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A few Happy Tail Stories from 2007

Well, now that Judy Lester has graciously taken over the "Adoptions Coordinator" position, it is with great relief that I am writing a few words about several of my last adoptions that actually seemed to go well...not going to discuss those that went poorly, and there were a few of late that just didn't work.

One of these last ones was Cooper II. What a great dog; a Collie-Great Pyrenees mix (or Great Collies as Laurie Harwich likes to call them—she has two). It started when Laurie called saying there was a collie-pyr mix down at the Carroll County shelter that would be put down tomorrow if nobody would take him. Of course, I drove down that afternoon and got him. He had some skin issues and was thin. It didn't seem like a long time until Sandy Young completed an application and wanted to meet Cooper II and Riley. She lives in New Castle, PA, but people in PA need collies and collie mixes, don't they? Well, Riley was just a little too excited about her horses – she is a horse trainer so she chose Cooper II. And what wonderful home he has with her. He gets to greet folks and hang out with her in the barn when he wants.



Cooper with his cat pal

And, he obviously likes the cat.

Another is Denver, a sweet smooth collie that came from the Lorain County shelter. What a nice boy he is as are the folks who adopted him. I remember the email address was "DennisJogger." Well, I figured that Denver was likely to get enough exercise with Dennis and Aggie Herrmann. As it turns out, Denver gets to go to a dog park but not just any dog park. The dog park in North Canton is private and Denver had to have an interview and "pass" to be allowed. A vet runs it and insists that no aggressive dogs be allowed. Of course, Denver passed with flying colors. After all, he is a collie.



Denver with Dennis & Aggie Herrmann

My final "happy tail," as my adoptions coordinator role came to a bittersweet end, is Bentley. Who could forget Bentley, named for the car by Dorothy Eller who picked him up at the Cleveland City Kennel. He had been living in a car with his owner who had lost his house. The owner must have cared a lot for his collie and turned him into the shelter so he could get a home. How is that for wanting what is best for your dog? Well Bentley was a gem and when I mentioned how nice he was to Peg and Mike Partington, well they just

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Meeting Schedule:

- **Board Meeting – April 19 or 20, 2008** – time and location TBA
- **General Membership Meeting – Sunday, July 20, 2008**, 1-4 p.m. Location TBA (Brecksville Library will be closed in the summer.)
- **Board Meeting – October 18 or 19, 2008** – time and location TBA.

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Thanks again to all of you who have supported our efforts, whether by donations, adoptions, memberships, or fostering! We couldn't do it without you! If we have neglected to mention anyone, please accept our apology and drop the editor a line so that we can recognize your contribution in the next newsletter.

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Collie-Coat Color Inheritance

Have you ever wondered how the four “breed-recognized” collie colors, sable, tri-color, merle and white, are produced? It seems confusing to those of us who are not breeders. But the explanation below, posted by a collie breeder, helps to explain the basics. Read about the colors listed here, and find the category where the color of your own collie belongs.

1. **Pure for sable** – This is a product of two sable parents and carries no tri-color gene at all. Usually a light or orange sable. This dog can only produce sables no matter what you breed it to.
2. **Tri-factored sable** – This is also known as a shaded sable, mahogany sable, or black-tipped sable. These are just a few of the ways to describe it, but the only correct way is, tri-factored sable. These are the rich reds with black overlay and the dark face mask. A tri-factored sable can produce sables and tris depending on what it is bred to, as it carries a tri gene.
3. **Tri-color** – This is the black collie with tan points. It has a black body that varies in depth of color. It again can produce sables or tris depending on what you breed to. Tri-color can be carried as “recessive” just like the sable, and this would be your tri-factored sable.
4. **Blue Merle and/or Sable Merle** – This is perhaps the most misunderstood gene of all, but is really very simple. A merle is a tri-colored dog or a sable-colored dog with a dominant dilution gene and the dominant dilution gene is what makes it become a merle. IT IS NOT RECESSIVE. If the dominant dilution gene is present, the dog is a merle. Think of it more as a condition than a color. There is no way to get a merle

unless you breed to a merle. Think of it as being inherited independently of a color. A blue merle is a tri-colored dog with a dominant dilution gene. A sable merle is a sable-colored dog with a dominant dilution gene.

