



Pet Tips 'n' Tales

by Mary Ellen "Angel Scribe"

Paws-on Healing

To be purr-fectly honest, I have never experienced a dog-goose-bump greeting before meeting Rascal! As he and his pet parent, Wanda, walked passed me, Rascal looked over and directly into my eyes, then his entire face burst into an amazing smile that replicated a human's joyful expression.

I asked his 'mother' for 'his story' and it was immediately clear that this unique designer-bred-street-dog combination, Dachshund/Yorkie/Chihuahua, was designed by God...purely to gift love.

"When my daughter, Corina, was eight years-old, we were horrified to learn that she had a tumor on her optic nerve," said Wanda. "The treatments left her feeling so sick and weak that she barely attended any grade three classes.

Corina has always loved animals, and her original plan was to become a veterinarian. However, she changed her mind after receiving treatments. She realized that she could 'not handle seeing animals die'.

Our friend who has two dogs and a cat admired Corina's mature and responsible attitude. They often chatted about their

shared love of animals.

When we learned about Corina's health issues, and that she has to undergo a 1-1/2 years of chemotherapy, our friend encouraged us to adopt a dog for Corina as a loving companion, confidant and a comfort to ease her struggles.

Our friend explained that 'we can only hold one thought at a time and that focusing on a dog would help Corina forget pain, sickness and treatments. Also, a pet was something loving to come to after a hospital stay. It was 'someone' that would quietly understand her without judgment.'

She was right, but she also put her heart behind her words and organized a fund-raising event among her friends for a puppy's adoption and the needed pet supplies to raise one!

Rascal was born early in July 2003, and our entire family fell in love with the 'cutest dog on earth'. We adopted him at the end of August.

On the days that Corina was able to 'escape' the hospital and come home for a few days, Rascal joined us as we entered the hospital to bring her home. The other children patients loved seeing him walking down the corridors! He made their day! Ras-

cal is exceptionally friendly and sweet to everyone. Wherever we go, daily, we receive comments on how beautiful and cute he is — just like Mary Ellen noted. He looks more puppy-like than a 12-year old senior dog.

Having Rascal during our family's difficult time was a blessing! He is exceptionally gentle, and the medical staff allowed him to sit on my daughter's lap during chemo treatments. Because of Rascal, Corina had company on the days she did not feel well. We could hear her in her bedroom teaching 'dog school'. Rascal learned tricks like high fives, roll-overs, and shake a paw.

When anyone in our family arrives home, to show us how happy he is to see us, Rascal sprints up and down the stairs! He loves his squeaky toys, massages, kisses and cuddles and to be spoiled! His favorite activity is riding in the car, but he must sit up and look out the window to see if we are heading in the right direction. It is a funny thing about dogs — they have no clue where you are going, but they act like they are directing you there.

And what has happened to Corina? She is now 20 years-old, her tumor shrank in half

and it has remained that way for the past 10 years. She finished high school, in French immersion, and was accepted into the University of British Columbia, but instead she chose to immerse herself into a political and international relation degree, in England, at the University of York. And in her 'spare' time she and Rascal Face Time each other.

I am so proud to be Corina's mother. She is one of the bravest, strongest and most ambitious people that I have ever met. Besides studying, she has two jobs, and is always helping others by accepting different volunteering activities into her busy schedule. While away, she misses Rascal but luckily she will be heading home soon to spend some time with us and her BFF (best furry friend)!"

TIPS

BEWARE

Cautions walking pets on a 'warm' day!

When the air temperature is a mere 77° the asphalt/road pavement/sidewalk measures 125°.

Remember if you can't walk barefoot on the pavement, neither should your pet.

Test the asphalt with the back



Photo by Mary Ellen "Angel Scribe"

Wanda and her son, Thomas, with Rascal who is not your average 'off the street dog', but a bone-ified healer to a little girl!

of your hand before a walk.

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Air Temp 'Owie' Asphalt Temperatures
77° 125°
86° 135°
87° 143°

The American Medical Association Journal states that "At 125° F, skin destruction can happen in 60 seconds" and that is skin on your pets' paws!

