

Renaissance Poodles

The Newsletter of Poodle Rescue of New England

Welcome Note... by Mahala Beams

Winter, winter, go away!
Come again some other day!

With this seemingly never-ending winter, I suspect that many of you are ready for some Spring. I certainly am! It seems we have had endless days of confinement because of cold and snow, and more snow, not to mention endless days of fitting our poodle companions with booties, sweaters and coats. It's worse than bundling up toddlers! Then heading out with them in the mornings, afternoons and evenings hasn't been a picnic when the wind has been howling and the temperature has been as low as zero. Added in to the difficulties have been the few available walkways, sidewalks and streets, most treated with harmful salt and chemicals and bordered by mountains of snow. And of course some dogs just won't submit to wearing booties. What to do?

If you are fortunate to have a fenced in yard and enjoy a little exercise, invest in a pair of snow shoes. With a little effort, you can stamp down some paths that will provide some interesting excursions for your pets through the snow as well as a venue for necessary business. Investigate your local water tower as a place for a much needed walk. Often the roadways around water towers are plowed, but not treated excessively with chemicals. And some local parks, such as Boston's Arboretum, have plowed paths. Of course, parking is another matter...

Invest in some good indoor toys. One of my three dogs, Figaro, wants to play, play, play. Bouncing a good Kong ball down the stairs or across the floor many times a day helps keep him happy and well exercised when extended outdoor excursions aren't possible.

What ever your strategies for coping with the cold and snow, stay warm and safe with your dogs until spring arrives at last.



Joey

Special Apricot Poodles...

by Anne Speakman

Almost 20 years ago--before Poodle Rescue of New England was separate from The Poodle Club of Massachusetts--our family was incredibly lucky. We applied and, after a long wait, were told that an apricot standard poodle was available at Northeast Animal Shelter. His name was Asa and he had already been returned once to NEAS because the prospective owner's cat "did not like him."

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Special Apricot Poodles... *continued from page 1*

We hustled our whole family up to NEAS, were approved and came home with an amazing 4 year old fellow, whom we renamed "Joey." He was a pet store dog, given up by a family who said they "couldn't deal with him anymore." They had kept him outside on a chain and he barked all the time (what poodle wouldn't?). Joey developed quite a following in Cambridge. Gentle, sweet, wise, tolerant, thoughtful, and so dignified. He received his own holiday cards, people knocked on our door and asked if they could talk to him or take him for a walk. Joey lived to be almost 16 and was the poodle of honor in our wedding.

We were totally distraught when Joey died, but eventually got another delightful poodle. His name is Tobias (Tobey); he's a blue mini and almost 8 years old. He is funny and sweet, has the most amazing posture in the world and is our constant sidekick. Within the past few months, though, we've decided to rescue another poodle: it would be good for Tobey to have a friend. It would be great for us to have another poodle companion.

We've been talking to people and scouring the internet. And guess who popped up on the PRNE website? The most adorable toy Apricot poodle. Had we considered a toy? Well not really, but why not? Had we considered an older dog? Well, why not? I am certainly an older dog, myself!



Dinah



Toby and Dinah

On January 11, we adopted the fabulous Dinah (formerly Diamond). She was a breed dog at a puppy mill in Maine. We are grateful to have met her wonderful foster parents, Rebecca and Tony. They had taken superb care of her over the prior few months.

And Dinah is definitely something else! She is dynamite smart. She is darling. She loves to be held and to pat your face with her hands. She knows to run outside to go potty and she lifts up both back legs when she pees (probably from living in a cage her entire life.) She definitely had a rough 8 or 9 years—having litter upon litter and typically six puppies each time. She was spayed, of course, by PRNE and finally had a vet and dental visit. She lost all her teeth, which is typical for

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Tobias and Dinah watch the *Sopranos*

Special Apricot Poodles... *continued from page 2*

breed dogs, because all the nourishment goes to the puppies. In any case, with or without teeth, Dinah is a speedy and eager food-consumer. In fact, we may be cutting back a bit on that.

We've had Dinah a few weeks now and are learning her personality and idiosyncrasies. She and Tobey are getting along well (although he is a tad jealous). She is definitely up for anything, and as the weather warms up and the snow goes down, she will be out there learning to walk on a leash. Thanks again, Poodle Rescue of New England, for another special apricot poodle!



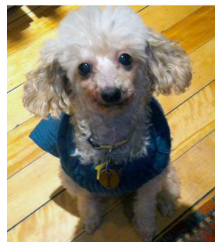
Lucky Dinah



Dinah and Ann nap together



Dinah gets a kiss from Margarita



Dinah learns to sit



Dinah and Tobias with Tomas

Thorns may hurt you, men desert you, sunlight turn to fog;
but you're never friendless ever, if you have a dog.

