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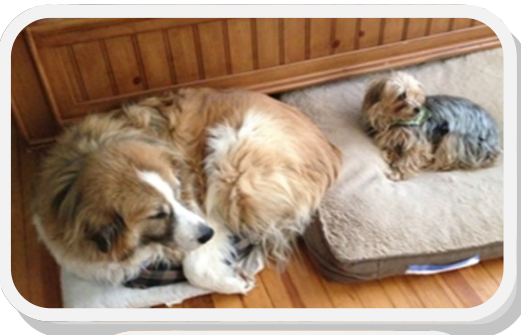
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AHDRO Collie Cavalcade

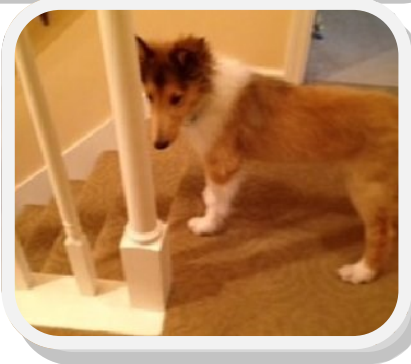
Join us in welcoming these Almost Home collies to their new Furever Homes!



Some sisterly love between Meg and one of her fur brothers, Jimmy. We love this girlie so much!



Layla and her friend Olive the Yorkie. They have been best friends since day one. Do you notice something "off" in this picture?



Kindie – King of the Stairs

Collie Cavalcade (cont'd)



Bentley and Junior enjoying a car ride.



Penny on a dog bed with her zebra throw on it working on her chew.



Bentley and Molly



Flash enjoys his new home.

Collie Cavalcade (cont'd)



Miley Sears and her new forever family.



Carly enjoying her 3rd birthday and hiking in the beautiful California outdoors. She brings smiles to everyone she meets!



Regal on adoption day. Such a look of adoration.



Ruby with her favorite toy. She carries it around like a toddler with their blankie.

Collie Cavalcade (cont'd)



Flash's new mom said she laughs at his high energy level and thinks he is fun !



Lassie II
Playtime anyone?



Timber sleeping on Timberlands



Teddy with his new blanket.

Collie Cavalcade (cont'd)



Sophie – her forever family just
LOVES her!



Layla with her new forever mom on
Mother's Day



Flea, Tick & Heartworm Medicine

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After much discussion with one of our consulting veterinarians, we have chosen to use Sentinel for heartworm prevention and Parastar for flea and tick control. Sentinel should be given with a meal and Parastar is a topical application very similar to Frontline.

Regardless of what you use, be sure to get your dog's blood checked annually and monitor your dog's weight to be sure he/she is getting the correct dosage.

For a graph comparing various preventatives, go to:

<http://www.veterinarypartner.com/Content.plx?P=A&C=189&A=488&SourceID=>

Check Us Out!

AHDRO's Tanner is on the homepage of the Bissell Pet Foundation page!



<http://www.bissellpetfoundation.org/>

<http://www.bissellpetfoundation.org/2013/05/partners-for-pets-helping-members-change-lives/>

The BISSELL Pet Foundation is a non-profit pet charity and pet rescue foundation that provides financial support and resources to animal shelters and rescue organizations.

AHDRO FACEBOOK CHRISTMAS PHOTO CONTEST WINNER



Congratulations to Marie Webster and her collie crew for winning AHDRO's Facebook Holiday Photo Contest with 171 Likes! Wow!

Thanks for all who participated! We loved seeing your dogs dressed up and decked out for the Holidays.



Marie sent us these 'thank you' pictures from her collies.



Special Girls Make Special Gesture

Hanna, Ava and Brynn wanted to do something special for their birthday....they wanted to have a skating party but instead of getting gifts, they wanted their friends and families to donate to needy dogs.

