

Renaissance Poodles

The Newsletter of Poodle Rescue of New England

Welcome Note...by Mahala Beams

As New England once again turns luxuriantly green and colorful with an abundance of foliage and flowers, we and our beloved poodles look forward to more time outdoors enjoying the warmth, sun and fragrant breezes of spring and early summer.

In the past winter months, members of PRNE have been engaged in much brainstorming about new approaches to fund-raising in economic times that remain challenging for all charitable organizations. So that PRNE can continue to fund its important work with poodles in need, PRNE is embarking upon some new fund-raising initiatives as well as continuing tried and true approaches of the past. This spring edition of Renaissance Poodles highlights some of PRNE's new initiatives.

For example, on Saturday, April 17th, renowned singer Vance Gilbert appeared in concert at Johnny D's in Somerville to benefit Poodle Rescue of New England. PRNE extends an enormous "Thank you" to Vance for his extraordinary efforts on behalf of poodles in need. (For more on the concert, see page 5.)

On June 19th, PRNE's first "Woof Walk and Spring Picnic" will be held at Maudslay State Park in Newburyport, MA. A fun time for both people and their dogs, we hope this event will be an important revenue booster for PRNE. Please participate if you are able. (See page 3 for more information on the "Woof Walk and Spring Picnic.")

Finally PRNE is exploring ways to involve more volunteers in our fund-raising efforts. PETCO has been a stalwart and generous supporter of PRNE, but we need more Poodle Ambassadors to staff our PRNE tables at PETCO stores and at other venues. (For the story of one of our dedicated PETCO "Poodle Ambassadors," see the spotlight on PRNE volunteer Liz Chinian on page 8.) Also we'd like to encourage volunteers to find ways to help raise funds for poodles in need, perhaps by holding a bake sale, a yard sale or a car wash. (For more ideas, check <http://humanefundraising.com/>.)

We welcome any ideas you might have and encourage you to email suggestions to: info@poodlerescue.org

As this issue's stories of Peanut, Marcus, Rocket, Toby, Fifi, Mac, Olivia, Fraasier and others attest, many poodles in need continue to depend upon this organization and the generosity of you, PRNE's supporters.

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Peanut

Peanut... by Jan Mullaney-Magee

It was the summer of 2003. I was working from home full time and missed the daily interaction of co-workers and peers. So I decided that it was time to get a dog.

When I was a kid, my family was a big poodle family. One of my aunts even had a birthday party for her poodle and invited all the other dog relatives to the party. The event made the local

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Peanut on left (aka Daphne)

newspaper under the headline, "It was a doggone birthday party." I thought that it would be fun to have a poodle again.

So I started my search on Pet Finder, where I found Poodle Rescue of New England. I kept checking the site regularly, and lo and behold, before long they had two apricot pups that were eight weeks old. I emailed PRNE that I was interested in adopting a dog; now here is my story.

About one week later after PRNE's visit to my home, I was approved to adopt. I drove 70 miles West to meet the apricot puppies; my Mom came along with me to help decide. We arrived in Sturbridge and met the foster Mom. Now the hard part... picking between two adorable eight-week-old fur balls. Their names at the time were Daphne and Violet. Well, I fell in love with the little pudgy one, Daphne, the one on the left in the picture of the two of them; my Mom fell in love with them both! However, we decided it would be best to get only one, so we picked Daphne. That was in November of 2003.

The ride home wasn't fair as Mom got to cuddle with Daphne the entire time, since I was doing the driving. I hadn't had a dog, never mind a puppy since I was a kid, so I couldn't wait to get her home and start the training. Well the training didn't last long, as I think it was the first night that she was sleeping on my pillow with me. Since that day she has trained me well, and I am a good little owner.

At her first vet visit one week later, I met a woman, Maggie, at the vet's office with her Labrador retriever, Thor. She mentioned that she loved poodles and wanted one. I explained that I had just adopted my puppy the week before and that her sister Violet was still available and waiting to be adopted. I gave her all the information; one week later she too was making that trip to Sturbridge to become Violet's new Mom.

We have had a few play dates, as Maggie and her poodle only live a mile away. Daphne's new name is Peanut, as I am an avid collector of Peanuts/Snoopy items; also she was only three lbs when we got her. Violet's new name is Fiona. As grown up dogs, they look nothing alike now.