5. **White** – The white gene is also carried independently of color. White in the collie is not so much a color as it is a condition just like the dilution gene mentioned above. The white collie still comes with a color that is inherited just like a non-white collie. In the white collie, though, the only place you usually see the color is on the head and maybe a body spot or two. The white means that they inherited the white gene and can produce a white. White collies can only be produced when bred to another white collie or to a white-factored collie. A white-factored collie is a dog that carries the white gene, but is non-white itself. It can usually (not always) be detected by a unique marking inside of the back legs. The white extends in an unbroken line all the way up the inside of the back legs and is visible by looking at the dog from the side. White collies are healthy. The white gene itself does not affect the collie’s health. This is not to be confused with the double-dilute white collie, which can have health problems and is often born blind or deaf. The double-dilute can also suffer from internal problems such as liver and kidney problems. If they live through the first few weeks, they usually die at an early age because of these internal problems. Although there have been some double-dilute collies that have grown out and lived long and productive lives, these dogs are the exceptions. If bred, the double-dilute can only produce a merle. The double-dilute can only occur when two merles are bred together and that offspring inherits a dominant dilution gene from each parent...thus the double-dilute. It appears white, but is not a TRUE white.

Happy Tails Stories (continued from page 1)...



Bentley (now Atticus)

had to meet him. One of their collies died some time ago and they lost their tri last fall so they needed him and he needed them. He settled in nicely and is doing great in his wonderful home and with his new name – Atticus.

But, even though I am not the adoptions coordinator any more, I just couldn’t help myself when I saw Laird, one of Lilah Williamson’s Holly Oak collies that an owner had to give up. Well, we have placed several of Lilah’s collies and they have had wonderful temperaments and beautiful coats (Zoe, Grace, Garth, Polly, Dallas, to name a few). Laird



Laird

is no exception – a great collie. Since the Partingtons had lost their tri, they had always had two collies, and Atticus would probably like having a buddy, I gave them a call and they quickly agreed to meet Laird. Well, Laird did have major complications after his recent neuter, and had to have emergency surgery to deal with that issue, but he recovered nicely with Christine Vrooman’s loving foster-care and went to his new permanent home.

And, of course, I must finish with my Scooter – the “smooth collie” I was suckered into picking up without seeing a photo. Guess I am stuck with this hound dog—but he does look comfy on the sheets and my pillow, doesn’t he?



Scooter

– Betty Hodgson

Some of Our Available Collies

Ross

Collie

Sex: Male
Age: Adult
Size: Medium

Okay – so maybe Ross has a face only a mother could love, but he is a very sweet and ‘thankful to be loved’ guy. He is playful and happy and has the cutest floppy ears. Ross is definitely a full collie but was obviously not from a top notch breeder.

If you want a boy that is loyal, Ross is your boy.



McCain

Collie

Sex: Male
Age: Young
Size: Large

McCain is a friendly, nice collie boy. He is easy-going and gets along well with other dogs. He is playful and would do best with other young dogs and in a fenced yard. McCain is obviously a handsome collie and needs to be an integral part of a family. He does like to sleep on the bed but will use a dogbed if he really has to.

As any young dog of 2 years old will do, he has some chewing habits so will need plenty of chew toys

Sammy (pictured at right)

Collie / Hound (mix)

Sex: Male
Age: Adult
Size: Large

Sammy is mostly smooth collie and 5 years old according to the owners that turned him into a shelter (claimed they were allergic to him). Well, he is wonderful, very sweet and loving, and housebroken. He seems anxious to please and generally a happy dog. He is somewhat exuberant so he could unintentionally hurt small toddlers with his wagging tail but would be great with a little older children. Sammy is a really sweet boy and deserves some love and attention.

Ty

Collie

Sex: Male
Age: Adult
Size: Large

Ty is a 3-year old beautiful male mahogany and white collie. He has been living in a chicken coop but is doing very well in the house. Go figure — he likes being part of a family. He is doing okay with housebreaking and seems to “get it.” Ty is friendly and could use a little training on the not jumping up thing — seems like that was probably the only way he was able to get any attention previously. He likes other dogs and loves to play with them. We don’t know how he would be with cats but, in general, collies are usually okay with other animals.