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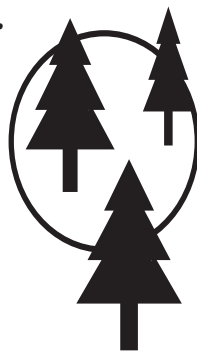
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Crafts and Hobbies

Kaylynn Guevara: rock collection 3rd, rough rock collection 2nd, dog collection 2nd, monster collection 1st; **Seth Lebow:** obsidian collection 1st; **Gabe Bunce:** Lego pirate ship 1st, Lego vehicles 1st; **Danner Marsh:** prison transport 3rd; **Elijah Williams:** Lego building 2nd; **Irelynn Quatier:** Swamp Diorama 1st; **Addison Hitt:** dragon 2nd; **Summer Lebow:** rubber band necklace 1st; **Briahna Guevara:** Hippo collection 2nd; **Zayne Nyburg:** model plane 2nd, model plane 3rd; **Jaymee Stahl:** jewelry box 3rd, painted letter 2nd; **Natalee Brink:** origami rabbit Best of Show, origami large orchid 1st, small origami orchid 1st; **Carla Rigel:** wall hangings 1st, 1st, 1st, 1st; **Ashley Rigel:** basket 2nd, beaded bear paw 1st, beaded hair pin 3rd, pin cushion cup 2nd, pin cushion dish 1st; **Hayley Belisle:** bead necklace 2nd, paper 'S' 1st; **Danella Sessions:** painted gourd birdhouse 1st; **Steven Stroud:** Rainbow trout 1st; **Craig Toews:** Logger 1st, logger 2 3rd, sheriff, 2nd, Sloth Sid, 1st, set of 4 Best of Show, Adult; **Diane Wilson:** gourd ducks 1st, painted gourds misc 1st, gourd dragons 1st, heart dream catcher 1st, double dream catcher 1st, moon dream catcher 1st, star dream

catcher 1st; **Vickie Weathers:** toilet paper roll houses Best of Show; **Mary Murphy:** bird's nest 1st; **Jennifer Guevara:** Betty Boop figures 1st; **Penny Schaack:** necklace 1st, African bead necklace 1st; **Nancy Van Schoick:** flag pins 1st, Dutch people 2nd, Dutch chocolates 3rd; **Peggy Severns:** Button Deer 1st and Judges Choice; **Tinika Ossman Steier:** gourd boxes 1st, vegetable man 1st, animal collection 1st, broom wives 1st, broom couple 2nd; **Joanne Skelton:** turtles 2nd; **Helen Young:** concrete birds nests 1st, 2nd, 1st; **Diane Wilson:** gourd ducks 1st, painted gourds misc 1st, gourd dragons 1st, heart dream catcher 1st, double dream catcher 1st, moon dream catcher 1st, star dream catcher 1st;

Floral and Forestry

Annie Shephard: dahlias & glads 1st, pink dahlia 1st, orange dahlia 1st; **Colleen Jager:** chicken feeder Best in Show; **Carla Williams:** hydrangea 1st; **Lloyd Williams:** hydrangea 2nd; **Crystal Jackson:** zinnias 2nd, ice plant 2nd; **Elaine Chapman:** roses 1st; **Cheryl Cooper:** cactus dahlia 3rd, dahlia 1st, orchid 2nd, spider plant 1st, creeping Charlie 2nd; **Sandy Wiltermood:** zinnias 1st, daisy 1st, marigolds 2nd, lavender 2nd; **Mary McNama-**

ra: succulents 1st, house plant 2nd, cowsonia 1st, mandevilla 2nd, delphinium 1st; **Judy Cash:** herbs 1st, cut flowers 2nd; **Lila Creager:** succulents 2nd, coleus 3rd, succulent 3rd, begonia 3rd, strawberry 3rd; **Bessie Spears:** fuchsia 2nd.

