



Minnesota Wisconsin Collie Rescue

Finding new hope and new homes for homeless collies.

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They are the Reason for Rescue . . .

This has been a dreadful summer for three very special dogs recently taken in by MWCR. Thanks to our many very generous and compassionate donors, these three dogs are receiving the medical attention they desperately need and being cared for in loving homes. Their stories are below.

MILO Milo is the Collie saved by Red Lake Rosie's Rescue (RLRR) when someone received a report that people in a nearby area were going to take a Collie out in the woods and shoot it. RLRR found Milo, took him in, and got him to a veterinarian who drained and treated a huge cyst on Milo's neck. Milo was nearing starvation, had several teeth that needed to be removed, and suffered from various other health conditions, including Lyme and anaplasmosis. Nearly starved dogs must be fed very carefully to start with, and fortunately Milo's foster mom, with the able assistance of Skyline Veterinary Hospital, is experienced in caring for dogs in similar condition. Once Milo was stabilized and had gained enough weight, he had several teeth removed, which made it easier for him to eat and gain more much-needed weight.

Milo's health continues to improve, with the exception of an infection following the removal of one of his canine teeth. One of his Collie foster siblings alerted his foster mom that something was wrong in Milo's mouth, and when she took him in to the clinic, the incision had to be reopened and cleaned out. He has been slow to heal from this last dental surgery, and his mouth seems to be itchy during the healing process. On the positive side, he has gained weight, loves to play and be with foster mom, and is a happy dog on his way to a healthier, happier life. He has even attended some herding events with his two Collie foster siblings.

CHESTER Chester, a young male Collie, showed up at a rural place near Villard MN one day, seeking food and comfort. When the people who found him noticed that his back right foot was badly mangled and called the local Humane Society to ask what to do, the HS told them to take him to a nearby veterinary clinic. Caring personnel at the clinic consulted with specialists at the University of Minnesota vet school regarding what to do for Chester's foot and gave him preliminary care until a decision could be made about Chester's future.

The Humane Society contacted MWCR for help, and MWCR agreed to care for Chester, pay the bills for his care at the clinic, and determine the best course of action for Chester's future recovery. *(Cont'd on page 2)*



Milo...

Chester says that it has been so heart-warming to receive all the notes and well-wishes, as well as donations, to help him get well!



Chester

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Chester is being cared for by a veterinary technician who is an MWCR member and Collie owner. She and her two Collies took Chester in and undertook the task of overseeing his care, including changing his bandages every day. At first it seemed inevitable that Chester's leg would have to be removed. Amputation of a dog's leg is done high up near the dog's hip to avoid having the dog try to use the stump, which throws off the dog's balance and causes other problems. While dogs are very capable of getting around on three legs, Chester's doctor decided to try to save the leg by focusing on healing the wound. Chester's body is devoting its energy to healing the wound, and fortunately the open area on his foot is now much smaller than it was (picture at left). If all continues to go well, Chester may be able to keep his leg. He will need to wear a custom-made boot, which will have to be replaced every 2-3 months. Thanks to the doctors and staff at Skyline Veterinary Hospital, Chester has recently been trying new boot designs.

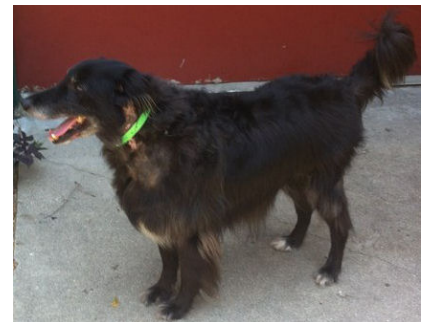
ANDY Andy came into animal control in Milwaukee as a stray sometime before the 4th of July holiday period. Because of a dog-fighting incident, animal control suddenly had to take in several other dogs, and Andy's life was in danger if he could not be placed in rescue. Compassionate people at animal control made a video of Andy (then called Chino) at the shelter, where he was obviously frightened and confused. When animal control contacted MWCR's intake coordinator, she immediately posted the video and pleas for a foster home on our Yahoo e-mail group. Two days later, Andy arrived in Hudson WI on a transport, stayed overnight in the Twin Cities, and went to what turned out to be his permanent new home the next day.

