautiful little diva. She had cancer and was bedridden, and could no longer do anything for herself. She certainly didn't deserve this undignified existence, so with breaking hearts we helped her cross the rainbow bridge. Hopefully she will say hello to everyone for us. We know you all share in our mourning as you have been there yourselves.





In loving memory.

Lesinki's Chelsea Glen CGC, CD, RN, TDI
December 2, 1993 – August 5, 2008

– The Leenhouts family

UPCOMING EVENTS





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

-  **Quailcrest Family of Friends Dog Walk**
Saturday, September 14, 2008 – 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Quailcrest Farm – Wooster, OH
<http://www.quailcrest.com>
-  **Oberlin Doggie Doo – Tappan Square, Oberlin, OH**
Saturday, September 20, 2008
<http://www.oberlin.org/doggiedoo>
-  **2008 NEOCR Annual Collie Reunion & Picnic**
(See pages 6 & 7)
Sunday, September 21, 2008 – 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Hubbard Valley Park – Medina County, OH
-  **NEOCR Board Meeting**
October 25, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.
Eddie's Creekside Restaurant, Brecksville, OH
<http://www.eddiescreekside.com>. Eddie's Creekside is on Route 21, approximately a quarter mile north of the intersection of Routes 82 & 21 in downtown Brecksville. **R.S.V.P. to Tom Hoadley:**
thoadley@megafluidline.com



In passing...

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

-  **Sebastian**, beloved collie of *Tom Hoadley & Cindy Lombardo*.
-  **Chelsea**, beloved collie of *the Leenhouts family*.
-  **Midge**, beloved collie of *Joe and Phyllis Pepoy*.
-  **Millie**, beloved collie of *Betty Hodgson & David Gray*.

— Helen Exley

*"The average dog has one request to all humankind.
'Love me.'"*



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