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## The Latest Poop

November 2005

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### Message from our President

As the year comes to an end, I wanted to thank everyone who has worked to make this year such a success for Ready 2 Run. It has been gratifying to see so many new faces stepping up to help at trials and other functions. As our Club grows, I hope that this trend continues and I encourage everyone to get involved when they are available. I also want to encourage all members to support the incoming Officers. They take care of a lot of business in between membership meetings and make sure that we are organized and prepared for the future. I look forward to the great leadership that this group will provide us in the upcoming year.

As I write this, I am reminded of how very little time we have with our dogs. It is a cruel twist of fate that our four-legged constant companions will not be with us for our lifetimes and that the time will come when we have to say goodbye. I cannot imagine what it will be like when the time comes for members of my sheltie family. But I want to know for sure that I treasured the time that I have had with them and will always have beautiful memories of all the fun we had together at home, at play or on an agility course. So as you read this, go give your dogs a hug, go throw a Frisbee or ball for them and remember always that agility is For the Fun!  
— Cherie Singer

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### Welcome New Members

Kevin Gast and his Shelties  
"Sam" & "Katie" from San Francisco, CA  
Heidi Kopp and her Mini Wire Haired  
Dachshund "Benji Pooh" from Reno, NV  
Marie Mori and her Dalmatians  
"Emmy" & "Luke" from San Francisco, CA  
Candy Rapp and her Pembroke Corgis  
"Annie" & "Lodden" from Placerville, CA  
Julia van de Ven and her Navajo Stock Dog  
"Po" from Livermore, CA

## DECISION 2006

*The following R2R Members  
have accepted nominations for  
2006 Officers*

- ☑ President: Lynn Saunders
- ☑ VP: Maureen Lyons
- ☑ Treasurer: Karin Bell
- ☑ Secretary: Patty Diehl

*If you are interested in adding your  
name to the ballot, please contact  
Cherie at [kennelup@yahoo.com](mailto:kennelup@yahoo.com)*

**Elections will be held at  
the Christmas Party on  
December 10th.**

*Please contact Cherie to request an  
Absentee Ballot if you are unable to  
attend and would like to vote.*

## Happy Thanksgiving!



### You Know Your Dog Owns You If...

- ☺ you think his breath is actually kind of sweet
- ☺ he takes up more space on the bed than you do
- ☺ your remote control doubles as a chew toy
- ☺ you have a tattoo of your dog in a private place

## OFFICIAL CLUB NEWS

The following meeting minutes can be found on the R2R website at [www.ready2runagility.com](http://www.ready2runagility.com):

- ❖ Officers E-Meeting Jan/Feb 2005
- ❖ Officers Meeting April 2, 2005
- ❖ Membership Meeting April 9, 2005
- ❖ Officers Meeting July 21, 2005
- ❖ Membership Meeting July 30, 2005
- ❖ Membership Meeting November 12, 2005

**NOTE: At the July 30, 2005 Membership Meeting updates to the Bylaws were approved. These new Bylaws can be found on the website.**

Take a look and stay "up to speed" on club news!

## 2005 OFFICERS

### President

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## QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? SUGGESTIONS?

Every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of this newsletter. However, mistakes or oversights do occur. The newsletter editor, Lynn Saunders, would love to hear from you if anything was missed or if you have any suggestions.

## 2006 NADAC Calendar

**January 14-15:** Elk Grove, CA. Haute Dawgs. Contact: Jennifer.Akins@conservation.ca.gov

**January 28-29:** Madera, CA. NADAC Fundraiser. Contact: NADACSharon@aol.com

**February 4-5:** Madera, CA. NADAC Fundraiser. Contact: NADACSharon@aol.com

**February 11-12:** Madera, CA. NADAC Fundraiser. Contact: NADACSharon@aol.com

**February 18-19:** Elk Grove, CA Fun Paws, Elk Grove, CA. Contact: bevlewis@re4u.net

**March 11-12:** Elk Grove, CA. NADAC Fundraiser. Contact: NADACSharon@aol.com

**March 18-19:** Elk Grove, CA. NADAC Fundraiser. Contact: NADACSharon@aol.com

**March 25-26:** Elk Grove, CA. NADAC Fundraiser. Contact: NADACSharon@aol.com

**April 8-9:** Central Point, OR. Rogue Canine Agility. Contact: agilldogs@earthlink.net

**April 8-9: Fuji Park, Carson City, NV. *READY 2 RUN*. Trial Chair: Sarah McKinley; Trial Secretary: Maudeen Martin. Judge: Pam Smith (Supervising Judge, Greg Battaglia). Contact: maudeen\_1@netzero.net**