~ Douglas Mallock





Bob



Jeffrey and Bob



Bob and Liam

Bob... by Kelly G. Keiley

Bob (formerly Soca) has been with us for about three months now and has been such a fun little man to have around. His spunk and silliness keeps us entertained daily. Surrendered by his owner, Bob arrived at the MSPCA covered in lipomas. One was so large, it hung from his chest and appeared quite uncomfortable. His mouth was an angry, infected mess and he was very thin. Thankfully PRNE continues to reach out to shelters like the MSPCA and through that collaboration, dogs like Bob are given a second chance. The amount of surgery needed to remove the majority of his masses and teeth was extensive and expensive! Many shelters could not afford to make that kind of investment, especially in a geriatric dog... but PRNE did.

These days, Bob spends his time sleeping on the couch, patiently waiting for me to get home so that he can bay at me until I feed him (he sounds like the world's loudest beagle). His dog walker brings him and our other poodle mix, Lucy, out on social outings with lots of other dogs. Bob is an award winning cuddler and puts to shame any previous pet we have ever had. He loves to chase tiny squeaky tennis balls (even though he is completely deaf). He is one heck of a retriever and has the most gentle mouth.

Bob has been a loving, loyal companion to at least three families in his lifetime. We are so grateful to know that though he did not love us first, we will be the family to love him last... and forever. PRNE, thank you for all you do. Organizations like PRNE are often the only hope for dogs like Bob. We love you all!



The beige canine crew, Lucy, Jeffrey and Bob
AKA "50 Shades of Tan"



Bob



Serena



Serena

Another Senior Saved... by Amy Moore

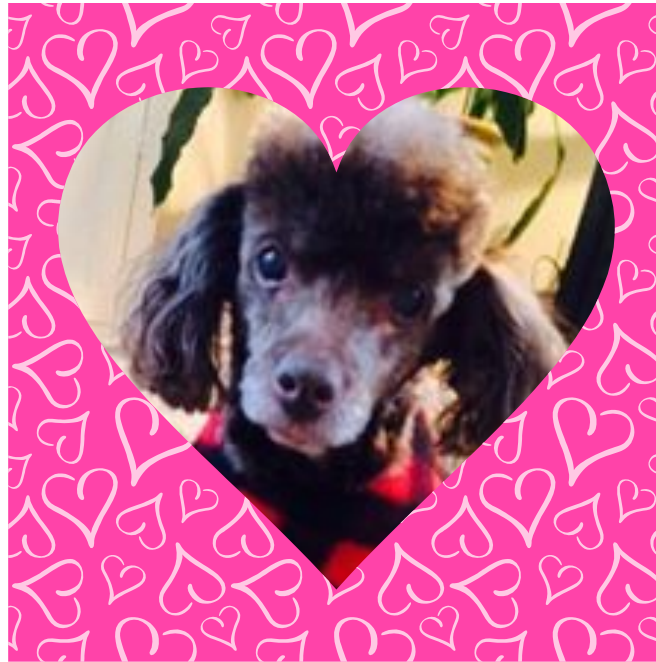
Serena was brought to the MSPCA at age 14 to be euthanized because her owner did not want her anymore. The shelter staff saw how sweet Serena was and convinced the owner to surrender her instead of putting her down. Luckily, the owner agreed, and Serena was provided with the vet care she needed.

When she arrived, Serena had a number of medical issues including several mammary tumors, a large mass on her bottom, and an infected mouth from the lack of dental care. Fortunately, all the tumors were benign and were successfully removed. Also she received a desperately needed dental. Serena recovered from her surgeries in a home with her foster family who enjoyed her lovable antics and sweet companionship.

Surprisingly, Serena received several applications even though she was 14 years old and blind. We are always amazed and touched by the number of people who are willing to open their hearts and homes to a senior dog. Anyone who has rescued an old dog knows how special the bond can be. Sharon was one of these people who looked past Serena's age and wanted to offer her a loving home. Serena is doing well in her new home and even though she has only been with her new family for a few days, they love her and said Serena is bringing much joy to their lives. A happy ending (and beginning) for everyone!



Serena in her new home with Sharon



Marvin
Valentine of the Year

To learn more about this special little guy, visit him on Facebook at
<https://www.facebook.com/SeniorDogsRock>

PRNE and PETCO
The Connection Continues!



Figaro and Avril represent PRNE
at PETCO in Cambridge



Lil Bit and Gayle represent PRNE
at PETCO in Needham

POODLE RESCUE OF NEW ENGLAND

January 25, 2015

Dear Friends,

As we settle into the routine of 2015, we'd like to give thanks to everyone who supported us in 2014, whether you contributed financially, volunteered your time or both. It's because of that generosity, that we were able to help more than 30 dogs last year.