Peanut and I would take many daily short walks, and we got to meet and greet a lot of people and other dogs. On one of these walks, I met a neighbor who was out with his dog, Lady, a Pomeranian that he had taken in as a stray. With that we started talking and formed a friendship. In August of 2007 we were married, and we are now one big happy family.

I think Jerry really married me to be near Peanut, as he loves her as much as I do. So Peanut is not only the love of my life, but also she is a fine matchmaker.

Peanut is now 6 ½ years old, a wonderful companion, friend, lap-warmer, and face-washer. She has sleepovers at Grammy and Grampie's, and she still loves to cuddle with everyone.

Thank you to all the volunteers that take care of these wonderful animals so that we have the chance to adopt them.

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Peanut, Jan and Jerry

NEEDED!

- Blankets
- Dog beds
- Free, complimentary or discounted grooming
- Gas cards
- Gift cards for local pet shops to buy dog food
- Needles for insulin
- Pee pads
- Stamps
- Towels

Can you help with PRNE's wish-list? If you are able to contribute any of these items, please contact PRNE at:

info@poodlerescue.org

Update on Marcus... by Lilliane LeBel

Marcus is as wonderful as always. He's adjusting very well to being with a lot of people at once. For example, at a Christmas gathering, we noticed that he carefully watched Jerry and Ziggy at first and was a little timid (there were 12 of us!), but after a short while, and special treats from Memere, he was fine. When we went back on New Year's Day, he had no hesitation! He walked up to everyone and let them know that he wanted them to pet him, which of course they did.

He loves playing in the snow and comes back into the house with a face full of snow and happy as can be.

Visiting often, my Mom enjoys making homemade treats from the recipes in the November newsletter. The pooches love them! She and Marcus often spend the afternoon snuggling! He is one happy poodle, and we are fortunate to have him.



Marcus was found abandoned, tied to a fence



Marcus with his new family

Newsflash!

Shannon Bahrke won the bronze medal at the mogul finals of the Winter Olympic Games. In the photo, she hugs US gold medalist and teammate Hannah Kearney.

Shannon supports Poodle Rescue of New England through donating part of the proceeds from the sale of her Silver Bean Coffee to PRNE.

Congratulations, Shannon!



Shannon Bahrke, on right

WOOF WALK

Saturday, June 19th

10:00am - 2:00pm

Maudslay State Park
Newburyport, MA

Poodle Rescue of New England is proud to sponsor this exciting new event designed to raise funds to rescue, rehabilitate and re-home surrendered or abandoned dogs.

For more information, a registration form and a pledge form, visit:

<http://www.poodlerescuene.org/news.htm>

Mario's Best Friend (The Poodle Who Came for Vacation and Stayed)

... by Gayle Morelli



Rocket

Hi, my name is Rocket. I am a poodle, a very cute poodle if I do say so myself. I have heard the words charming, adorable as well as precocious, mentioned several times when people describe me. In fact, I have several fan clubs. At the vet's they call me "the Rocket Man." (The girls just love me there.) Around the neighborhood, it is just "the Rocket," but sometimes those who know me very well call me "Eddie Haskell." I know everyone and everyone knows me.

Anyway, I have been asked to write an article about me and PRNE. I just don't know where to begin; there is so much to say. How about if I tell you how I came to be in my forever home?

In 2007 I found myself being fostered by a wonderful family. Life was just great. I had other poodles to play with and tasty meals to eat. They took me to the groomers, but most important, I was loved.

When my foster family went on vacation, I would often visit another foster family. They also had other poodles to play with and a cat named Cosmo Kitty. The best of all was the dad, Mario. We bonded the instant our eyes met - male bonding I think they call it. We had a great time on those vacations. Trips in his truck included the recycling center and Home Depot. I was the co-pilot of course.

The best of all was this little plot of land he had at the community gardens. It was all fenced in and he made a special bed for me there. We would get in the truck, put the gardening tools in the back and be off for hours. Sometimes I napped a little in the sun, but mostly I liked to stand guard over the vegetables, and maybe bark hello at the other gardeners. When it was too hot and I didn't go with Mario, they all asked for me. I have another fan club there.