**April 15-16:** Fuji Park, Carson City, NV. mdt-Agility Ability / Pepper Memorial Classic . Contact: train@mdt-agilityability.com

**May 6-7: Fuji Park, Carson City, NV. *READY 2 RUN*. Trial Chair: Lynn Saunders; Trial Secretary: Carole Lamb. Judge: Kelvin Gray. Contact: cj lamb@ucdavis.edu**

**May 13-15:** Turlock, CA. VAST. Contact: maudeen\_1@netzero.net

**May 27-29:** Elk Grove, CA. WAG. Contact: susan@k9wag.com

**June 10-11:** Sonora, CA. Sierra Tuolumne Kennel Club (STKC). Contact: tyedyed@sonnet.com

**June 17-18:** Elk Grove, CA. WAG. Contact: Susan@K9wag.com

**July 29-30:** Fuji Park, Carson City, NV. mdt-Agility Ability. Contact: train@mdt-agilityability.com

**September 2-3:** Fuji Park, Carson City, NV. mdt-Agility Ability. Contact: train@mdt-agilityability.com

**September 20-24:** Gillette, WY. NADAC Championships. Contact: NADACSharon@aol.com

**October 21-22: Fuji Park, Carson City, NV. *READY 2 RUN*. Trial Chair: Patty Diehl; Trial Secretary: Cherie Singer. Contact: kennelup@yahoo.com**

**November 11-12:** Elk Grove, CA. WAG. Contact: susan@K9wag.com

**SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

Check Calendar at [www.nadac.com](http://www.nadac.com)

## HOLIDAY PARTY!!

Come Join Us for  
Ready 2 Run's 3rd Annual  
Christmas Party Potluck &  
Gift Exchange

Saturday  
December 10th

Cocktails: 5:30 pm  
Dinner: 6:00 pm

Bill & Marie Tobyanson's House  
11885 Anthem Drive  
Sparks, NV  
775-424-2673

(Directions Below)

**Gift Exchange:** This is always LOTS of fun. If you would like to participate, please bring a wrapped gift (doggie-related or not) under \$10.

**Potluck:** The club will be providing the main course (ham or turkey) and beverages. Please bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share.

**Directions:** From Highway 80 take the Pyramid exit. Go north about 12 miles to Pebble Creek. Turn right, go one block to Anthem Drive. Turn left and go to 11885 Anthem Dr. House is on corner of Anthem and Eagle Peak.

Please RSVP to Marie by December 2nd at  
[mtobyansen@msn.com](mailto:mtobyansen@msn.com) or 775-424-2673.





## NADAC NEWS

*There are some exciting changes coming our way from NADAC. Beginning January 1, 2006, look for these changes:*

**Wild Card Class:** Your Gamble qualifiers will all come from this class now. This class may be used to "settle down" dogs at the beginning of the day, or to familiarize dogs to a new set of equipment or a new trial site. This class can also be used for the experienced dog to demonstrate its distance and obstacle skills on the set of obstacles selected by the handler; and the handler's ability to direct his/her dog to perform those obstacles in a safe and correct manner during the allotted time.

**Proficient or Skilled Categories:** A dog may be entered at Elite, Open, or Novice levels. Within Elite, Open, and Novice, they must select either the Proficient or Skilled category.

In the **Proficient category**, the dog will compete at its traditional NADAC jump height, and all runs must be clean, with no time faults or course faults, in order to qualify.

In the **Skilled category**, they may enter at their standard jump height or 4" lower. In the Skilled category of the Regular Agility class only, the dog may qualify with 5 or fewer faults (5 point Q) or the usual 10 points for a clean run.

A "**distance challenge**" (worth 5 faults) will now be included in all Regular courses. It **MUST** be performed successfully to qualify in the Proficient category; may be faulted and still earn a 5 point Q in the Skilled category if the run is clean otherwise.