Andy, FKA Chino



Andy's health had deteriorated during the time he was a stray, and like Milo, Andy had to have several teeth removed, had a badly infected anal gland, and was losing weight rapidly. Tests revealed that Andy has Lyme/anaplasmosis/erlichiosis, and he is responding well to treatment with antibiotics. Once he is fully recovered from those tick-borne diseases, he will still need to be treated for heartworm.

The best guess is that Andy is part black Labrador Retriever and part Collie. He has the energy of a Labrador, the herding instinct—and long nose—of a Collie, and a happy, enthusiastic personality. He lives to play ball. He can spot a ball in a whole basketful of toys, and once he's got that ball he's ready for retrieving. He loves to catch a Frisbee in mid-air, too. He has the odd habit of grabbing clumps of grass from the lawn and pulling them out by the roots. Now if he could just be trained to pull up crabgrass . . .
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Scotty Says Hello . . .

Hi! My name is Scotty Galuska, and I'm a three-year-old sable smooth male Collie. I live on a 10-acre farm in Racine County. We have a horse, but I'm not allowed to go by him. We also have chickens and cats, and the cats are my friends. I really don't care much about the chickens.

I am basically a scaredy-cat. I don't like when things get moved around or changed around for some reason. I run and hide on my bed in the bedroom until someone comes and gets me. But I am getting braver with a little help from everybody. Kayla and Lucky go outside with me. They are my two Collie friends. We have fun running around in the back yard.

Kayla & Scotty



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MWCR is deeply grateful to the generous donors who contributed matching funds for Milo and Chester, and to those who contributed to the matching fund challenge. The money raised from Milo's and Chester's fund challenges are being used for their ongoing expenses. Although Andy's expenses are considerably less than Milo's and Chester's, any funds remaining from their care and treatment will go to assist Andy's full recovery.

THANK YOU!

Let's Talk Supplements!

By Dr. Ryan Speltz

I've received a request via email to discuss supplements for dogs, items such as vitamins, minerals, essential fatty acids; green veggies; probiotics; and combinations of the above. The best supplements for your dog will depend on the diet you feed and your dog's individual health. Since commercial canine foods frequently fall short in the nutrient category, supplements are generally necessary. These are some general recommendations I use when adding supplements to a dog's diet.

Supplements are an important source of omega-3 essential fatty acids like EPA and DHA and glucosamine. These are beneficial to the immune system, the nervous system, and the heart, and help stop inflammation, as in arthritis and allergies. My favorites are Cosequin and Cod Liver Oil, which also provides vitamin A and D, but most other supplements are high in vitamins A and D as well. If you wanted to increase the amount of omega-3 fatty acids due to health problems such as inflammation, kidney disease, or cancer, you can consult the experts, but remember that too many vitamins can be bad also.

Probiotics are the beneficial bacteria that live in the intestines and help control yeast and harmful bacteria, as well as helping with digestion and intestinal health. Probiotics given for two weeks or longer following antibiotic usage may help restore bacteria populations. I have my favorite; Prostora by Iams seems to be the best for us. Remember to use them after antibiotics, not during, for it can potentially weaken your antibiotics' effectiveness.

You need to be more careful about supplementing minerals like calcium, zinc, copper, etc., except in whole natural food form, due to the potential for overdosing or not using proper combinations (for example, zinc can be dangerous if given in large quantities or not properly balanced with copper). In general, I don't

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Seeking Volunteers . . .

We are always looking for volunteers! If you would be interested in:

Volunteering with (or w/o) your Collie for any of our future events, please e-mail Cat at

cat_chisago@yahoo.com

Fostering a Collie, please contact Mary S at

rmscopp@sbcglobal.net

Transport help, contact Vivian at vmoller@hyc.com

We also need volunteers to do home visits at various locations around our area.

If you have any other way you would like to become involved, that is awesome, and you can let us know at: collietalk@yahoo.com.

Condolences . . .