Now on to the nuts and bolts of rescue... We had several medically challenged dogs last year. Walter, the standard puppy who came in through the shelter with HOD, an orthopedic disease, causing extremely painful swelling around the joints, ended up in rescue after his family could no longer care for his needs financially. After several visits with specialists, we were able to find the perfect home where he has overcome his illness and is able to live a normal and healthy life! Diamond and Keisha, two female dogs who came to us from another rescue that took several dogs in after a breeder died, required extensive medical treatment before they were healthy enough for adoption. Last year also brought us many senior dogs left at shelters for various reasons. In most cases, lack of basic medical care was evident and each required extensive veterinary care before they were well enough to be adopted.

Our primary goal is to see to each dog's medical needs prior to finding their forever home. Senior dogs and dogs with health issues (diabetes, epilepsy, etc.) are less likely to find homes and often times end up as long-term/permanent fosters (Sadie, Marvin and Titi). Their medical expenses are ongoing. We said goodbye to Cricket and Peppy last year. Cricket had been with us since 2009, and Peppy since 2011. Our hearts go out to their loving foster families and our thanks to their special Angels.

In 2014, our veterinary expenses considerably outstripped the total we took in from adoption fees. Thus our need for continued financial support is ongoing. Please help us start 2015 off with a BANG and make a contribution today! (See below for information on making a donation.)

From all of us at Poodle Rescue of New England we wish you a very happy and healthy New Year!

Thank you,

Amanda Lion
Treasurer

Donations can be made by credit card or Paypal through our Angel Program on our website (www.poodlerescuene.org) or by mailing a check to Poodle Rescue of New England, P.O. Box 441447, Somerville, MA 02144-0012

Do you shop on Amazon? Sign-up for the AmazonSmiles program (<https://smile.amazon.com>) and Amazon will donate .5% of every purchase you make to PRNE!

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Sebaceous Adenomas by Nancy Kay, DVM © (June 30, 2014)



Dr. Kay

Dr. Kay, author of *Speaking for Spot: Be the Advocate Your Dog Needs to Live a Happy, Healthy, Longer Life* and of *Your Dog's Best Health: A Dozen Reasonable Things to Expect of Your Vet* has graciously granted permission for PRNE to reprint one of her informative articles in each issue of *Renaissance Poodles*. Dr. Kay's extensive credentials follow:

Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine; Recipient, Leo K. Bustad Companion Animal Veterinarian of the Year Award; Recipient, American Animal Hospital Association Animal Welfare and Humane Ethics Award; Recipient, Dog Writers Association of America Award for Best Blog; Recipient, Eukanuba Canine Health Award; Recipient, AKC Club Publication Excellence Award. For more information, visit her website: <http://www.speakingforspot.com>.

One cannot discuss [lumps and bumps](#) in dogs without talking about sebaceous adenomas. These are, far and away, the most common benign skin tumors in dogs. Most dogs will develop at least a couple of them by the time they are senior citizens.

Sebaceous glands are microscopic structures found just beneath the skin surface. They secrete an oily substance called sebum that is transported to the skin surface via microscopic ducts. Adenomas can arise from the gland or the duct, and can develop anywhere on a dog's body.

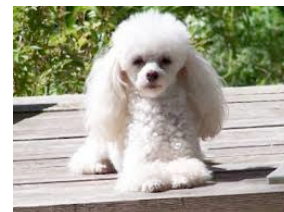
Sebaceous adenomas tend to be small, no more than ¼ to ½ of an inch in size. They may appear round or they can have a wart-like appearance. These benign growths occur primarily in middle-aged and older dogs. Any breed can develop sebaceous adenomas, but certain breeds are particularly predisposed: English Cocker Spaniels, Cocker Spaniels, Samoyeds, Siberian Huskies, Alaskan Malamutes, West Highland White Terriers, Cairn Terriers, Dachshunds, Miniature Poodles, Toy Poodles, Shih Tzus, Basset Hounds, Beagles, and Kerry Blue Terriers.