A dog may compete in only one category (Proficient or Skilled) during the entire weekend, and if selecting the lower jump height option in Skilled, will be entered at that jump height in all classes for the weekend. (Exception: Veteran jump height and time discounts for dogs 7 and older (or handlers 60 and older or disabled) will continue to be an option in the Jumpers and Regular classes in either category.)

Dogs will compete with other dogs in their entered height group, level and category. If a 19" tall dog entered the Proficient category, then they would be judged and placed with all Proficient dogs in the 20" height group, with the time allowed for a 20" height group dog. If a 19" dog entered the Skilled category and chose to enter as a 16" dog, then the dog would be judged and placed with the 16" Skilled dogs, with the time allowed for a 16" height group dog.

A Handicapped/Disabled or Veteran Handler may enter as a Veteran Handler and receive 10% more time to negotiate their dog around a course. If a Veteran/Disabled handler enters any dog as a Veteran Handler, then they must enter all dogs they run in every class as a Veteran Handler.

**Championship Class:** The Championship class is an Elite-style Regular course that is run twice. All dogs entered will run the same course. There will be two categories (Skilled & Proficient) and all divisions (Std, Vet, JH).

**"Bonus Box"/"Handlers Box":** On occasion, for Tunnelers, Touch 'N Go, Weavers and Jumpers, a judge might select a course that they feel is a choice for a "bonus box" opportunity for handlers. If a course is selected as a "bonus box" course, then the handler could choose to attempt to handle a large percentage of the course from a "handlers box" as marked on the ground. If a handler attempts the bonus and is successful and the entire run is faultless (no time faults, no course faults), then the run is worth a 15 point qualifying round. If the bonus box is not attempted, then a run with no time faults and no course faults is worth 10 qualifying points.

**For more complete information, you can join the NADAC Yahoo Group and look in the Files section.**

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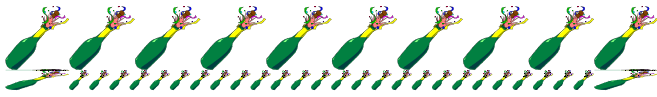


### 2006 NADAC Championships

The dates and location for the 2006 Championships have changed from what "The Latest Poop" last reported.

The new dates and location are:  
**September 20-24, 2006 in Gillette, Wyoming**





**CONGRATULATIONS  
TO THESE TEAMS FOR THEIR  
ACCOMPLISHMENTS!**

**LET'S POP THE CHAMPAGNE!**

- ★ Karin Bell and Zeb earned their NATCH.
- ★ Marj Ross and Chellie earned their Superior Versatility NATCH.



★ Patty Diehl and Shiloh earned their CATCH.

★ Karyn McCullough and Owen earned their CATCH.

**Happy Birthday!!**

Maudeen Martin - October 3  
 Cheryl McDonald - October 7  
 Lynn Saunders - October 14  
 Greg Battaglia - October 24

Gene Ross - November 12  
 Karin Bell - November 13  
 Markie Hoog - November 20  
 Cynthia Kennedy - November 21

Patrick Kennedy - November 23  
 Laurie Raz-Astrakhan - November 30

Ann Raines - December 16  
 Judy Chandler - December 17  
 Natalie Smith - December 25  
 Gwen Marsh - December 30

**READY 2 RUN BABY NEWS**



From Karin Bell:

I would like to introduce my newest addition, Stony Creek's U Light My Fire, 'Griffin'. He is just 9 weeks old in the picture, born early September, right around the time Zeb earned his V-NATCH. I flew all the way to Michigan to meet Carol Ross, his breeder and select Griffin from a field of 5 boys and 5 girls. I went there knowing I would come home with a boy but not sure which one. Lin armed me with a ton of information which I put to good use. The minute I saw the boys, I knew he was the one for me. How easy is that! Griffin is the grand nephew of Logan and is also related to Kyndra's Skye. You can watch me with all the puppy challenges each of you have gone through over the years. It has been almost 14 years since I have had a 'baby'.

## R2R . . . Brags & News

From Cynthia & Patrick & the 3 R's —  
or The Beastie Boys:

*(Editor's note: This brag was submitted before Rusty's crossing over The Rainbow Bridge. As you can tell, Cynthia & Patrick were very proud of their red dog Rusty).*

We'd like to thank all the Runners who sent good wishes for Patrick's speedy recovery from a frightening accident when his horse fell over on him in Lamoille Canyon, east of Elko. Patrick dislocated his shoulder and broke his collar bone. Patrick mended rapidly and was able to take photos on their "Equine Extravaganza" trip to Spain and Portugal in November.