Every once in a while Bella (my sister) would want to come. What a nuisance she was to have along. She barked, and she made me bark too. We'd dig in the soil so that Mario's plants would be flying all over the place. Then it would be back into the truck for us. Heading home, Mario would mutter things to us

in Italian. Doesn't he know we are FRENCH poodles? So I am not too crazy about Bella interfering with my Mario time.

Secretly, at dinner, Mario would feed me treats under the table. Several times I got in trouble because I jumped on the table looking for those yummy treats. Enough about that - we will just concentrate on when I am at my best. At night Mario and I would watch TV together on the sofa, both of us stretched out, not letting anyone else on the couch. I loved my Mario time.

After several vacations with Mario, I thought his place would make a very nice forever home. Mario needed me! I knew I had to make a plan. One Christmas, I was going to stay with Mario for another vacation. I wondered, would he remember me and our good times together? Sitting in the back seat on my way to see Mario I thought, I have one last chance to work my charms.

I had heard there was talk of me going to another forever home. But Mario needed me! In the back seat on the way down Rte 128 towards Mario's house, I thought and I planned, and I planned and I thought some more. We got home; the door opened, and I found him in the family room on our sofa watching TV alone. I put my plan into action. I jumped in his arms, gave him a big kiss, and he hugged me.

That night at dinner as I lay at his feet, I heard mention of a forever home after vacation. Oh No! That night I slept right next to him, keeping him warm.

At breakfast I couldn't believe my long, beautiful, silky gray ears! Mario said he wanted to keep me. He just couldn't let me go. He loved me... Yeah! The plan worked.

And that's how I became Mario's best friend.

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Mario and Rocket

Vance Gilbert performs to benefit PRNE... by Amanda Lion



Vance with Bessie

On Saturday, April 17, renowned folk singer Vance Gilbert performed at Johnny D's in Somerville. Vance, an animal lover who has adopted poodles from PRNE in the past, is committed to supporting the organization's work and has thus dedicated the proceeds of his fabulous concert to PRNE.

Turnout was amazing and the performance was thoroughly entertaining.

The picture to the right is of Vance performing a song he wrote for Bessie, the second poodle he has adopted from Poodle Rescue of New England. He actually auctioned off the song sheets and donated the proceeds along with those from the concert to PRNE.

Thank you to Sue Matre and Liz Palmer for spearheading this event and to everyone who helped out. Also thanks to everyone who was able to come and support Vance and PRNE! And especially, thank you, Vance Gilbert!

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Vance Gilbert sings to benefit PRNE

Eye Problems Can Be Serious... by Liz Palmer



Toby

As I was leaving my house one day, I glanced down at Toby, a 13 year-old toy poodle (otherwise known as my "Million Dollar Baby") and saw that his right eye was shut. I wondered if perhaps there was something in his eye, but did not see anything. Knowing that his squinting was probably a sign that he was in pain, I called the veterinary ophthalmologist.

We arrived at the vet's shortly after I noticed his eye. I learned that Toby had high pressure in

his right eye and was suffering from glaucoma. I also learned that blindness can occur in only a few hours if a problem is left untreated. The condition is also very painful. Toby had had an eye exam a couple of months prior to this emergency, and all had been normal. Fortunately, Toby's eye pressure was normalized with the use of medication. Since then, we have gone for a number of re-checks, and Toby is doing well on a regimen of frequent medication.

The lesson is that it is most important to have your dog examined quickly at any sign of eye problems. Squinting or rubbing the eye with a paw or on a surface is a sign of trouble. Don't just assume the problem is conjunctivitis and wait to see if it goes away. Dogs with both minor and serious eye problems show the same signs - squinting and rubbing.

If an ophthalmologist is not available, bring your pet to an area emergency hospital. Most veterinarians in emergency practice can perform a thorough eye examination and prescribe short-term treatment.

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In the near future, PRNE hopes to have a veterinary ophthalmologist speak to our group so that PRNE can provide more information about eye care for our dogs for our readers.

Meanwhile, take any eye problem seriously!