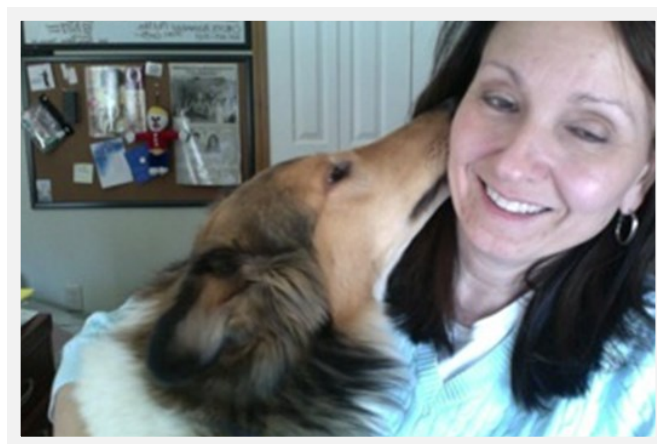
Hanna's family adopted sweet Macy Rae from Almost Home, so AH was lucky to be one of the two charities the girls collected donations for. Thank you Hanna, Ava and Brynn for unselfishly donating \$230.00 to Almost Home Dogs!!

Pictured is Hanna with Macy Rae.



AHDRO Adopter Helps Chemo and Dialysis

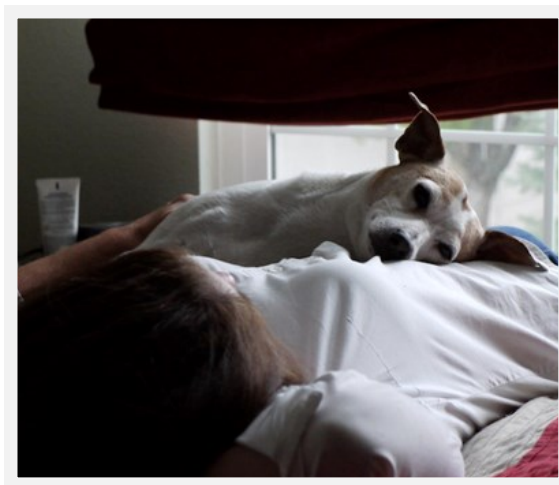
Deb adopted Kayla from us about two years ago. The business she created was recently featured in the article below. She is a very special woman.



<http://www.ohio.com/news/top-stories/northfield-center-businesswoman-makes-specialty-clothing-for-dialysis-chemotherapy-patients-1.458486>

3 Things My Senior Dog Has Taught Me About Aging Gracefully

[This is not about a collie, but the lessons are universal.]



Little white hairs have taken over Ranger's head, like mine, but he doesn't seem to worry.

So apparently I'm middle-aged. Well, that's what everyone tells me anyway -- friends, family, the media, the 20-year-old check-out boy in the supermarket who looks right through me rather than at me. Every time I'm reminded of my middle-agedness, I'm surprised. Because here's the thing: I don't *feel* middle-aged. But I guess I am.

With that realization comes another one: I'm not getting any younger. In fact, it seems that I'm getting older at an alarming pace. I've always vowed to be one of those people who age gracefully, who embrace the passing of the years. Yet I find myself staring disconcertedly into the mirror at the new wrinkle on my face or frantically making a hair appointment because my grays refuse to stay covered. And those things in and of themselves tick me off because I don't want to be so damn worried about getting older.

Just as with my own aging, I'm always surprised that my dog, Ranger, is a senior. But according to all the charts I've looked at (and I've looked at a LOT hoping to find one that tells me otherwise), when a dog reaches the age of 10, he's considered elderly.

We're not getting older, we're getting better!

Little white hairs have taken over Ranger's head, like mine. Unlike me, he doesn't seem to worry. "Who cares? It is what it is," he seems to say with the doggie equivalent of a shrug. As I've paid more attention to how Ranger has handled getting older, I realize that I've got a remarkable guide to help me navigate this tangled and complicated path.

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3 Things My Senior Dog Has Taught Me

About Aging Gracefully (cont'd)

So here are a few of Ranger's lessons on aging:

1. Stop to smell (and pee on) the flowers

I think part of the reason that life seems to go by so fast is that we're always worried about what we're going to do 10 minutes, 10 days, 10 months from now. *I've got to put dinner on at 5. I've got to call back that client on Wednesday. I've got to plan our vacation for July.* It's always the next thing and the next thing and the next. We're so busy looking forward that we forget to be here now.

