



# The Dog-Gone News

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Becky Rao and Elaine Rhodes would like everyone to know that we lost Brad, 2X National BOB, 2XAKC National Best of Breed Ch Jordean Your Wildest Dreams, "Brad", on July 8<sup>th</sup> to Liver Cancer.

No words can describe our loss, except that he was the consummate show dog, companion dog, sire, and pet, and that he will be missed.

Shortly before his death, it was announced by the AKC that Brad was the #1 Sire of champion get in the year 2007.

Our sympathy also goes to Jim Nowakowski who lost his beloved Wyte. Wyte was suffering from laryngeal paralysis, and it had become progressively difficult for him to breathe. Wyte was adopted at age 5 and lived to be 13. He was, according to Jim, "a great dog and a credit to his breed."

## GMBC Club Specialty Show, August 8 and 9, 2008

Please come out and support our Specialty show on August 8 and 9, at Grant Park in So. Milwaukee. It is important, whether you show or not, to make an appearance and help out. Also, please bring a basket of goods for the raffle, or any other raffle item of your choice. This is the main way we raise money for the club, so raffle items are extremely desired. It is also a very important way to meet and greet other Brittany enthusiasts by inviting them to our hospitality tent after the Specialty show. Thanks in advance from Debbie Connell and Tom Jagielski.

The American Brittany Rescue, in conjunction with the Guardian Angel Basset Rescue, is raffling off a vintage Corvette, along with several early bird bonus prizes, now through the drawing on September 21, 2008, in Dwight Illinois. The Corvette is a 1961 Roman red convertible with white coves, a new black soft top, an automatic transmission, sunshades, stainless wheel covers, 283 engine, Wonderbar radio, wide whitewall tires. This is a honey of a ride---you may purchase tickets on the American Brittany Rescue website at [www.AmericanBrittanyRescue.org](http://www.AmericanBrittanyRescue.org). Other prizes include \$1000 worth of gasoline. The proceeds will go to helping rescue dogs and/or to the current major project, a Senior Brittany Retreat, a place where Senior Rescue Dogs can go to be safe and cared for until they find

## HELP NEEDED FOR SPECIAL FAMILY

A Brittany Family is in need of our help. Tim Keesling of New Castle Indiana was badly burned in an accident involving his fire pit and fuel can. He is burned on his arms, chest, and legs and they are 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> degree burns. Tim is at Wishard Hospital in Indianapolis, in the burn unit. It is expected that he will be undergoing numerous skin grafts, and that he will be hospitalized for a month, and off work in rehab for at least six more months.

You may know Tim's family through dog showing and hunt tests. Tim and Lora have three wonderful young boys, Robbie, Jon, and Dan. Rob is an avid junior handler and has a Rao Farms bred Brittany, Baxter. They have attended the nationals several times in Ft Smith, and they have shown all around the Midwest. The boys and dogs are staying with their grandmother indefinitely. These are genuinely wonderful folks.

Brittany folks all around the country are contributing to the Keesling family in the form of checks, gift cards to Wal-Mart, K-Mart or gasoline cards (Marathon, Shell or Speedway).

Tim has health insurance but has a new job with no vacation or accrued sick leave, so the family needs whatever help they can get. If you would like to contribute, please send to family friend: Jill Schaefer, 6615 Blossom Lane South, Indianapolis, IN 46278. Phone: 317. 872.5590.

Rob and Jon below (photo).



## Other News

Rumor Has It: that Star, the Brittany will win the Greatest American Dog competition on the TV show by the same name. Star and owner Bill are doing many personal appearances at dog shows, and has camera crews following them everywhere. Star is a seven-year-old female spayed Brittany who competes in agility. The good news is that this show is highlighting how wonderful and versatile the Brittany is; the bad news is if Star wins, more people will want to own a Brittany. As we all know Brittanys are high energy, active dogs, particularly as pups. So if you are a breeder, be sure to screen your puppy buyers with a jaundiced eye and make sure they are the right homes for Brittanys.

The American Kennel Club Newsletter, Taking Command, is now a blog. In the first six months of 2008, AKC Canine Legislation activities exceeded the Government Relations Department's 17-year history. The AKC addressed over 750 state bills and local ordinances. Because of this overwhelming number and its incumbent workload, the publication has now become the Taking Command Blog. Check it out on the AKC website at [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org) and search for the Taking Command Blog.

Animal Lovers. This is pretty simple. Please tell all your email friends to go to the Animal Rescue Site at <http://www.theanimalrescuesite.com>. Each time someone goes to this website, free food is donated to abused and neglected animals. Click on the purple box "fund food for animals". It is free, doesn't cost you a dime. The click registers with the sites' advertisers who in turn donate food for advertising. It is a win-win situation for everyone. This info has been verified on Snopes.com, and is not a hoax.

The Club Picnic was a success in July. Thank you to Bey and Leroy Thomas for helping with the picnic and buying the supplies in Julie's absence.

Julie Asmus and Petey had another great weekend.

Saturday July 26 Waukesha KC Reserve Winners Dog

Sunday July 27 Waukesha KC BOB & BOW

Monday July 28 Burlington KC BOW & BOS for a 3 pt major

This was Petey's first major; he has 8 points, so Julie and Petey are half-way to their show championship. Congratulations, Julie.



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## IF DOGS COULD TALK.....

He would likely say:

- 1) My life is likely to last 10 to 17 years. Any separation from you is likely to be painful.
- 2) Give me time to understand what you want of me.
- 3) Place your trust in me. It is crucial for my well-being.
- 4) Don't be angry with me for long, and don't lock me up as punishment. You have your work, your friends, your entertainment, but I have only you.
- 5) Talk to me. Even if I don't understand your words, I do understand your voice when speaking to me.
- 6) Be aware that however you treat me, I will never forget it.
- 7) Before you hit me, before you strike me, remember that I could hurt you, and yet, I choose not to bite you.
- 8) Before you scold me for being lazy or uncooperative, ask yourself if something might be bothering me, or that I might not understand what it is you want. Perhaps I am not getting the right food, or any food or water or I have been in the sun too long, or my heart may be getting old or weak.
- 9) Please take care of me when I grow old. You will grow old, too,
- 10) On that sad and difficult last journey, go with me please. Never say you can't bear to watch. Don't make me face this alone. Everything is easier for me if you are there, because I love you so much, Tell me good-bye with your presence, no matter how difficult it is for you, remember, it's worse for me.....

Take a moment today to be thankful for your pets. Enjoy and take good care of them. Life would be much duller, less joyful without our four legged critters.

Now please pass this on to other pet owners, and your kids and grand kids. WE get so much from our pets, who sadly live much shorter lives than we humans. We need to make their lives as well and comfortable as our own, and realize that our own is a mutual relationship that has no comparison with other relationships. Your four legged friend will not divorce you or leave you. You don't need to wait for Heaven to be surrounded by hope, love, and joyfulness. It is here and now on earth, and it has four legs.

(Submitted by Jill and Bob Yoerin).

New tracking device: a collar with GPS from Zoombak. They make dog locator collars. As long as your dog has on his collar, when he leaves a designated area, he can be tracked by GPS. Locate your dog on a map, in real time; receive text or email alerts when he leaves his designated area; small lightweight and water-resistant; attaches securely to your dog's collar; live 24-7 customer service. For retail locations, go to Zoombak on the web.

We're on the Web!

See us at:

[www.gmbcbrittanyclub.com](http://www.gmbcbrittanyclub.com)

See: Memberships that are due, attached.

See Info for the annual Find Flush and Fire event attached

See Info for the Annual Club Field Trial, attached.