Crate Training for Peace of Mind and Safety... by Jessica Janowski

Jessica Janowski is a Professional Trainer who acts as a Behavior Consultant and Training Clinician for Poodle Rescue of New England. An APDT trainer, she is also a certified Canine Good Citizen evaluator with a strong interest in helping "reactive dogs." She generously donates her time and skills to our foster dogs. For more information, please visit Jessica's website: <http://www.puppyplease.com/>



Jessica with Etta

Crate training is a valuable and worthwhile exercise. Most dogs will need to be in a crate at some point in their lives at a veterinary hospital, groomer or boarding kennel. These places are inherently frightening and stressful for a dog, but much more so if they feel trapped and are not used to staying calm while in a crate.

At no point in time should a dog be stuffed into a kennel, have the door slammed and locked and be left alone to "learn to deal." That is a sure way to create a dog who is terrified of being crated.

Take the crate to the center of the room. Bring a big bowl of tasty treats, your clicker and slightly hungry dog. Sit alongside the crate. Many dogs will look at the crate while they sit next to you. If they look or move towards the crate, click and give them a treat. Repeat this until they are actively looking or moving towards the crate.

If the dog seems comfortable being near the crate, try tossing a treat just inside the door. If the dog reaches in to pick it up, click and toss another. Repeat this a few times and then wait to see what the dog does. If the dog investigates farther in, click and give a few small treats one after another. Continue until the dog is all the way in the crate. Then give several more treats and speak happily. Allow the dog back out of the crate and then ignore them for a few moments. Begin the crating process again. The dog will learn that good and exciting things happen in the crate!

Some people choose to feed their dogs meals in their crate as well as give them special treats like bones or chewies only in their crates. This helps to make the crate extra pleasant, as well as preventing fights between dogs over high value resources.

For crating my own dogs, I have always had a Kong stuffed with peanut butter at the ready. I always placed the Kong in the crate. As my dogs went in to get it, I told them to "Go Kennel." Very quickly they learned this routine and would race into the crate before I could say anything. My Lab got to the point that if I opened the peanut butter cupboard for anything at all, she would race upstairs and launch into her crate. It was always so disappointing for her when I just needed sugar and was not actually leaving the house!

I strongly advise putting the dog in the crate for several short spells while you are home. This helps the dog learn that the crate does not always mean you are leaving. Also this gives you the opportunity to use the crate to contain the dog if you are busy or have company without the dog whining to get out because he is not used to being crated while people are home.

It is important that your dog not feel like this is "doggie jail." The kennel should be your dog's safe place, a bedroom of his own. Just as your parents did not let you out of your room every morning with a lot fan fare, make sure you are calm when releasing your dog from the crate. I suggest going one step further and only release your dog if he is sitting and calm.

- During potty training, your puppy's crate should be big enough for him to stand up, turn around and lie down comfortably, but no bigger.
- As your puppy grows make sure the crate grows with him. Many crates now come with divider panels so you only have to buy one crate!
- Once your puppy is potty trained, his crate can be as large as you have room for!
- Some puppies are happier in a wire crate where they can see all around them. Others are more secure in hard sided plastic crates.
- Soft-sided crates are not a good idea for any unattended dog because dogs can chew their way out and move them around!

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Training Seminar with Jessica Janowski

On February 28, 2010, Poodle Rescue volunteers and supporters attended a free training Seminar highlighting positive, reward based clicker-training methods.

Special thanks go to Jessica Janowski of Puppyplease.com for donating her time and expertise to help broaden our volunteers' skills. The training allowed our volunteers an opportunity to learn how to shape their dog's behavior using positive, reward based techniques.

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Also a great big "Thank You" to Luanne Barry and Mass Vet Referral Hospital for allowing us to use their beautiful conference room for our Seminar.

And special thanks to our Demo dogs, Juliana, Pepper and Ellie, who proved that, indeed, poodles *are* the smartest dogs on earth!



Jessica with Ellie

Jessica with Juliana

Jessica with Pepper

Thank you,
Jessica!

Update on Fifi... by Amanda Lion

We should all take a page from Fifi's book.

She came to PRNE with diabetes and limited vision. Then she began to have seizures that turned into grand mal seizures. Sadly, her vision deteriorated so much that before long she was completely blind. Recently she has had to have an eye removed!

And yet, every time something happens, she bounces back with a spring in her step and greets each day with a remarkable zest for living!