When Ranger was younger, he was the same way on our walks. He strained ahead on the leash, excited to see what was around the next corner. In the last couple of years, he's slowed down considerably. Our walks take almost twice the time they used to. He takes so long reading pee-mail at each bush that I can almost hear him say in an old man voice, "Welp, whaddaya know? That young whippersnapper down the street done went off and got Fluffy Rogers pregnant. I tell ya ... kids these days."

I used to get so annoyed by this. "Come on, Ranger," I'd say with a tug at the leash. "I've got things to *do*." Then one afternoon, as Ranger carefully read the latest pee-mail, I just ... stopped. I took a deep breath and closed my eyes. I felt the sun on my face, felt the breeze and realized with some surprise that it was a really, really beautiful day and I had been missing it.

Since that day, I have made every effort, when I find myself rushing along in life, to push the pause button and be in the moment before I go on to the next thing. Ranger has taught me that the way to slow the passing of time is to acknowledge and appreciate the little moments along the way.

2. Be open to new experiences

"We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing." -- George Bernard Shaw

It never fails to amaze me how happy Ranger is when we go someplace new. Whether it's a camping trip or just a different route on our walk, a huge smile breaks out on his face and there's an extra spring in his step. The new surroundings seem to invigorate him and bring out his inner puppy. Unlike on our regular walks, he pulls ahead, excitedly investigating every unfamiliar nook and cranny, seeming to rejoice in the novelty of the moment.

As I've gotten older, I find myself putting off or turning down new experiences. I patronize the same four restaurants over and over. Or I go to a particular campground because we've been there before and know what to expect. Or I watch a re-run on TV for the 15th time because it's easier than getting invested in a whole new show.

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3 Things My Senior Dog Has Taught Me

About Aging Gracefully (cont'd)

And this bugs me. A lot. So I'm determined from now on to take my cues from Ranger. He's shown me that being open to the unexpected can help keep one young. So, okay, I'll download that app that everyone's been talking about. And maybe I'll finally learn a different language. Or, heck, I might really live on the edge and go to a restaurant I know nothing about! Quite the risk-taker, aren't I?

3. But sometimes it's okay to be set in your ways

Ahhhh...home! I know what you're thinking. "Seriously? How can you be open to new experiences *and* set in your ways?" Scoff not! It can be done and Ranger is proof.

While he loves to go different places and try out-of-the-ordinary things, he's always just as happy to get back home. Coming back from a camping trip, for example, he makes a foray into our backyard, checking the perimeter and ensuring everything is secure, just like he's done for the past nine years. He waits patiently on "his" rug while I prepare his dinner, just like he's done for the past nine years. And then he stretches out on our bed and we cover him up with a blanket, just like we've done for the past nine years. In his own doggie way, I know he's saying, "Camping is fun. But there's no place like home."

I said that it bothers me that I am not as open to new experiences as I once was. And it does. At the same time, though, I understand that there's a comfort in routines, in the things we know and love. It's nice to go to that familiar restaurant and order that dish you *know* you like. The trick is to find a balance between the two, something Ranger does effortlessly and beautifully, and something that I'm working to achieve.

I do hope with all my heart that I'm able to age gracefully. I hope that one of these days I'll look in the mirror and see the lines on my face as evidence of a life well-lived. I hope I'll be able to take the old with the new, and never stop learning. And I hope that by enjoying and appreciating the second half of my life, I'll have no regrets when I get to the end of it. If I'm able to do all those things, I'll have my wise, wonderful, precious dog to thank for it.

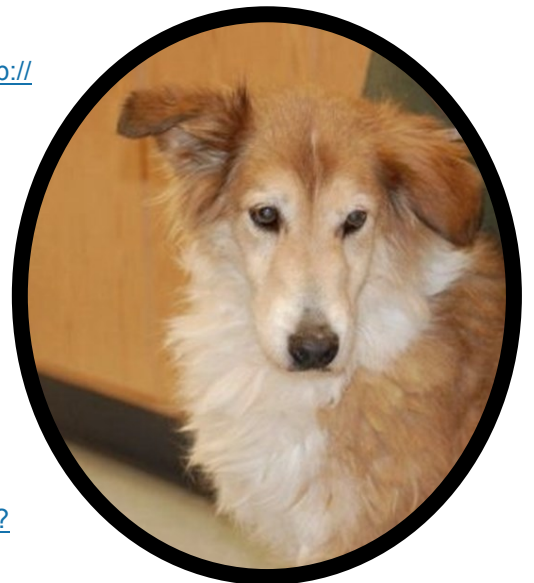
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What lessons about life have you learned from your dog? Email Sue Love, swlove@aol.com.

