



# "The Barker"

## Minnesota Wisconsin Collie Rescue



[www.mwcr.org](http://www.mwcr.org)

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### A Note From MWCR President Lorrie Oreck

I'd like to take a moment to share with you that the present incarnation of Minnesota Wisconsin Collie Rescue is celebrating our first anniversary.

Since August of 2001 MWCR has re-homed more than 60 Collies who needed help. Some of these Collies may have been adopted anyway, but some would have been needlessly euthanized because we were not there to help them when their "time was up".

I am so very proud of how our dedicated volunteers have overcome obstacles and worked tirelessly to help us become a real non-profit organization. We've grown in membership from a few to more than thirty members. I'd like to thank everyone for their time, financial assistance and for our foster families who have opened their homes and their hearts for our rescued Collies.

MWCR has grown in so many ways, but we still need your help. We need your donations, we need foster homes and we need volunteers who can help with transport, with grooming and dog walking. If you want to help MWCR Collies please contact us.

Thank you.  
Lorrie Oreck, President  
MWCR

### *Bella's puppies -*

In November of 2001, nine puppies were born in MWCR foster care. Bella, with her mate Ace (now Max) had been abandoned tied to a tree in Zimmerman, MN. MWCR was contacted to help Ace and Bella. It was discovered that Bella was due to whelp soon after coming into foster in MWCR.

Bella had a very difficult labor, but those nine beautiful Collie puppies were worth it. Beginning on page 2, some of their new families share the stories of the puppies' new lives with us.

Both Bella and Max have been adopted into wonderful forever homes who show them the kindness and love that they deserve.

#### MISSION STATEMENT:

Minnesota Wisconsin Collie Rescue is organized as a non-profit, volunteer corporation. A Board of Directors and voting members govern Minnesota Wisconsin Collie Rescue. Our goal is to provide quality shelter and care of unwanted, neglected and/or abused Collies until proper, permanent homes can be found, and to give advice to potential and current Collie owners about breed characteristics, proper care, health issues, and training and behavior.

Contact Minnesota Wisconsin Collie Rescue at: 612-869-0480 or visit us on the web at:  
[www.mwcr.org](http://www.mwcr.org)



**Q:** I haven't figured out how to keep Colin from jumping on me when I first come home at night. Any suggestions? When I turn away from Colin he just jumps at my back. How do you stop that?

**A:** Try moving into the dog when he jumps on you. If he jumps on your back, walk backwards into him. They usually quit because it throws them off-balance. You can also reward him for sitting or any behavior other than jumping.

*Have a question for MWCR members about your Collie? Send your Collie Talk question via e-mail to:*  
[daisyntasha@aol.com](mailto:daisyntasha@aol.com)

*or snail mail to:*  
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# Whatever happened to those cute puppies?



**Zeke**

We adopted "Zeke" and kept that name. When my daughter first pulled up the puppy pictures on the computer, there was Zeke - the first picture and from that moment, we all said that's the puppy we want. Even before we were able to adopt him the kids and I always talked about "Zeke" like he was already part of our family. There was no way we could change the name.

Zeke's favorite thing to do is to take off my husband's hat. Pete wears baseball hats quite often and when he's down on the floor playing with the kids or trying to fix something, that's the first thing Zeke does is sneak up behind him, puts his front paws on his shoulders and gets the hat every time! We have a rag roll type toy that he carries around with him and drops it down in front of you to play with him!

The funniest thing is when you start playing with him he gets so wound up that he starts running all over the yard, jumps over things like he's performing some dog act! The cutest thing by far is when the children are on the floor playing Playstation, or I'm on the floor sorting clothes, he has to sit right on top of you! When you say it's nigh nigh time, he goes right to his crate and opens the door with his nose and goes in. He has learned so quickly



too to sit, give paw and speak.

Zeke has brought so much joy to us after losing our previous collie of 13 1/2 years. He reminds us so much of McGee that we feel he is still with us! We have gotten nothing but compliments on such a beautiful dog! That he is!