Fifi continues to amaze us, and we'd like to thank all of her supporters who have given in the past and who continue to give so that we can provide her much needed care.

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Fifi

Spotlight on a Volunteer: Liz Chinian... by Kim Rosen

With each issue of our newsletter, we take the opportunity to highlight one of our many volunteers. This issue spotlights Liz Chinian, one of our most dedicated Hotline Responders and Poodle Ambassadors.

Liz first came to Poodle Rescue after adopting her grandmother's eight-year-old poodle, Jessie. Her love affair with poodles was well underway. She started researching how to best care for Jessie and discovered how special poodles are. In her search, Liz discovered Poodle Rescue of New England and knew she wanted to get involved. Knowing she wasn't in a position to foster, Liz inquired about other volunteer opportunities of which there are many! Liz soon became a Hotline Responder and Poodle Ambassador, two jobs that are equally important and equally rewarding!

As a Hotline Responder, Liz is responsible for retrieving messages from our hotline voicemail, returning calls regarding how Poodle Rescue works, and mailing out applications to individuals who are unable to apply online. In order to volunteer for the Hotline, one must be able to devote from a few minutes to as much as an hour per day returning calls and mailing out applications. We ask for a one-month commitment and offer plenty of support from other volunteers as questions arise!



Liz and Greta at PETCO

As a Poodle Ambassador, Liz can frequently be found staffing an information table at PETCO in Waltham. Once or twice a month PETCO invites PRNE to their stores in Waltham, Topsfield, and Cambridge to represent Poodle Rescue of New England. Spending time at PETCO is a great way to meet other poodle lovers and to share the good work that PRNE does!

Her poodle, Greta, whom she adopted after the death of her beloved Jessie, often accompanies Liz. Greta is a spunky and friendly young girl who is eager to meet and greet both humans and canines alike!

Poodle Rescue of New England is a grateful recipient of PETCO's various fundraising efforts. They are tremendously supportive of rescue organizations, understanding the special needs of homeless pets. We will be at PETCO in Cambridge, Topsfield, and Waltham on May eighth and twenty-second and June fifth and twelfth. We will also have a presence at PETCO's newest venture, "Unleashed," in Wellesley and Allston. Unleashed is PETCO's new boutique retail establishment.

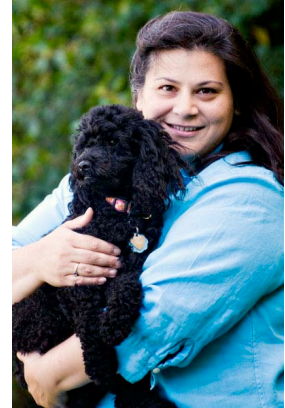
Other events that Liz and other Poodle Ambassadors have participated in include Petrock, The Whisker Walk and our annual Poodle Rescue of New England Adopter Picnic. Petrock is an annual festival that features hundreds of tables, including breed rescues, shelters, animal welfare organizations and more. It's a see-and-be-seen event for you and your dog to attend, but one that benefits ALL types of animals. The Whisker Walk is a

full day of fun for families and their dogs and a dog walk-a-thon fundraiser to benefit animal shelters and rescue groups throughout New England.

PRNE's newest event is the Woof Walk, an exciting fundraiser designed to provide the means to help rescue, rehabilitate, and re-home surrendered, abused or abandoned dogs.

When asked what she most likes about volunteering for Poodle Rescue, Liz says that, "being a part of the organization is a pleasure. I've met some wonderful people who are dedicated to helping poodles no matter the situation. My wish for PRNE is that we find a loving home for every poodle that needs one, and beyond that, that I'd win the lottery so I could donate a very large sum of money to PRNE!"

PRNE is fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers like Liz, but we can always use more! Whether you foster, become a Poodle Ambassador, answer the hotline, or get involved in any of our other pursuits, your input will be greatly appreciated!



Liz and Greta

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PETCO Tree of Hope Campaign

We've just received word from PETCO Foundation that PRNE will be receiving a check for \$5,564.00 from the Tree of Hope campaign. This is especially welcome news for us. PETCO has always been, and continues to be, very generous to us.

THANK YOU PETCO!