Shep

Collie /
German
Shepherd
(mix)

Sex: Male
Age: Senior
Size: Large

Shep is an older gentleman but he gets around

well, just a little slower. He gets along well with other dogs as long as they don’t want his food – he was pretty starved when found. Shep is also hearing impaired but does hear loud noises so he isn’t totally deaf, and he responds to hand signals. He is very handsome and *really* needs a retirement home so he can live out his remaining years in comfort



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

Recent Holiday Greetings from the NEOCR Photo Album...



Imprints – The story behind the name

There she was with her picture posted on the internet – gorgeous, young, and with her handsome smile. I’m speaking of course of my “Mollie the Collie,” a tri-color collie/border collie mix. I didn’t even know she wasn’t a full-breed collie. It didn’t matter. She was perfect, just the right size, and beautiful with her stunning long-haired coat.

I couldn’t get her out of my mind. She had already left an impression on me, her lovely face imprinted on my mind. I went back several days in a row checking to make sure she was still posted on the adoption web site. I pondered, “Should I or shouldn’t I take the plunge?” But who could resist that face? It was true: she had already stolen my heart.

So this is how our story began...I decided I wanted a dog, and she needed a home. Or was it the other way around? I *needed* a dog—a buddy, an everyday canine companion, somebody to go walking with, to fill that “void” in my life, and she *wanted* a home—one that would care for her, ensure her safety, provide for her health, give her warmth, shelter, food, playtime, and lots of TLC. You know what I mean, give her that “forever home” for which every pet yearns.

As if someone tapped me on the shoulder to say, “Hurry up already,” I decided to make my inquiry about Mollie with NEOCR. If I hesitated, I feared we would both be lost. I sent in an email expressing my interest in Mollie. I explained why I would like a dog. This wasn’t any dog, rather my very first dog that would be all mine. Being the long-time cat lover that I was (and still am), I felt a dog would complete the picture. Having previously rescued my cats, I felt it was Mollie’s turn to be rescued.

I filled out the application, we exchanged some phone calls, I waited for the vet reference check, and then the home visit. How exciting! I was actually adopting a dog! On the night of the home visit, if all went well, Mollie would be welcomed to her new home. And so it happened, and I officially signed the adoption papers. Betty, in all her wisdom, knew we had a match.

I still remember that first night...I could hardly wait for Mollie to arrive. I was so excited. In my anticipation, you would have thought I was bringing home a new baby. Betty and Mollie finally arrived. Mollie pattered up the sidewalk with springs in her feet. I remember how she excitedly did laps around my living room, dining room, and kitchen. Her big, billowy tail eagerly swished back and forth, and it hasn’t stopped swishing since then. She curled up on the floor next to me, indulged me to stroke her long coat, and exposed her soft underbelly for a tummy rub.

Then came a moment of truth: We introduced her to Buffy, my seven-pound calico kitty. Mollie sat quietly on the floor while they sniffed noses. Buffy promptly came around the other side of Mollie, reached up and *chomped* Mollie’s ear as hard as she could! Mollie never winced, whined, or otherwise complained. She merely got up, walked around the other side of me, and lay

down by my side. How gently she reacted, and here I was already expected to be her protector.

My niece, Becky, stopped by that night on her way home from college. Mollie had her first visitor. “Can you believe it? I have a dog!” I exclaimed. We both cooed and fussed over Mollie that first evening. It wasn’t long before Becky and Mollie were pals.

Later that night, I took Mollie on the first of many walks. The neighbors, however, disagree. They maintain that Mollie is the one that walks me every day. From our daily jaunts, we have gotten to know many of the neighbors and resident dogs. Consequently, Mollie has made many friends. In fact, we have a Mollie fan club. I couldn’t get over how one evening while walking the dog, one of the neighbors parked her car, jumped out to pet and hug Mollie, and then jumped back in the car to continue on her way. Wow, we weren’t together that long and we were already doing unofficial dog therapy.