Produce

Hunter Rigel: onions 1st & Judges Choice; **Gabe Bunce:** 'Minion Dave' 1st, zucchini 2nd, 1st, rhubarb 1st, apples 1st, tomatoes 2nd, pickling cucumbers 1st, cherry tomatoes 1st; **Kayla Lane:** "Julie" scarecrow 2nd; **Ryan Lane:** "Mustache Joe" scarecrow 1st; **Josef Pifer:** eggs Best of Show; **Jim Earnshaw:** garlic 2nd; **Ron Marsh:** blueberries 1st, pear tomatoes 2nd; **Cheryl Bord:** zucchini 1st; **Rae Pendleton:** white pumpkin 1st, Hubbard squash Best of Show; **Darlene Fanten:** "Mimi the Clown" scarecrow 1st; **Cynthia Turner:** rhubarb 1st; **Lloyd Williams:** rhubarb 2nd, Swiss chard 1st, cucumbers 1st, egg plant 2nd; **Sid Jones:** table grapes 2nd; **Carol Clark:** cherry tomatoes 3rd; **Tom Creager:** gravenstein apples 3rd, liberty apples 2nd, Ashmeads apples 1st, plums 1st, beans 1st & 2nd, beets 1st, slicing cucumbers 2nd, garlic 1st, cantaloupe 2nd, watermelon 1st, onions 1st & 2nd, shallots 3rd, peppers 1st & 2nd, potatoes 1st, zucchini 1st & 2nd, egg plant 1st & Judges Choice, tomatoes 1st.

Canning & Food Preservation
Gabriel Bunce: mock zucchini pineapple, Best of Show, grape juice 1st, cherry plum juice 1st; **Cynthia Turner:** apple butter, 1st; green beans, 1st, dried peaches 2nd; **Nicki Kilday:** pineapple salsa 1st, strawberry marmalade 1st, strawberry rhubarb jam, 1st, 3 fruit marmalade 1st, rosie cider marmalade, 3 fruit jam 1st (2), carrot cake jam 1st, blackberry jelly 1st; **Marlene Norwalk:** blackberry jam 1st, marionberry jam 1st, raspberry jam Best of Show, blueberry

jam 1st, strawberry jam 1st; **Jonathon Landon:** zucchini relish 1st, blackberry jam 1st, plum jam 1st, apricot raspberry jam 1st; **Rachel Johansson:** strawberry-rhubarb jam 1st (2); **Ashley Rigel:** dill pickles 1st; **Carol Clark:** strawberry-rhubarb jam 1st, pink pear sauce 1st, strawberry jam 1st, pink pear 1st, blackberry jam 1st, stewed tomatoes 1st, pineapple salsa 1st, tomatoes 1st, fiesta salsa 1st, pear sauce 2nd, beets 1st, dilly beans 1st, yellow beets 1st, blackberry-pear jam 1st, apple juice 1st, tomato juice 1st, dried fruit 1st, dried veggies 1st, dried herbs 1st; **Carol Pettit:** dried goods 1st.

Culinary

Hannah Dewitt: apple cake Best of Show, youth, ginger cookies 2nd, brownies 2nd; **Cheyenne Pettit:** cranberry oatmeal cookies 1st, orange sand cookies 2nd, Lanques de chat 1st, sugar cookies 2nd, pecan cookie 2nd, choco hazelnut cookie 1st, Veronica's 1st, cookie jar Best of Show adult; **Christopher Russell:** chocolate cake 1st; **Cynthia Turner:** banana bread 1st; **Crystal Faune Jackson:** cashew bread, 3rd; **Carol Clark:** sourdough wheat bread 1st, potato cheese garlic bread 2nd, sourdough white bread 2nd, blueberry cornmeal bread 1st, sourdough biscuits 3rd, macarons 2nd, wheat bread 1st, pinwheel white & wheat bread 2nd, tomato cheese bread 1st, cinnamon bread Best of Show, senior, rolls 1st, potato white bread 3rd, sourdough pinwheel bread 2nd;

Photography and Scrapbooking

Addison Hitt: Dog 1st; **Trinity Hawkins:** chipmunk 1st, Sunset at Dexter 1st, Blue Butterfly 1st; **Jayna Stahl:** cards 1st; **Annah Nyburg:** Frozen Dew Drops on Grass 1st; **Landon Hawkins:** Blue Flowers 1st;

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