"The Beastie Boys," **Rusty, Rowdy & Rigel**, had very good trials at QAC's CPE, and HA=HA's ASCA/NADAC. **Rusty** has once again, qualified for the ASCA Nationals Agility Finals, but couldn't convince his humans to fly/drive him to Georgia. **Rigel** is ranked #3 in the nation in ASCA Novice

Jumpers. He now has his Novice Superiors in Regular and Jumpers. The Gamblers is not far behind. Besides agility, **Rowdy** has been putting it all together in obedience. He recently completed his AKC and ASCA Novice titles with wonderful scores and placings. Three times he had to do run-offs to break ties and three times he prevailed. Rowdy was sent down the obedience road to learn some patience and self-control and the program has been successful for the Rowdy Bear Beast!

Here is a photo of the hanger we arranged for Rusty's NATCH pole. We found the neon sign on Ebay and it made the PERFECT place for hanging the memento. Red Dogs Rule!



*(Brag continued on page 8)*



## 2005 NADAC CHAMPIONSHIPS

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

From Sara McKinley:

We had a great time in St. Louis at NADAC Championships. It was a great site, perfect fall weather, and so much fun to see people we haven't seen for a year.



We flew with the dogs in cabin (there is an advantage to having small dogs) which made the trip a little easier. **Max** particularly enjoyed the chilled salmon in first class. But this didn't seem to improve his performance, as he was his typical wild self in the regular classes. But he did redeem himself by winning the 8 inch Tunneler Championship (he is a specialist) and a trophy that is bigger than he is!

In the Pre-Elite regular class, there were three rounds, followed by finals for the top 25%. **Billy** was

2nd in the first round, 3rd in the second round, so we were doing very well. But we fell apart in the third run (I made a mistake and Billy made a mistake), so we didn't make the finals. But he did very well for such a young guy (so I think we'll keep him!). We are going to petition for an award for the noisiest dog, because Billy ("Barkin' Billy") would have won this, hands down, for the 8 inchers.

We're already looking forward to next year's event in Wyoming, and hope to see more R2R'ers there!

From Phyllis Sanders:

**Rally** did me proud at NADAC Nationals by making the pre-elite 12" finals. He placed 3rd in the finals and also in the overall placement. Our pre-elite small dog team, consisting of Rally, Sharon Bradshaw's Sheltie Hannah, and Frances Goodwind's Papillon Mack, placed 2nd in the pre-elite small dog final placements.

I'm very proud of Rally.

## R2R . . . Brags & News, continued

### From Lin & Greg Battaglia:

Greg and I went to the Morris Animal Foundation in Denver, CO for a Canine Cancer meeting and a Canine Cancer Consortium Planning Meeting to help guide them with directing funds for Canine Cancer (*see story on page 5*). Also, Pepper's story was acknowledged in another recent book "Cancer and Your Pet" by Debra Eldredge, DVM and Margaret Bonham. We are so proud of what the Pepper Fund has contributed to help save the dogs we all love. Pepper lives on through his legacy. Not a day goes by that I don't miss him and think of him.

I am most proud of little **Pebbles** who got two Elite Tunnelers...YES Elite Tunnelers Q's last weekend at WAG. And she has also finished her Outstanding Open Jumpers title. Coming up on Superior Open Regular and Superior Open Gamblers for her Triple Superior. This is the little girl who was never going to go past Novice Superior.

**Trapper** needs only 10 points to finish his Open Superior Regular for a Triple Open Superior. He finished his Superior Open Gamblers and Jumpers long ago. He and Greg have worked hard to get this fast team together.

**Fallon** is coming along well and is close to her Outstanding Elite Regular, close to Outstanding in Elite Jumpers, Gamblers, and Superior in Elite Touch N Go. Way past Superior Elite in Tunnelers with 350 points. She finished her Elite Weavers title last weekend which has been hard for her but her speed in the poles is coming up.

**Sweep** continues to be the dark haired little prince...fast approaching another two NATCHES. He has finished points for an Outstanding Versatility NATCH and will hopefully finish up the points needed for his Outstanding Regular NATCH in the Spring. His first two NATCHES were this last summer.