Mollie and I made lots of memories together...like the first time I took her out in the snow. Oh how she frolicked, twirled and pranced about. Her lingering pawprints in the lawn were reminders of her happy spirit. Then we had our soggy-doggy days

where pawprints in the kitchen reminded me of our rain-soaked walks. And who could forget the imprints in the comforter to let me know she lounged on the warmth of my freshly-made bed while I was away? We had some anxious memories, too, when I waited for the vet to call and let me know her biopsy was normal. And then there was the night she was really sick, and I slept on the floor next to her so she could wake me to take her outside every hour or so. I told my neighbor recently that I no longer remembered what life was like “B.D.” (before dog).

Yes, Mollie and I had made, and continue to make, lots of tender memories together. From the time I found her on the internet until she first pattered up my sidewalk, she hasn’t stopped touching my

life and leaving me with lasting impressions. Whether it is our daily walks, our playtime, our visits with the neighbors, or our car rides to Grandma’s house, she leaves her imprint on each person’s life. Her abounding exuberance and eagerness to jump in your lap every time she sees you makes her hard to resist or forget.

And it likewise occurred to me that for every dog that crosses NEOCR, there are those rescue volunteers who make it all possible and leave us with lasting impressions for their generous and caring spirits, kind hearts, tender compassion, and welcoming homes. For somewhere in their lives, their stories all started with a dog like Mollie who touched their hearts. And so the circle continues, and so it should, the rescued and the rescuers, the receiving and the giving back.

There are those people, and pets, who come into our lives, touch our hearts, and we are never, ever again the same because of it. We are ever grateful for the gift, thankful for the opportunity, and so much the better because of the experience. For wherever we go, and wherever our rescues go, we continually leave lasting *Imprints* on each other’s lives.

– Marian Maskow



More Happy Tail Updates



Grace, Jesse, Brady, and Scarlett all bury their faces in Jon Lester's arms. Now there are some happy tails!



Jasmine Householder among the autumn leaves.



Pictured above is Sherman (now Noah) in front of the couch with sister Cassidy, and brother Finnegan. All three dogs are blind, and Finnegan also has seizures. They are the lucky dogs of Crystal and Nick Mocan of Collingwood ON. Crystal is the adoptions coordinator for the Collie Rescue Network, in Canada.



Above: Check out Ms. Georgia, out for a stroll in the snow. At right: Gloria Bickley's granddaughter, Claire, grooms Georgia.



Above: Sammy, takes a nap provided by the comfort of Foster Mom, Gloria Bickley.

New Arrivals...



Belle & Guy, adopted by Jeannie and Bob Leiter.



Above left: Welcome to Martha, a 5-month old sable-merle, a new addition for Jon & Judy Lester.



Above right: Welcome to Toby, a new addition for Alan Spevak and Jeanette Kaeferle.

A few tributes to our beloved pets...



Chowie

On December 29th, Chowie, my best friend and companion for fifteen years, left for heaven. I never again will be so loved or worshiped by a dog. Chowie was a "one-person dog," and I was that person. When I was with her, nothing and no one else mattered. She and Jon worked hard to become friends over the years.

Chowie was a Golden Retriever mix. She kept all of our collies in line and let them know who was boss right up to the end. Chowie tolerated most women and small children, but really disliked men. Funny though, for some strange reason in her last year or two, Tom Hoadley was an exception. When he and Cindy visited, Tom could lay on the floor and cuddle her and she rather enjoyed it. It must be she knew he loved old dogs.

Our dogs are always hard to say good-bye to, some are harder than others. I do know, my life was better for having had her with me. I also know that my life will never be the same again. – *Judy Lester*

Dusty

It was a good life for our Dusty. He was a one in a million collie, and at a young age was a bit a goofy looking at best. He soon came into his teenage years and blossomed into a great looking big boy. He was our most senior dog and our first real collie.

He showed us the love that only a collie can give, and he was good-natured, always minding no matter what. He also gave us some beautiful babies, all strong with his same pleasing temperament. He was our ideal boy and made a strong effort to take care of everyone. When he saw my father not feeling well, he alerted us to his illness. His actions and concern for my dad gave us a little more time with him. His next duty was to alert us again to my father, after which my father passed away three days later in the hospital.