MWCR sends our deepest sympathy to the family of Jane Roberts in the death of Jane's son Shand Harner.

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recommend supplementing individual minerals without an expert guiding you, but the amounts contained in most multi-vitamin and mineral supplements should be safe.

Green blends are awesome supplements that include primarily green foods, such as kelp, alfalfa, etc. I think that natural green food supplements may be especially good for dogs fed a commercial diet. Yes, I know green food supplements can create a little more gas, but not all gas is bad. In this case, the leader in the field is Missing Link.

Synthetic supplements generally offer much higher amounts of vitamins. Overall, if the product is made 100% synthetically, I don't like it. Folks, beware of chemical-derived products.

Human supplements are fine to give to pets as long as you adjust the dosage for their size and make sure you know exactly what the supplements contain. Give half the human dosage to a 50-lb dog, and one-quarter the human dosage to a 25-lb dog. Very small dogs need products made for them to get the dosage right. Don't use children's products that contain Xylitol, which is very toxic.

Supplements are a way to give dogs the missing nutrients they deserve, but do remember to spend a little time shopping. Not all products are made alike, and the cheapest ones are that way for a reason.

Have a wonderful September, everyone!

2013 MWCR Calendar . . . Call for photos . . .

The MWCR calendar is currently in production. Our talented graphic artist and calendar person, Eileen, has asked for your best Collie photos and your favorite recipes for dog treats. If you have a picture you would like to submit for the 2013 calendar, please e-mail the images to: mwcrpics@yahoo.com. The images should be as large as possible and preferably not cropped. Recipes may be sent to mwcrpics@yahoo.com.

In this year's calendar, MWCR is featuring Rainbow Bridge memorial blocks for loved ones that are no longer with us. They do not need to be MWCR Collies—or even pets! If you'd like to feature a calendar block for your lost loved one, you can find details here:

http://www.mwcr.org/events/rainbow_bridge_calendar_tribute.htm.

Space is limited, so please get your orders in no later than mid-September or until spaces are sold out. Donations for the memorial blocks are tax deductible.



Introducing . . . Loki!

By Kayla Williams

When I first adopted Loki in May of 2011, I have to admit that I was a little worried about the decision I made. When I first got him he was very, very nervous and he didn't trust me at all. He paced all over the apartment and only felt somewhat safe when he was up on the furniture. At the time, I was a little disappointed because when I envisioned myself having a dog I never expected that I would have to deal with such an anxious one. Also, I was a little disheartened because he didn't warm up to me right away.

But I decided that this wasn't an easy situation for him and that I would try my hardest to make him feel comfortable with me. Since he seemed more comfortable around other dogs, I took him to the dog park often and enrolled him in a puppy training class. This was the first time we started seeing him come out of his shell. He loved playing with all dogs, and when he was around them he relaxed and acted like a normal dog. As the summer went on, I was determined to make him more comfortable with newer situations, so I started to take him everywhere with me that I could. As the summer went on, he started adapting to new situations a bit better than before.

When school started in the fall (I am a veterinary student at Purdue University), I found that Loki and I had even more time together since I wasn't working and we were really able to bond. During the day when I went to class he would hang out in his kennel, and when I got home we would either go to the dog park or on a hike if the weather allowed. We also had little training sessions every day, which Loki loved, to keep him sharp on commands. And whenever I had to study, Loki would be there, right next to me on the couch. As we spent more time together, I think Loki finally realized that I was his person and that I wasn't going to abandon him. So he began to relax and trust me, and started to become a wonderful and loyal companion.

After having him for a little over a year, you wouldn't think he was the same dog. He hardly ever paces anymore (although he still loves to hog the couch), and he is very good at adapting to new people and places. Before when I took him to new places he was very nervous and would try to leave the new place, but now he is calm and usually just lies down and takes it all in. Also, after all of his training, he is very good with commands, and I have him off-leash quite often because I know that he will listen and come back to me when called. When we first got him he was afraid of jumping into the car, and for the first few days we had to pick him up and put him into the car. Eventually he jumped in on-leash, and now he jumps in with no problem when he is off-leash. In the house, he is a perfect gentleman. He doesn't chew destructively, he has never marked in the house, he doesn't bark incessantly, and he fully respects my cat.