Thanks also to everyone who spent time during the busy holiday season at PETCO. And thanks to those who have signed up to work the "Spring a Pet Campaign" in the coming weeks.

BECOME A POODLE AMBASSADOR!

Help educate the public about poodles and our organization. Volunteers staff our booth at pet fairs, pet adoption days, dog shows and other events to answer questions, provide information on our mission and to showcase our rescued dogs.

We participate in numerous Adoption Information Days at several PETCO locations, at the Pet Cabaret in Roslindale, MA, and other local Pet stores. We always welcome new volunteers, and their well-behaved poodles who want to help out.

PETCO has been very generous to PRNE, awarding us grant money on several occasions. We especially need Poodle Ambassadors to help out for a couple of hours at various PETCO stores for the following dates and locations.



PRNE volunteers at PETCO

<u>CAMBRIDGE</u>	<u>WALTHAM</u>	<u>TOPSFIELD</u>
May 8, 22	May 8, 22	May 8, 22
June 5, 12	June 5, 12	June 5, 12

If you're interested in becoming a Poodle Ambassador, please e-mail
prnevoluteer@yahoo.com



Tucker helps out at PETCO

Sites of Interest... by Alice O'Connor

PRNE has many generous supporters, some of whom we list here for your convenience and information.

<http://www.janfennellthedoglistener.com>

The "Dog Listener of the East," Pat Wright utilizes the Amichien® bonding training method that allows you to live in harmony with your trusted friend. This non-confrontational, stress-free, gadget-free method is achievable for anyone with an open mind and respect for the fantastic creature that is the Canine. Pat generously donates her time by doing one-on-one training for our foster dogs and by holding Seminars for our volunteers.

<http://www.helpingudders.com>

PRNE gets from 10%-50% of purchase when the buyer designates PRNE as their "rescue" choice.

<http://www.puppyplease.com>

Jessica, a professional trainer and certified evaluator for the Canine Good Citizen Program, offers positive training for positive results. Jessica serves as a behavioral consultant for Poodle Rescue of New England and generously donates her time by doing one-on-one training for our foster dogs and by holding Seminars for our volunteers.

<http://www.thepetcabaret.com>

The Pet Cabaret is an independent pet supply store in Roslindale Village, Massachusetts, specializing in natural and organic foods and treats for dogs, cats, birds, and other small animals. Pet Cabaret is a generous supporter of Poodle Rescue.

<http://www.PETCO.com>

Providing supplies for all your pet's needs, PETCO is a generous supporter of Poodle Rescue of New England's mission.

http://web.mac.com/avesieciniski/Ave_Maria_Sieciniski/home.html

Artist Ave Sieciniski will donate 15% of the price of your pet portrait if you mention Poodle Rescue of New England.

<http://www.tailsinc.com/index.php?body=RGadoptables&domain=beantowntails.com>

Tails, an on-line magazine dedicated to the health and well being of your pet, supports rescue and adoption.

<http://www.wendywahman.com/pages/kids.php>

In rhyming prose, Wendy Wahman, beautifully teaches children how to meet, interact and make friends with dogs. The illustrations are vivid and enchanting. Although technically a children's book, those of all ages will enjoy it. Wendy lives with her husband and three beautiful standard poodles, LaRoo, Andy and GoGo.

Legislation Pending...

H.B. 4285 - Protect Pets From Antifreeze Poisoning in Massachusetts... A Plea from Mike Markarian, President of the Humane Society Legislative Fund

Hundreds of children and thousands of animals - including pets and endangered species - are accidentally poisoned each year from sweet-tasting but toxic antifreeze and engine coolant. Fortunately, the Massachusetts senate is considering a bill, H.B. 4285, that would require manufacturers to add a bittering agent to antifreeze and coolant sold in the state, so animals and children are no longer attracted to the deadly substance.

TAKE ACTION Please make a brief, polite phone call to your state senator to urge support for H.B. 4285.

Please remember to be polite and professional, and leave your name and address so it is clear that you are a constituent. You can say:

"Hello, my name is [your name] and I am calling from [your town]. As a constituent, I would like to urge Senator [senator's name] to support H.B. 4285 to prevent antifreeze poisoning. Thank you."