Dusty hung on in his later years suffering with hip or muscular problems, not really knowing from which he ailed. He still got around with the help of his meds.

He soon felt he had stayed just long enough, and on a night not long ago, he passed in his sleep, finding him in the morning at the foot of the bed. It was a treat to have had the pleasure of sharing his love for 13 years, and is now waiting at the bridge for us. Dusty will be very much missed, but his legacy and beauty lives on through his two sons, Dustin and Dalton. – *Alan Spevak*



Jasmine

It is with a very heavy heart that we scheduled Jazzy's final trip to the vet. In the all too short time we've had her, she has had several small strokes. She usually improved in a few days, but this last time she continued to decline. She also had little desire to eat.

I'm glad she made it long enough to be on this year's holiday card, a nice memoir. She was solid gold; I only wish we had shared more of her life. – *Tom Hoadley*

In passing...

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

- 🐾 *Chowie*, beloved dog of *Jon & Judy Lester*.
- 🐾 *Dusty*, beloved collie of *Alan Spevak and Jeanette Kaeferle*.
- 🐾 *Jasmine*, beloved collie of *Tom Hoadley & Cindy Lombardo*.
- 🐾 *Makota*, beloved dog of *Laurie Harwich*.

President's Message – The Collie Club of America

November 2007

As of this writing, the fires in California seem to be under control. Many members had to evacuate with their collies. All members are safe, and we await the report that all homes are still standing.

The Collie Club of America (CCA) is indeed a social club, and possibly was set up in order to hold shows and, of course, to protect the breed standard. Some have asked why we keep harping on rescue (the past version of this question was why we kept harping on health).

While having a big, wonderful, extravagant National is very exciting (and giving awards to collies and or people who have won or produced the most), it should not be the way others define the CCA. It definitely should not be the way we define the CCA.

Anti-dog legislation is threatening every member. Rescue is working overtime. About 140-150 of those collies thrown away this year have been ours for sure, never mind the hundreds – yes hundreds – that pass through many rescues each year. Are they ours? Some are absolutely ours; others become ours by way of stud or the sale of unsprayed/unneutered collies. All of them are ours to protect and bring home.

Health problems beat at our door, and some of us get surprises. Sadly, some of us already knew of the problems

and thought it better not mentioned. We should be aware and involved to make the life of every collie better and longer.

This past National had the largest in number of Conformation and Performance entries ever, yet our press/reputation for this past year was defined by a former member getting a 100-year suspension from AKC, another recent member having 71 collies taken by SPCA, a member's kennel of 60+ dogs being left for others to manage the disbursement, and other non-member/member affiliated rescues. (Lassie and no. AB1634 were the high point.)

Let's get ahead of the bullets – success is not defined by Champion. It is defined by the Standard – this time I mean the STANDARD by which we set to encourage the longevity of the COLLIE and the COLLIE as a breed. This club is chock-full of really good people. We need to shine on them and make sure they are our examples.

– Pati Merrill, Immediate Past President, CCA

Editor's note: The attitude that Pat has helped to foster at CCA is just one of the many reasons she was presented with the "Right Stuff" award at last year's CCA National

Here in this house...

I will never know the loneliness I hear in the barks of the other dogs "out there." I can sleep soundly, assured that when I wake my world will not have changed. I will never know hunger, or the fear of not knowing if I'll eat. I will not shiver in the cold, or grow weary from the heat. I will feel the sun's heat, and the rain's coolness, and be allowed to smell all that can reach my nose. My fur will shine, and never be dirty or matted.

Here in this house...

There will be an effort to communicate with me on my level. I will be talked to and, even if I don't understand, I can enjoy the warmth of the words. I will be given a name so that I may know who I am among many. My name will be used in joy, and I will love the sound of it!

Here in this house...

I will never be a substitute for anything I am not. I will never be used to improve people's images of themselves. I will be loved because I am who I am, not someone's idea of who I should be. I will never

suffer for someone's anger, impatience, or stupidity. I will be taught all the things I need to know to be loved by all. If I do not learn my lessons well, they will look to my teacher for blame.