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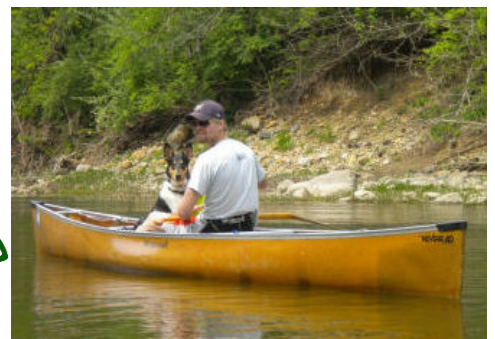


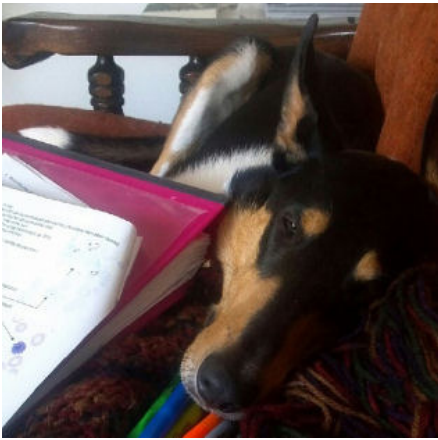
Sympathy . . .

MWCR sends sincere sympathy to Laure Victor and family, in the death of Laure's mother.

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About Interceptor . . .

Here is the latest information from Novartis, the company that makes Interceptor: We have initiated production of Sentinel Flavor Tabs at the Nebraska plant. Successfully validating the production process is the next step, and while new product will not be available for an undetermined period, the fact that the re-start of the manufacturing process has begun is positive news Despite our continued progress, we are still not able to provide you with definitive dates for the full supply of all brands.

The best guess by observers is that Interceptor may be in production by late winter, but with the backlog the wait for many vet clinics may be another 6-8 months . . . not good news.

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I still take him everywhere with me, and he has become a lot better at adapting to new places and actually enjoying them. I take him with me to other people's houses when I go visit, I take him with me to run errands, we go camping, canoeing, and hiking together, and he loves to visit my cousin's farm and spend time around the cows and sheep. (He is actually becoming quite a little herder, so I think I'm going to enroll him in a herding class in the fall). Since I always have him with me, he has grown quite used to being together, so he loves to follow me around the house; even when he is playing at the dog park, he always comes back every so often to check on me.

It just amazes me all the progress he has made. He has gained so much confidence and he is now so content, you never would have thought that he was a nervous dog. I have people come up to me all the time that met Loki when we first got him and look at him now and can't believe how far he's come.

Like I said, at first I was worried about my decision, but now I am very glad I made it. He is a great companion, and I absolutely love having him with me.

Editor's Note: Loki is one of the smooth puppies; his siblings were featured in the July issue of the Newsletter.

Meet Jinny . . . who turns out to be a water girl . . .

By Amy Silanpas

Jinny has been a wonderful addition to our family. We love how great she is with other animals and with children. Our daughter Kaelyn (3 years old) and Jinny have bonded incredibly well; they are always very excited to see each other. Jinny does great when Kaelyn plays "dress-up" with her. We often go to the playground, and Jinny is always popular with the kids there. Other parents always



comment on how calm she is and what a good dog she is with children. Jinny even lets Kaelyn and other small kids lead her around on her leash (without pulling). We tend to go to Kaelyn's grandparents' houses often on the weekends and Jinny has enjoyed those weekend trips as well. Recently we went to the family cabin and were very shocked when Jinny made her way into the lake!--usually if it's raining, we can't get her to go outside. Jinny truly has been a great dog and fits in well with our family.



New Merchandise Partner, and Toon Orders . . .

MWCR has a new merchandise partner, Pawlee's Treat Co., a new company that produces natural, healthy dog treats made in the U.S. The treats include jerky, and there are more products to come, including treats for cats.