After calling, please **send a follow-up email** to your senator in support of this legislation. Thank you for all you do for animals!

H. 1467 - AN ACT RELATIVE TO TRUSTS FOR THE CARE OF ANIMALS

In Massachusetts, if you leave money in trust to care for your pets after you die, the trust is not enforceable since animals are considered property and have no legal standing in this state. Sadly, as the law now stands, the person to whom you entrust your money and pets is under no legal obligation to honor your wishes.

There is a bill currently pending in the legislature to change this. If this bill passes, Massachusetts would join other enlightened states that already provide a means for ensuring ongoing care for surviving pets. Your help is needed to get this bill through the legislature and signed into law. Please take the time to contact your legislators and the chairs of the Judiciary committee and tell them that you are counting on their support for H. 1467.

TAKE ACTION For more information, visit:

<http://www.mspca.org/programs/animal-protection-legislation/government-affairs/current-legislation/pet-trusts/pet-trusts.html>

Legislation Passed... Governor Patrick recently has signed An Act Prohibiting Devocalization (Logan's Law). The Commonwealth will no longer tolerate the cruel practice of cutting vocal cords to stifle a dog's or cat's voice. The bill passed in the House 155-1 and passed in the Senate overwhelmingly too.

Did You Know... by Laura Klein Plunkett

Increased reports of bad reactions to topical flea and tick preventives have caused the Environmental Protection Agency to take a closer look at the safety of these products. Dr. Jean Dodds, internationally renowned veterinary clinical pathologist, co-trustee of the Rabies Challenge Fund and founder of Hemopet <<http://www.hemopet.org/>>, the first national non-profit animal blood bank, has made the following recommendations.

In regions like New England, where dogs are at risk from tick-borne diseases such as Lyme, ehrlichiosis, anaplasmosis, babesiosis, tularemia and Rocky Mountain spotted fever, she recommends using plain Frontline, not Frontline Plus. Advantix may also be used, but only if there are no cats in the house, since contact with an Advantix-treated dog can cause serious health problems in cats. Dr. Dodds does not recommend Advantage Multi, Comfortis or Revolution.

Please consult your veterinarian before using **any** flea/tick preventive product on weak, aged, medicated, sick, pregnant or nursing pets, or on pets that have previously shown any sensitivity to pesticide products.

For more information on Dr. Dodds, visit: http://www.rabieschallengefund.org/images/stories/pdfs/jean_dodds_resume.pdf

For more information on toxic flea and tick treatments, visit the Natural Resources Defense Council at: [NRDC: Poison on Pets II](#)

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The Top 10 Pet Poisons of 2009

- Human Medications
- Insecticides
- People Food
- Plants
- Veterinary Medications
- Rodenticides
- Household Cleaners
- Heavy Metals
- Garden products
- Chemical Hazards

For more information, visit: <http://www.aspca.org/pet-care/poison-control/top-10-pet-poisons-of-the-year.html>

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Poodle Rescue of New England



FOSTER HOMES NEEDED
 Apply by e-mail:
 PRNEvolunteer@yahoo.com
www.poodlerescuene.org

The Metamorphosis of Mac...by Alice O'Connor



First Day: Rescued from a barn
 Skinny, skittish, not housebroken
 Double ear infection
 Severe stress diarrhea



First Month: Settling in
 Housebreaking in progress
 Learning to trust



First year: Blossoming, physically and mentally



Today: Happy, secure, and confident

In Memoriam

Olivia... by Jennifer Schroeder

We adopted Olivia from Poodle rescue of New England in 2003 when she was approximately 10 years old and named "Oprah Winfrey." Since she never responded to Oprah and we felt that Oprah was politically incorrect for a black poodle, we changed her name to Olivia. She was a perfect match and brought us almost seven years of joy.

During the first five years she was a very active senior, participating in long walks, car rides, cross country car trips and other activities. She never liked to be outside without her people and was NOT happy to be left on her own in a fenced yard. When we received her, we were told that she would dig, climb or chew through fences. (Indeed, her front teeth were worn from chewing on fences in her previous life.)