Thank you for caring,

Mary Pat



**Zeke**



**Zeke preparing to steal another baseball hat.**

## *Share your stories with us!*

*We want to hear about your rescued Collie! Tell us what you know of their past before coming into your home and how your Collie has changed your life.*

*Send us a story and photo(s) by e-mail to:*

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## ...puppies? *Continued*



Shannon (was Cleo)

We'd be happy to let everyone know how Shannon, one of Bella's puppies, is doing and we'd love to know how her sister and brothers are doing! As some people may remember there were only two female puppies in this litter of nine puppies. Shannon is the one whose name was Cleo. Shannon is named for the River Shannon in Ireland. I'm Irish and my two daughters have Irish names too. Shannon is now seven months old and she weighs about 48 pounds. She is a beautiful golden sable and white.

Shannon has been a member of our family for three months now. She is a real sweetheart. She loves every member of our family including our two senior dogs, Ashley age 11 and Penelope age 9. Shannon loves squeaky toys. She has lots of them, some we bought brand new especially for her and some she inherited from her canine sisters. I think her favorite squeaky toy is whatever one she is playing with at the time. Shannon's



absolutely favorite toy, however, is not a squeaky toy but a rolled up frozen washcloth. The trainer we are

working with recommended it for teething, but Shannon loves it at any time. She treats her washcloth almost like a puzzle she has to solve and she will not stop working on it until she has unrolled, but unrolling the washcloth is not all work. Shannon has fun tossing it in the air and running after it before it is unrolled, when it is partially unrolled and after it is unrolled. She also has fun shaking it before it is unrolled, when it is partially unrolled and after it is unrolled. In between tossing it and shaking it she calmly uses her teeth to gnaw on it and to unravel it. It is really fun to watch her do this.

Shannon attended Puppy Kindergarten for four weeks in April. Shannon did well in class and enjoyed it so much that she is now enrolled in Puppies in the Park, summer classes for adolescent pups with our Puppy Kindergarten instructor. Shannon has been learning basic commands such as sit, down and stay. She has been learning to heel and to come when called. She is doing well with all of these most of the time. Her come was very good in P u p p y Kindergarten and at home. During our first Puppies in the Park class when it was our turn I called Shannon to come, she r e s p o n d e d instantly and came toward me at a full run. Everyone was quite impressed and I knelt down and held out a treat to reward this excellent performance.

Shannon came just within grabbing distance of the treat when she surprised everyone including me by doing a duck and run. She didn't

even try to grab her treat first! I guess the excitement of a new park and new classmates was just too much for her and she had to go investigate!

Shannon has been to the vet three times since she came to live with us, once for a complete physical, once to get spayed and once for the follow up to her surgery. She prances into the vet all ready to visit. She hasn't been frightened at all. Our other two dogs are terrified of the vet. The only other dog we've ever known who was happy to visit the vet as Shannon is, was our first collie, Sterling, who we lost to cancer when she was thirteen. It's nice to have another dog that is not afraid of the vet.

Attached are a couple of pictures of Shannon taken this month. The pictures actually make her coat look darker than it is. It was a dreary day so I guess the lighting w a s n ' t v e r y g o o d .



Thanks to everyone for asking about Shannon and thanks again to MWCR for taking such good care of all collies in need of new homes. Take care.

Andy and Nancy

**...puppies? Continued**



Wolfie (was Carlos)



Wolfie relaxes on a boat ride with Mariah

Wolfie, (was Carlos) was adopted into a family with doggie brothers Bob, an Australian Shepherd, and Woody, a one year old sable Collie. He also has two kitty siblings, Cuddles and Moe. Moe was only a few months old when Wolfie joined the



Bob

Woody

family. As all siblings are apt to do, Moe and Wolfie wrestle. As you can see from the picture, regardless of size they are pretty evenly matched. Wolfie is a very confident dog and very well behaved at nine months old. He loves everyone.

In addition to furry siblings, Wolfie has two human siblings still living at home.

Mariah is eleven and Zachary is 17. All of the dogs play frisbee with the kids and herd each other every day in the yard.



**...and Wolfie's down for the count!!!**

**BUY THESE CUTE  
CARDS FEATURING  
MWCR RESCUED  
COLLIE!**

Daisy had been surrendered to a shelter. She was a year old, terrified, emaciated and had been abused.

Then she was given a chance. With the help of MWCR, she was adopted into a home where with much patience she learned how to be a Collie. She learned about love and kindness. She experienced so many new things! Walks, stairs, the dog park, treats and toys. Most important, LOTS of hugs and kisses.