Pawlee's makes a 10% donation to a designated rescue group for every purchase. To view Pawlee's Web site, go to <http://www.pawlees.com>. MWCR is listed under several states, including MN, WI, IA, MO, NE, MI, ND, SD.



MWCR will be taking orders for **McCartney Toon merchandise** to be delivered in time for the holidays. If you'd like to place an order, go to <http://goo.gl/kEJP5> or email webmaster@mwcr.org. The order will be placed in early November, and merchandise may be available for delivery at MWCR's annual dinner meeting on November 17. Remember, other breed designs are available as well.

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Calling All Matching Fund Sponsors! . . .

Give to the Max Day 2012 is just around the corner...well, almost! It is Thursday, November 15, and MWCR is looking for a few good **Matching Fund Sponsors!** Last year Minnesota Sheltie Rescue raised nearly \$15,000 on Give to the Max Day, and our big Collies are a bit embarrassed that they were so soundly beaten by those Mini-Mes.

What Is a Matching Fund Sponsor?

- Matching Fund Sponsors are those who lay down the gauntlet to challenge others to donate. Matching Fund Sponsors pledge to donate an amount of money once their challenge has been matched by donations from other sources. For example, if as a Matching Fund Sponsor you pledge to match donations up to \$X, you will be notified after we have received donations in the amount equal to or exceeding your pledge amount.
- Matching Fund Sponsors provide a great incentive to donors! Donors know that their smaller donations will be matched through the generosity of the Matching Fund Sponsor, thereby doubling the effective donation amount.
- Matching Fund Sponsors can also be employers. Many companies offer to match donations made to charitable organizations by their employees. If you can donate, be sure to check with your employer to see if they participate in such a venture as this can greatly increase the amount raised.

How it works:

- Email webmaster@mwcr.org with the amount you are willing to pledge as a Matching Fund Sponsor. The matching fund total that is our goal should be posted in early November, about 7-10 days before Give to the Max Day, so early notice of your pledges allows us time to total all our pledge amounts and set up the donation page.
- Immediately after midnight on November 15, 2012 the clock starts ticking, and donors can now take up the challenge made by the Matching Fund Sponsors.
- Per the Give to the Max Day website: Give to the Max Day was created in 2009 to increase giving to nonprofit organizations across the state and more giving online. It is a day for Minnesotans to come together to raise as much money as possible for nonprofits in 24 hours.
- Additional details will be available soon.
- While officially Give to the Max Day lasts only 24 hours, we can continue our Matching Fund Challenge until all Pledges have been matched. Maybe this year we can even beat those Mini-Mes!



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Coming Events . . .

**September 30 – PAWS
Second Fall Petapalooza,
Roberts, WI**

**September 30 – WI
Collie Frolic, Take 2,
Madison WI area**

**October 6 – Harvest
Howl, Wildlife Science
Center, Forest Lake MN**

**October 6 – Great
Minnesota Pet Together,
MN State Fair Grounds**

**November 8 – Pause 4
Paws Fundraiser,
Medina MN**

**November 17 -- MWCR's
annual dinner meeting
and silent auction.
Registration and more
information for/about
the dinner meeting will
be available on the Web
site later on. *This year's
silent auction will feature
costume jewelry willed to
the Collies by an MWCR
member.***

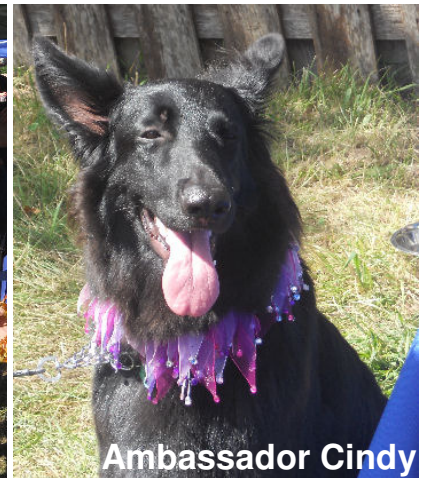
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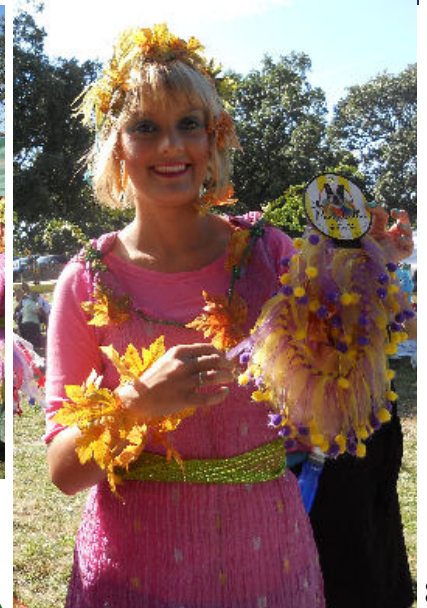
MWCR Events, People, and Collies . . .