If you are touched by this article, consider fostering a senior for Almost Home. This sweet girl is Lily.

For more information on Lily and all of AHDRO's seniors, as well as how to foster or sponsor a senior, go to: http://www.almosthomeohio.org/index.php?option=com_mtree&task=listcats&cat_id=79&Itemid=35

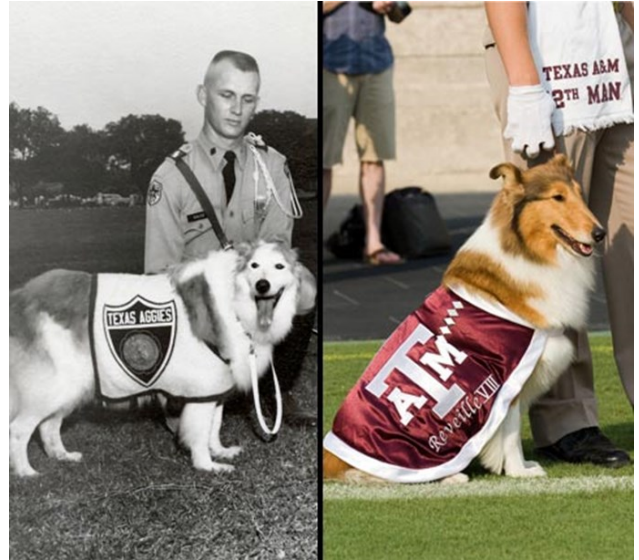


Reveille

Famous Collies: Reveille

Reveille, the first lady of Aggieland, is the official mascot of Texas A&M University. She is the highest ranking member of the Corps of Cadets being the only bearer of five silver diamonds.

Reveille I came to Texas A&M in January 1931. A group of cadets hit a small black and white dog on their way back from Navasota. They picked up the dog and brought her back to school so they could care for her. The next morning, when "Reveille" was blown by a bugler, she started barking. She was named after this morning wakeup call. The following football season she was named the official mascot when she led the band onto the field during their half-time performance. When Reveille I died on January 18, 1944, she was given a formal military funeral on the gridiron of Kyle Field. She was then buried at the north entrance to the field, as all Reveilles are, facing the scoreboard so that she can always watch the Aggies out-score their opponent.



Before naming Reveille II, there were several other unofficial mascots, such as Tripod, Spot, and Ranger. It was not until a later Reveille that she was a full-blood Collie. The most current Reveille is Reveille VIII who was introduced in August 2008.

Reveille is the most revered dog on campus. Company E-2 has the privilege of taking care of Reveille. If she is sleeping on a cadet's bed, that cadet must sleep on the floor. Cadets address Reveille as "Miss Rev, ma'am." If she is in class and barks while the professor is teaching, the class is to be immediately dismissed.

Reveille is a highly cherished mascot and receives only the best.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reveille_\(dog\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reveille_(dog)) http://www.myaggienation.com/history_traditions/reveille/

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AHDRO is now on Twitter, Instagram and Pinterest. Stop by and follow us today!



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http://twitter.com/intent/follow?source=followbutton&variant=1.0&screen_name=almosthomeohio



<http://instagram.com/almosthomeohio#>

Almost Home 10th Anniversary Recipe Book



Calling all great recipes (human or canine) for the AHDRO 10th Anniversary Cookbook!

We are producing a cookbook to commemorate our 10th anniversary and need your help.

Please submit your recipe via email to Suzie Parsons at:

ahdropgh@verizon.net This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it or send to:

Suzie at 4978 Young Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15227.

Deadline for recipe submission is May 1st. Be sure to include:

Name of Recipe

Submitted by

In honor of (dog's name, if desired)

Contact Phone Number

ALL of the recipe details!