Here in this house...

I can trust arms that hold, hands that touch... knowing that, no matter what they do, they do it for the good of me. If I am ill, I will be doctored. If scared, I will be calmed. If sad, I will be cheered. No matter what I look like, I will be considered beautiful and thought to be of value. I will never be cast out because I am too old, too ill, too unruly, or not cute enough. My life is a responsibility, and not an afterthought. I will learn that humans can almost, sometimes, be as kind and as fair as dogs.

Here in this house...

I will belong.

I will be home.

(Author unknown)

Meeting Minutes – October 28, 2007

Tom Hoadley called the meeting to order at 1:25 p.m. at Brecksville Library.

Present were: Janet Benson, Beverly Briggs, Dorothy Eller, Tom Hoadley, Betty Hodgson, Peggy Jensen, Marilyn & Leo & Kathryn Kenzik, Jon & Judy Lester, Cindy Lombardo, Marian Maskow, Dot Schubert, Alan Spevak, and Christine Vrooman.

Last meeting recap was presented by Tom Hoadley. It was a special board meeting where the lack of volunteers was discussed. Betty Hodgson will now coordinate foster homes and intakes. Judy Lester will act as adoption coordinator and phase out as volunteer scheduler.

Treasurer's Report

The balance at the end of the third quarter was \$8,725.

Intake and Adoption Report

Available dogs: Amos, Cleo, Lilly, Ross, Jethro, Bentley, Denver, Solomon. We have cross-posted a cat, Midnight and Jack. Sable and Angel may also be available. Recent placements are Beau, Cooper, Lena and Sonny. We are in need of foster homes with NO resident dogs to evaluate the behavior of fosters living alone. We also have "unplaceable" intakes: Cody, Geezer, Jasmine, Sebastian and Macie. There is a white collie with health issues that we may take in and an 11-year old in Bowling Green.

Old Business

The constitution review discussed at the prior meeting will be done by Heinz Knall and Tom H.

New Business

- In 2008, we will have two general meetings and two board meetings (at which all are invited to attend). The dates will be scheduled for the year and announced in the newsletter.
- Bev Briggs will be on the nominating committee for the upcoming January elections. The positions to be filled are President, Secretary/Treasurer, and three board members.
- Tom H. suggested making a donation to Houston Collie Rescue to assist their recent major rescue work due to a breeder confiscation. Bev B. moved to donate \$1,000 (seconded by Betty H.) The motion passed.
- The annual reunion picnic will be held the 3rd Sunday in September at the same shelter as last year.
- Judy L. is setting up the schedule for holiday gift wrapping at area book stores.
- Judy L. inquired about the availability of ID badges for our rescue group's volunteers.
- We discussed the Collie Rescue Foundation, a national non-profit group that's in its second year of existence. The Collie Club of America has a rescue link on its web site. Janet Benson inquired about any action against puppy mills or bad breeders.
- Marian Maskow suggested changing the name of the

Treasurer's Report

Financial Statement for 4th Quarter 2007

(Dollar amounts as of 12/31/07)

Last Balance (06/30/07).....\$8,869
Current Balance.....\$11,632

Income:

Adoptions\$1,200
Donations.....\$5,056
Craft Sales.....\$133
Gift Wrapping Donations\$897
Dues.....\$0
Total.....\$7,286

Total Disbursements:

Veterinary fees.....\$2,912
Postage\$159
Picnic piper\$25
Houston Collie donation\$1,000
Foster/shelter fees.....\$427
Total.....\$4,523

Net Change\$2,763

2007 Finances

Beginning of Year Balance\$6,140

Income

Adoption Fees\$5,200
Grants / Donations\$12,267
Gift wrapping.....\$1,169
Craft & Misc. Sales\$956
Annual picnic.....\$2,074
Membership\$730
Whine & Cheese\$1,259
Total.....\$23,655

Expenses

Government filing\$50
Postage\$607
Pager/Web page.....\$276
Veterinary Fees.....\$13,808
Foster Care/Shelter Fees\$2,021
Houston Rescue\$1,000
Office Supply/Bank Fees\$61
Insurance.....\$340
Total.....\$18,163

End of Year Balance\$11,632

newsletter – perhaps having a contest to name it in the next issue. Tom H. mentioned we may cut back on the number of issues in next year's mailings. In the January issue we will once again ask if people would like the issue via email rather than snail mail.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 20th.