Thanks to a dedicated and tireless group of people who donate their time and energy to attendance at events, MWCR has been present at a record number of events in 2012. Several more events are coming up before the end of the year (information at left). At these events, MWCR has a booth with information and merchandise available, including gorgeous Collie—and others, too—ambassadors, while MWCR representatives talk about what rescue groups do, and much more. These occasions provide exposure for MWCR and other rescue groups, spreading the word about the mission of rescues. Cat Olund is the volunteer coordinator who arranges times and schedules for the events and finds volunteers to be there at the MWCR booth. Terry Libro is the tireless event coordinator who registers MWCR for attendance at these events. Many other volunteers and their Collies attend the events to hand out information, talk to passers-by, and offer MWCR merchandise on occasion. Thank you to everyone involved in these events.

Minnesota Renaissance Festival Fun August 18-19



Ambassador Cindy



New Items in the Collie Shop!!!

Check out the new items on our merchandise page! These include Jar Grippers and Kitchen Magnets with the MWCR logo.

**Magic Grip Rubber Jar Openers 5" diameter
Made in the USA**



MWCR Logo-Shape Kitchen Magnets, Made in the USA



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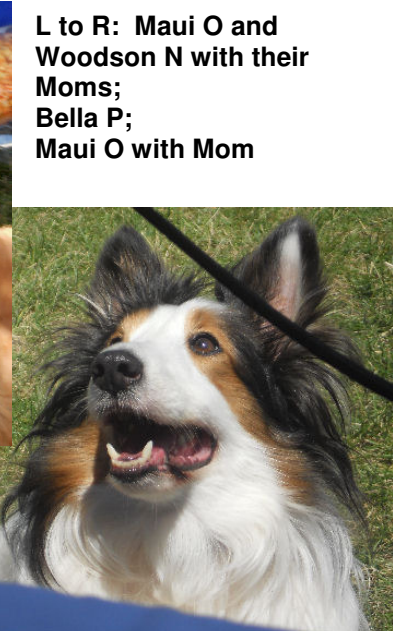
Dog Days of Westonka August 18