Because of their benign nature, the vast majority of sebaceous adenomas require no treatment whatsoever. Just about as soon as two or three are surgically removed, two or three more will develop. Surgically chasing sebaceous adenomas accomplishes nothing more than turning a dog into a patchwork quilt. There are some exceptions to the general rule of leaving sebaceous adenomas alone, and they are as follows:

- Surgical removal is warranted for those sebaceous adenomas that recurrently bleed or become infected because of self-trauma (the dog bites or chews at them), or because they get in the way of the groomer's clippers.
- Some sebaceous adenomas secrete oodles of sebum creating the constant appearance of an oil slick on the dog's hair coat. The grease rubs off on hands, furniture, clothing, and anything else the dog contacts. No fun!
- Some sebaceous adenomas are pretty darned unsightly, looking like warty little aliens poking through the hair coat. Although this is not bothersome for the dog, it can pose a significant psychological issue for the person living with that dog.
- If a mass believed to be a sebaceous adenoma is growing or changing in appearance, it is important to ask your veterinarian to have another look. What was thought to be a benign adenoma may be its less common cancerous cousin, a sebaceous carcinoma.

Does your dog have any sebaceous adenomas?

If you would like to respond publicly, please visit <http://www.speakingforspot.com/blog/?p=4442>.





DEXTER SAYS, WAY TO GO PATRIOTS!

Upcoming Events



Paws in the Park 2015

Save a Dog's 15th Annual Dog Walk

Sunday, May 3

10:00 - 3:00pm

Longfellow's Wayside Inn

72 Wayside Inn Road, Sudbury, MA

ANNUAL PRNE BARBECUE!

AUGUST 8, 2015

SAVE THE DATE

For more information, check PRNE's website:

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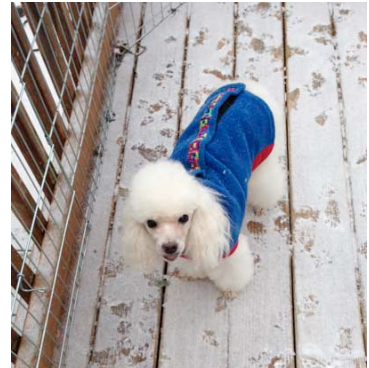
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Oscar



Dinah



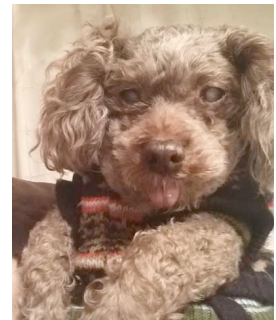
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Lulu and Santa



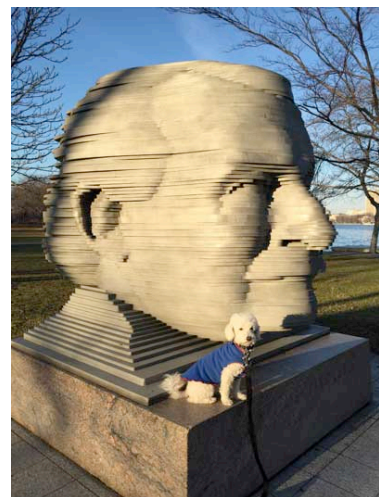
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Tucker



Avril



Dexter

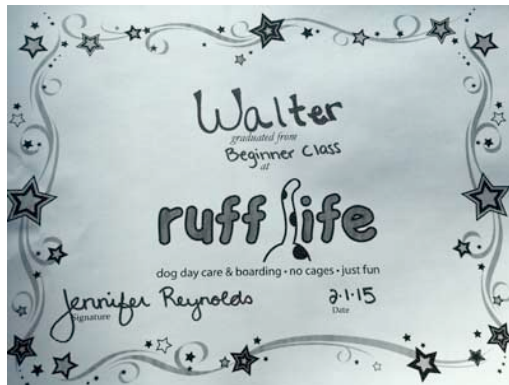
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Dear PRNE,

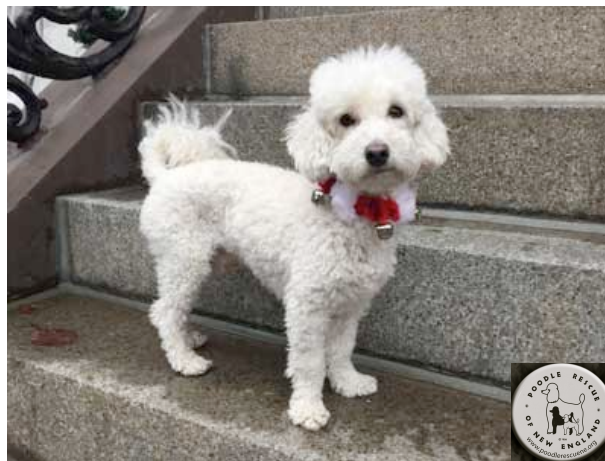
I just wanted to share this picture of Walter in his cap following graduation from Beginner Puppy Training. He was the star pupil if you ask me! We'll be attending the Intermediate level class in the spring.

I hope all is well!

Andy Manca



Walter, the proud graduate!



Dexter

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