### From Lynn Saunders:

Had a fun road trip down to Pearblossom, CA for the Manzanita Agility Club's Fall Fiesta Trial. Lots and lots of Aussies, but a few of us from up North – with tails – showed 'em a trick or two! Unfortunately **Chloe** popped off the teeter on

every single Regular run, so we used the opportunity to practice some impressive distance. We smoked the tail-less dogs in the last run of the trial, Tunnelers, with spectacular speed and distance. Karin was the hit of the crowd Saturday night making her infamous Margaritas! The trial was at Lorraine Cirinelli's house in the desert and she was a very generous hostess. A long drive, but fun.

### From Karen McCulloch:

**Owen** earned his CATCH at the WAG CPE trial in October. He is the first Boston to earn this title. **John Irving** continues to do well in his first year of trialing and is nearing his Triple Superior Title and Novice Versatility as well! **Cider** is becoming more confident with each trial, and with the new JRT pup **Twist** around, the pressure is off her and she is feeling less pressure from me to perform.

### From Kit Richards:

Agility Title: Open Jumpers with Weaves Preferred, Int'l Ch Eli's Akela Dragam MH CD VC RA OA OAJ OAP OJP OAC RS-O OJC JS-O NGC TT RTD RPP® CGC, "**Keela**"

Agility Results: Truckee Meadows Dog Training Club, October 16, 2005. Open Jumpers Preferred : 100 1st Place, Int'l Ch Eli's Akela Dragam MH CD VC RA OA OAJ OAP NJP OAC RS-O OJC JS-O NGC TT RTD RPP® CGC, "**Keela**"

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Truckee Meadows Dog Training Club, October 15, 2005, Open Standard Preferred: 100 1st Place, AM/INT'L CH U-CD Amberglow Lucca's Lila Minska MH CDX ASCA-CD VC RE OA OAP NAJ OJP RS-N JS-N OAC OJC NGC CGC RTD CPP® AqTD, "**Minnie**"

### From Markie Hoag:

**Pons** is moving along slowly but surely and is still my velcro dog at times, but not always. He has moved up in two levels in CPE (moved up to level 3 in Jackpot and level 4 Snooker) and we are trying

## R2R . . . Brags & News, continued

to get his CATCH before he retires from agility on some things.

In NADAC, he needs one more Gamble to accomplish his Triple, Triple, Triple in Novice Superior. I was hoping to complete that title before our awards dinner, but I am not doing anymore NADAC agility trials until March, when **Jacki** should be ready and we'll get back into trials.

Thanks to all for your wishes and concerns about Jacki and Tom – they are both recovering quite well. Tom is back to work and doing just fine. Jacki is doing therapy and recovering very well. She still has a limp but hopefully, with healing and time, that will go away. Looking forward to seeing all of my friends and R2R members again soon.

### From Tina Stewart:

**Breeze** (Blazin's Gone With The Wind) was recently shown at Del Valle in the 12-18 class under Ms. Dyane M. Baldwin. This was Breeze's first big show (with potential for a major) and I almost didn't enter. Figured some professional handler would win with a mature bitch out of the open or the bred by class. But Cheryl wanted to enter and now I'm so glad we did.

The major held (we had 25 entries, which is HUGE here in CA) and Breeze took Winners Bitch over many very nice open bitches and a very nice bred by. Not too mention a couple of professional handlers.

Cheryl did an incredible job of handling her – Breeze's side gait was incredible.

**Ambi** received her Open Tunnelers and Open Jumpers titles; and in CPE earned her CL3-H, CL2-F, CL3-R and her CL2-S.

### From the Tobyansen Family Circle:

After getting off to a terrific start in 2005, Ms. **Ziggie** suffered a soft tissue injury in August that kept her out of the trial circuit for several months. In spite of this setback, she was able to "go back to work" in November. To that end, she now has titles in Open Touch N' Go, Open Standard and Open Gamblers. Best of all, she seems to be feeling fabulous.

As to Mr. **Willie** 10 Bears, he had a blast run-

ning while Ziggie stayed on the sidelines this summer. In view of that, he has continued to work (if not 100% efficiently), very hard at trials! Consequently, to date he has earned his Novice Titles in Standard, Tunnelers and Touch N' Go. Additionally, he has earned his Novice Outstanding Title in Jumpers (the boy loves to jump)! Mom Marie is very proud of Willie, and is trying to run faster in order to keep up with him, and help him with continued success.