**Mound Harbor view (above);
Collie Ambassadors Tristan and Daphne with friend**



Pet-A-Palooza June 30



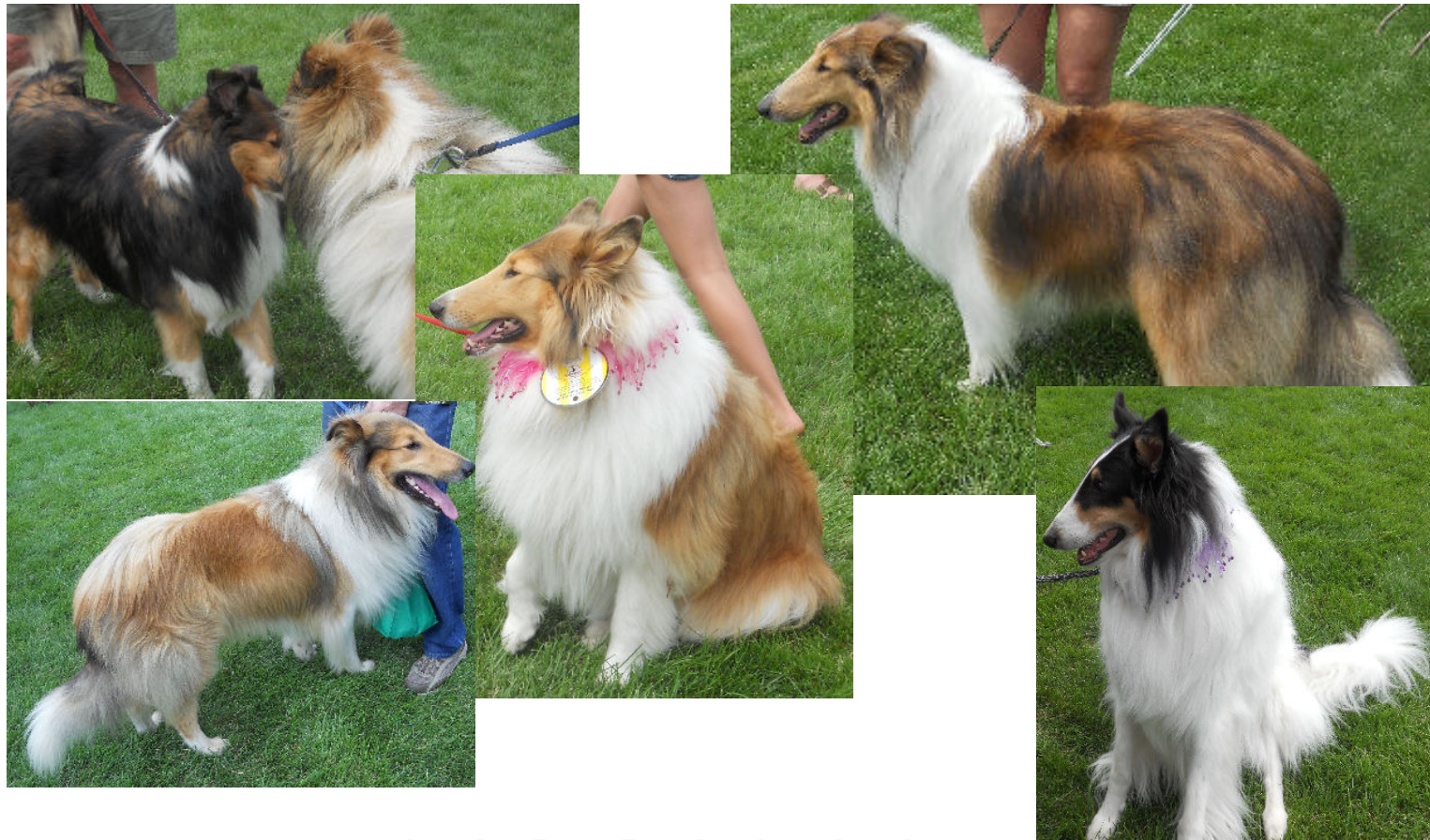
L to R: Maui O and Woodson N with their Moms; Bella P; Maui O with Mom

L to R: Maui O; Woodson N; Super Mario K

Dog Days of Summer, Alimagnet Park July 28



MORE...Dog Days of Summer, Alimagnet Park July



Lucky Dog Pet Lodge Anniversary



Above: Bomb Sniffing Dog Demonstration



Dog Days of Stockholm August 4



Mac, FKA Carter... Adopted 2-2010



Meet Jackson, FKA Jaxon: Adopted March 2011...



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How They Touch Our Lives . . . and Those of Others

My husband and I own an auto repair shop in Milwaukee, and we recently attended a wake for one of the NAPA delivery drivers who died suddenly. It's weird because we saw him almost every day but didn't really KNOW him. He always spent time petting the dogs (ours and our fosters) and making a fuss over them when he came in. So we went to the wake (mostly for them) and thought it was going to be kind of awkward. When we told his widow that he delivered to us, she said, "Oh, you're not the ones with the dogs, are you? He talked about you all the time." Then she called her daughter over, and her daughter knew all about the Collies, too. We both just lost it - it's so amazing how many lives the Collies touch without your ever knowing it. *Sarah*