Motion to adjourn at 2:30 p.m. by Janet B. (seconded by Marilyn K.).

– Peggy Jensen

UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Pet's Day sponsored by the Celtic Club

St. Pet's Day is part of *First Friday* in Canton on **Friday, March 7, 2008**, and will take place at the Palace Theatre beginning at **7:30 p.m.** The event is sponsored by The Celtic Club and is a free Irish concert that will benefit humane/animal rescue groups. Individuals attending the event are asked to each please donate dry dog/cat food. Representatives from the humane society /animal rescue groups will be at the Palace Theatre that night to accept the pet food donations.

St. Pet's Day entertainment will be provided by The Mickeys, the Akron and District Pipes and Drums, and the O'Hare Irish Dancers.

There will be a parade prior to St. Pet's Day in which dogs can participate, and dogs will be allowed in the Palace where the floor is not carpeted.

Additional information is available on the Arts in Stark web site at: www.artsinstark.com.

The fourth annual Adopt-a-thon at Hardesty Park in Akron will be held on **July 19, 2008**. For more details, visit www.oneofakindpets.org.

Woofstock, the annual outdoor festival for dogs, will be held **June 7-8, 2008**, at the St. Lawrence Market Neighborhood District in Toronto, Ontario. For more information, visit www.woofstock.ca.

RECENT EVENTS

A heartfelt Thank You!

Northeast Ohio Collie Rescue would like to thank all of the volunteers who participated in the 2007 "Holiday Gift Wrapping" held at Barnes and Noble and Borders Bookstores.

Thanks to the time everyone took out of their busy holiday schedules, we raised \$897 in donations.

These donations will go to help NEOCR continue to assist our rescue collies with the much-needed funds for their care.



Pictured above from the gift-wrapping event at Borders in Solon are (L to R) Jim Bialosky, Judy Lester and Joann Bialosky.

Adoptions

November 2007 – January 2008

Amos – Anna Balduff, Wakeman, OH

Angel – Dave & Christen Mauer, Poland, OH

Cassie – Ken & Doris Kaufman, Skaneateles, NY

Laird – Peg and Mike Partington, Cleveland Hts.

Lilley – Gerald Wright, Saybrook, OH

Riley – Laura Saeger & Rudy Christian, Burbank, OH

Sable – Mike & Tracey Farmer, Avon, OH

Solomon – Janice & Ron Lewandowski, Aurora, OH

Ever thought of doing Therapy Dog Work? Here is what Jim Bialosky has to say...

Seven years ago I retired from the printing business. We always had our dogs at work with us, and whenever a customer came into the store, up to three Collie heads would pop up at the front counter. In fact, some people only stopped by to see the dogs.

Well, I suddenly discovered that I had sold my business and we all needed to get a life! I kind of took inventory and decided that we all needed to do something together that would help us to help others.



Shane, Mac and Shiloh

I decided to investigate the field of Therapy Dog work. I already had the most important tool, our Collies. Probably the most important requirements to be a good Therapy Dog is a gentle, obedient and well-mannered animal.

There are two groups that certify by testing the animals and the handlers. The groups provide a liability policy to protect the animal owners when they are working. The testing is really basic dog obedience with a couple of situations thrown in to prove handler control and assure proper dog temperament. Practice and patience plus time spent on dog control will produce an excellent Therapy Dog. Socializing is valuable due to the numbers of individuals that you both are exposed to on a regular basis. Depending on your schedule and availability, you may find that nursing homes are always anxious to have visits. Their schedules are open and not as restrictive as hospitals and schools.

If you want to learn more, go to the following web sites: www.deltasociety.org and www.tdi-dog.org. I am always available (jaybee629@sbcglobal.net) to discuss the adventure, one that I know you will enjoy.

– Jim Bialosky

– William Lyons Phelps

*“To a man, the greatest blessing is individual liberty,
to a dog it’s the last word in despair.”*



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