Over the past two years she slowed down, but still went happily for leisurely walks in clear weather. As an older senior, she wasn't fond of inclement weather. However, she never made messes in the house and was never a barker. When traveling, she was a perfect lady and enjoyed ever minute. Food! Oh my, did she love food! Of course she always downed her dog food, but her favorite people-foods were carrots, various fruits and veggies.

Unfortunately our Olivia passed away last week. Her decline was very swift, and I am still reeling from her absence. The house feels empty and my emotions are still raw and very close to the surface.

I can't describe the love and joy that she brought into our lives. I thank you for making the match and for the care, time and energy you give to poodle rescue.

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Olivia

Frasier's Last Days... by Bob Marrion

Early in the new year, Poodle Rescue gave us our ninth dog, Frasier.

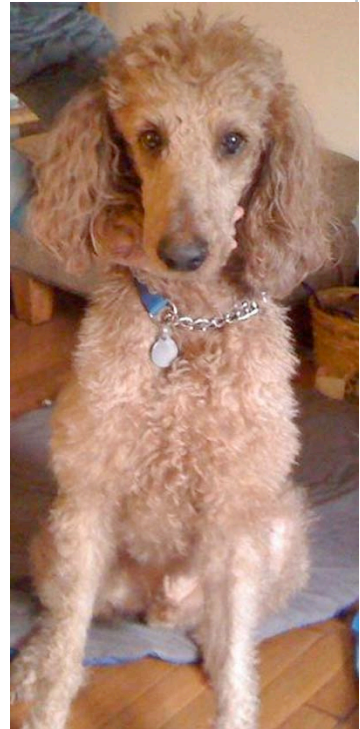
Hardly a small dog, he towered over all the other poodles of our house, even the famous Carly, despite weighing less than any of them. Sadly, it turned out that Frasier had terminal kidney disease, and his vets gave him only a few months to live. It was the task of Mom and me to make the big guy's last few days as nice as possible.

Considering we had five dogs to feed, Frasier never gained more than a pound. Despite this, he was always full of energy, and was never afraid to spend it on harassing the girls. Most of them were wary of the beast, and Crackers simply couldn't stand being anywhere near him; she would bark until her lungs gave out whenever he entered the vicinity. However, it was impossible to find Frasier in a bad mood, and all the time that he didn't spend playing, he could be found sleeping soundly.

Unfortunately, the fat lady sang early on in March. My mom discovered Frasier sulking in our living room. Realizing, sadly, that his time had come, she called me in to accompany her and Frasier to her animal hospital. Within minutes, we arrived at the hospital, and had the big guy euthanized after saying some brief but heartfelt farewells.

On a positive note, our girls could resume their happy lives without fear of a great monster attacking them, but it was quite difficult to get over the loss of a unique and happy friend.

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Frasier

Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole.
Roger Caras

GALLERY

W I N T E R S C E N E S



Mac, Sonny and Nicky



Figaro, Argo and Triton



Fiona and Samantha



Sebastian



Serina (now Sabrina)



Nicky



Sonny



Freddie and Nani

And the Raffle Winners Are...

On April 18, PRNE members gathered at Papa Razzi in Framingham for the annual PRNE raffle drawing. The winners are Amanda, from MA, who won first prize, a 7-night vacation at the beautiful Summertime Cottages in Bar Harbor, Maine; Lynn, from ME, who received second prize, a 7-night vacation on Cape Cod in beautiful Barnstable, MA; and Michelle, from MA, who won third prize, a fine hand-crafted silver poodle pendant.

Congratulations to all of the winners!

For donating our prizes, very special thanks go to: Sam and Sonja Callahan of Summertime Cottages, Nancy Maki for the Cape Cod vacation and Artist Laura Klein Plunkett for the poodle pendant.

We are especially grateful to everyone who bought tickets for this year's raffle.



An enthusiastic waiter draws the winning tickets

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Petrock Fest 2010
Sunday, Sept. 12, 2010

<http://www.petrockfest.com>



Lady, after a romp in the mud

**Poodle Rescue Picnic
2010**

Sunday, October 3

11 am – 3 pm

Borderland State Park

<http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/borderland/direction.htm>

Whisker Walk 2010

Sunday, June 6, 2010

318 Seven Bridge Road
Lancaster, MA 01523.

12:00pm – 3:00 pm

<http://www.whiskerwalk.org>

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