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Becky Rao,

The Dog-Gone News

“After the Hunt”. This is a young Brittany puppy born last Spring who just finished his first hunt in the Dakotas. You can see he has fallen asleep on the pile of pheasants he pointed. Pete’s dam was bred by Becky Rao and Andrea Lane at Rao Farms. He is a Brad x Jordi grandson. If you have a cute hunting or show photo, please share with our club.



For Sale:

A very nice young male dog, show quality, and in training for hunting at Wern Valley with Bruce Kapanke.

Call Becky Rao at 414-881-4582 if you are interested. If we didn't have so dogs, we'd keep this one.

Brief notes:

If you have a desire to produce the monthly newsletter for our club, please contact Bob Yoerin. The newsletter editor is responsible for compiling the newsletter each month, and for emailing the final edition to the Club Secretary and the Club WebMaster, as well as mailing out copies to everyone who does not have an email address. Accuracy is a must.

If your dog received a title this year in the AKC, please send a copy of the certificate to Bob Yoerin so the club can prepare an awards plaque for you for the Awards banquet. He needs the certificate NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 15, 2008. Please mail to Bob Yoerin at 31007 Plank Road, Burlington, WI 53105

If you are going to the Brittany Nationals in Arkansas, good luck and God-speed.

THIS WAS SUCH A GREAT STORY I HAD TO SHARE. From Julie Asmus

Mary and her husband Jim had a dog named 'Lucky.' Lucky was a real character. Whenever Mary and Jim had company come for a weekend visit they would warn their friends to not leave their luggage open because Lucky would help himself to whatever struck his fancy. Inevitably, someone would forget and something would come up missing. Mary or Jim would go to Lucky's toy box in the basement and there the treasure would be, amid all of Lucky's other favorite toys. Lucky always stashed his finds in his toy box and he was very particular that his toys stay in the box.

It happened that Mary found out she had breast cancer. Something told her she was going to die of this disease.... in fact; she was just sure it was fatal. She scheduled the double mastectomy, fear riding her shoulders.

The night before she was to go to the hospital she cuddled with Lucky. A thought struck her...what would happen to Lucky? Although the three-year-old dog liked Jim, he was Mary's dog through and through. If I die, Lucky will be abandoned, Mary thought. He won't understand that I didn't want to leave him. The thought made her sadder than thinking of her own death.

The double mastectomy was harder on Mary than her doctors had anticipated and Mary was hospitalized for over two weeks. Jim took Lucky for his evening walk faithfully, but the little dog just drooped, whining and miserable. Finally the day came for Mary to leave the hospital. When she arrived home, Mary was so exhausted she couldn't even make it up the steps to her bedroom. Jim made his wife comfortable on the couch and left her to nap. Lucky stood watching Mary but he didn't come to her when she called. It made Mary sad but sleep soon overcame her and she dozed.

When Mary woke for a second she couldn't understand what was wrong. She couldn't move her head and her body felt heavy and hot. But panic soon gave way to laughter when Mary realized the problem. She was covered, literally blanketed, with every treasure Lucky owned! While she had slept, the sorrowing dog had made trip after trip to the basement bringing his beloved mistress all his favorite things in life. He had covered her with his love.

Mary forgot about dying. Instead she and Lucky began living again, walking further and further together every day.

It's been 12 years now and Mary is still cancer-free. Lucky? He still steals treasures and stashes them in his toy box but Mary remains his greatest treasure.

Remember....live every day to the fullest. Each minute is a blessing from God. And never forget....the people who make a difference in our lives are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards They are the ones that care for us.

If you see someone without a smile today give them one of yours! Live simply. Love seriously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God .

Puppies for Sale per Deb Connell



Dam: Connie



Sire: Blue

Pups were born 09/28/2008. Five Males and Three Females. Orange and White. Contact George and Cindy McCann, Ellsworth, WI 715-273-1442 for pedigree information. cynthia_mccann@mtf.org

Follow-up to recent stories

In August we reported that a Brittany enthusiast in Indiana had suffered burns from a fire pit explosion at his home.

I am happy to report that Tim Keesling is out of the hospital, at home and religiously following his physical therapy regimen. He is not back at work yet, but continues to improve a little every day.

His son, Rob Keesling, is a Junior Handler and shows his Brittany Baxter in the field and in the show ring.

Hopefully Tim will continue on his successful road to recovery. For all of you who helped out, thank you from the entire family.

We are pleased to announce that John Hancock is rehabbing from his recent stroke. He is out of the hospital and at a rehabilitation center.

John, our prayers are with you and Bridget as you continue to heal.

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