On another note, Papa, Bill Tobyansen, had some medical problems that sent him to the hospital the first week of October. While in the hospital he caught a nasty case of bronchitis that kept him down for weeks. He's doing better now, but is still a little slow moving from a broken rib. In spite of his health, Bill's sense of humor is as good as ever, and we are optimistic about his full recovery.

### From Laurie Raz-Astrakhan

**Blue** finished his AAD title (USDAA) and his OA and OAJ (AKC) titles. He's also working on a UDX in obedience, and just finished the 5th of the ten legs required for that title.

### From Joanna Ambroz:

Not too many agility competitions going on at my place, but we've been practicing. Practice, practice, practice.

**Ginger** is recovering from another shattered tooth that had to be removed and I'm looking forward to a speedy recovery from knee surgery next month. I'll keep my fingers and toes crossed that none of my other kids will go under the knife any time soon.

### From Jeff & Maureen Lyons:

**Gadget** turned 3 on November 1st — here is a picture of her standing next to the birthday cake



Maureen baked to take to our agility class to share with her classmates (and her

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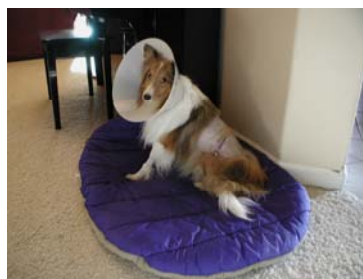
two sisters, of course) that same evening. It was a big hit with the furry, 4-pawed crowd! Peanut butter, vanilla, honey, shredded carrot, flour, egg, baking soda, oil, with a cottage/cream cheese frosting (flavored with a little lemon juice and vanilla). It was a fun project for mom!

### From Karin Bell:

My good old dog, **Zeb**, finally achieved a life-long goal, his Veterans NATCh at the HA HA trial in September. Just one year ago at that trial, Zeb earned his V-EGC title which took a year to get.. I thought we would never even earn that but he has surprised me with going one further and at 9.5 years old, he got his Championship on a perfect run. As most of you know, Zeb is my first agility dog and did not even try agility until he was 4 years old, the same age as Logan is today. You can teach an old dog new tricks!

### From Cherie & Sean Singer:

We wanted to take a moment to thank all the Runner's who offered us good thoughts during various knee surgeries and doggie ailments in the



last few months. **Joker** has recovered from his "mystery" abscess and seems like an entirely different puppy. He is currently having a great time running with

Cherie and has earned his Novice Regular, Jumpers and Tunnelers titles. It will be hard to give him back to Sean in the spring!

**Ripley** continues to excel as the "Most Spinningest" dog around but is slowing racking up the points towards a NATCh.

Our best boy, **Sampson**, hit quite a milestone in October when he earned his Triple Triple award with a final Jumpers Q at a trial in Pearblossom, CA. This award requires Triple Superior titles in Regular, Jumpers and Gamblers in Novice, Open & Elite. Only a few dogs in our Club have earned this award and we are really proud to be part of such a select group.

*Answer to Name That Dog (page 5):  
Top: Chloe; Bottom: Sampson*

## The Rainbow Bridge

### "Rusty" 1994-2005

**Patrick & Cynthia Kennedy** recently lost their beloved red dog the "Rare Beastie Dog" **Rusty**. Eleven years old this December, Rusty crossed over the Rainbow Bridge November 16th after Rusty was diagnosed with cancer in his back. After they adopted him, Patrick & Cynthia said "he was the best present we'd ever received".

Rusty was a very accomplished agility dog, having recently earned his NATCh (*see story on page 8*).

### "Tasha" 1991-2005

**Karin & John Bell** also recently lost one of their furry companions with the passing of their wolf-dog **Tasha**. Almost 14 years old, Tasha crossed over the Rainbow Bridge November 14th. Although she wasn't an agility dog, Tasha had a long and happy life running through the woods of the high Sierra Mountains.

She survived a horrible bear attack a couple years ago that slowed her down a bit, but Tasha amazingly pulled through to enjoy a few more years in her loving home.

*The time comes when we all will have to say farewell to our four-legged friends.  
Please let Lin know of a member in need so that we may extend our deepest sympathies to those members who have lost a beloved pet and friend.*