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<http://www.guidestar.org/organizations/20rescue-ohio.aspx>

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The Kroger Rewards Program -- Help AHDRO

Kroger is giving up to \$5,000,000 to non-profit organizations this year. Organizations can earn money every time you use your Kroger Plus card. Almost Home Ohio has been a part of this program for some time, and needs your continued support. **PLEASE NOTE: Memberships expire each year on April 1st.** To sign up for an account, OR to renew your membership, please take the following steps:



Please visit [Kroger's Community Rewards Program](#).



If you do not already have an account, please click "Sign Up Today," and follow the directions to register for an account.



You will get an email asking you to verify your account. Click the link in the body of the email to do so.



Click on "My Account" and use your email address and password to log into your account, and proceed to the next step.



Click on "Edit Kroger Community Rewards" and input your Kroger Plus Card number. Update or confirm this information.



Enter "Almost Home Dog Rescue of Ohio" or our NPO number (81034), select us from list and confirm.



If you have correctly enrolled, you will see our name on the right side of your information page.

Thank you all for your continued support. We couldn't do it without you!

See more at: http://www.almosthomeohio.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=238&Itemid=37#sthash.526YnPsk.dpuf

AHDRO Events

AHDRO GOLF OUTING

Almost Home 4th Annual PARS FORE PETS Golf Fundraiser

Rattlesnake Ridge Golf Club Sunbury, Ohio August 25, 2014

Contact Janice Smith, 614-374-1433, janicesmith7@aol.com for details.

LECTURE BY DR. DUNBAR

Dr. Ian Dunbar will be lecturing on Friday June 20 at Capital Area Humane Society from 7:00-9:00 pm. The cost is \$25.00 (benefitting the Capital Area Humane Society). He will be speaking on dog behavior and training issues.

<http://www.dogstardaily.com/blogger/4>

SAVE THE DATE

OSU RiverJam #1 September 6, 2014

Reunion October 4, 2014

OSU RiverJam #2 November 1, 2014

Visit www.almosthomeohio.org or AHDRO's Facebook page for updates on these events.

Legislative Updates

[New Ohio law on puppy mills takes effect Jan. 1 - dailyadvocate.com](http://www.dailyadvocate.com)

<http://www.ohiocoalitionofdogadvocates.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Ohio-Coalition-of-Dog-Advocates/95316100681>

<http://www.change.org/petitions/ohio-legislators-pass-h-b-14-to-end-breed-discrimination>

Pars Fore Pets

Rattlesnake Ridge Golf Club Sunbury, Ohio August 25, 2014

Almost Home Dog Rescue of Ohio is holding our 4th Annual Pars FORE Pets Golf Outing Fundraiser on August 25, 2014 at Rattlesnake Ridge Golf Club in Sunbury, Ohio. This is our largest fundraiser of the year and we need your help to make this another successful fundraising year.

We are asking your support in any of the following areas:

- Sending out the golf outing brochure to anyone you know who "loves to golf."
- Reach out to area businesses to see if they would be willing to **donate merchandise** for a "silent auction" item.
- **Hole Sponsorship-** If you would like to sponsor a hole in memory or in honor of your family pet, entire family or anyone else; for **\$150.00**, we will create a beautiful 2 x 3 foot sign with the picture you send us along with your comments and we will place on one of the golf holes during our outing. OR, additional sponsorship opportunities:



BIG DOG BEVERAGE SPONSORSHIP - \$500.00

- Large signage on beverage carts.
- Name on print materials and promotion via social media and local paper to reach thousands.

BEST IN SHOW-EVENT SPONSORSHIP - \$1000.00

- Company name and logo on merchandise that will be given to all golfers.
- Company name and logo prominently displayed on large banner at the event.
- Name on print materials and promotion via social media and local paper to reach thousands.
- 4 Guest passes for golf at Rattlesnake Ridge Golf Club

If you are interested in golfing, sponsorship and/or obtaining a silent auction item for us, please contact Janice Smith, janicesmith7@aol.com

Bark Back

If you'd like to see your story or pictures of your adopted or fostered Almost Home dog in a newsletter, please send your information to me at swlove@aol.com. If you have ideas for stories, or suggestions of things you'd like to see here, please let me know as well. This newsletter is for you.

Please share our updates with your friends, coworkers and family ... perhaps they'll decide to join us!

Thank you,

Sue Love

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