Daisy thrived in her new environment so much so that with time, some obedience training and trust in her new owner she became a certified therapy dog. She now makes social visits to nursing homes and hospitals with her owner to see people who enjoy sharing time with Daisy.

Recently, a company called Paws in Print learned about Daisy. They recognized how important her transformation into a beautiful Collie was and created a greeting card out of her picture and story. Because the Paws in Print line of cards was developed to help support rescue and shelter adoption, they have given permission for MWCR to sell the Daisy cards. All proceeds go towards helping MWCR rescued Collies.



Front of Daisy card



BEFORE

**Daisy,  
several days after adoption  
weighed only 29 pounds.**

If you would like to order Daisy cards—the inside is blank—at \$2 each, you can visit the MWCR web site at [www.mwcr.org](http://www.mwcr.org) or call our Rescue Line at 612-869-0480. To see the stories of other Paws in Print dogs, you may view their website at: [www.pawsinprint.com](http://www.pawsinprint.com)


  
**Mark your calendar!**  
**Collie Club of America,**  
**National Specialty**  
**Collies are Good Medicine**  
**April 13-19, 2003**  
**Mayo Civic Center**  
**Rochester, Minnesota**

*Zack's Story is one about  
courage*



When Zack the rescued Collie from MWCR first came to us, he floated into our house, this vision of white fur and enthusiastically greeted each of us. He had brought his favorite toy along, a stuffed toy squirrel which he proceeded to toss about and bark at. He was enchanting! We liked him. Rosie (our Collie girl) liked him! He was so joyous and enthusiastic! She adored him. He accepted all her lavish attention in a regal and reserved fashion and became alpha dog. As the months progressed they became devoted to each other. We then added yet another Collie, Austin to our family.

Life went on smoothly until the end of February. One day I noticed Zack was not his usual bodacious self. For 2 days he slept and laid about. I took his temp it was 104. Arnie took him into our vet on a Saturday. He ran some tests, gave him an antibiotic and said to call him if he wasn't better by Monday. By Monday he was worse.

For the next 2 weeks Zack was at the clinic every day for tests. Zack was very ill. The right side of his face began to swell. He had no energy, he had lesions in his mouth, his fur was limp and lusterless, he ran a constant temp, he began to have nose bleeds. He had no energy to play. He would lay there and watch Rosie and Austin play games that he used to lead. They would stop playing when he couldn't join in. They would go to him and gently nuzzle him and lay down near him. Neither dog ever tried to usurp Zack's alpha position. He was their fallen leader. Jeff, our vet tested him for everything and all the lab work came back negative. Zack was losing weight at an alarming rate, the dog we loved so much was dying, and nobody knew why!

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### *Zack's courage continued...*

After consulting with our Board vet, an appointment was set up for Zack at the U of MN. He stayed there 2 days and had a bone marrow test. Arnie brought him home and they called and said he has leukemia. The options were chemotherapy which could prolong his life for a while, but there was no cure. We had envisioned a decade of years with Zack, it was not to be. I called our vet, Jeff, at home, he said he would be here for us and for Zack for what ever we would need. I could hear him crying as his voice broke. We decided to make the time we have left with Zack the best that any dog could ever have.

This is a strange disease, as



*Zack -  
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quickly as his symptoms arrived, they disappeared. In the past months he has been in remission. He has put some of the weight back on, the lesions have disappeared, once again he is our happy out going dog. He is back to romping ,running and playing again. Each day that he is here is a gift for us, and we make the most of it. I realize this story is sad to read, but we want to remember Zack for his courage. He did whatever we asked him to do without complaint. He made friends every where he went. No one can say how long his remission will last, but we will treasure our time we have left.

Kitty and Arnie



## **MWCR WISH LIST**

We need foster homes! If you've ever considered helping the rescued Collies by opening your heart and your home to a Collie in need, please contact us. We rely on our foster parents to accurately describe what a Collie needs in a forever home. Fostering time can be from a week to several months.

**Please donate money. Collies in need of medical attention, like Persy, financial resources. Persy was shot in the face and left for dead several had many complications due to his injuries and continues to be in**



**have drained our months ago. He has fragile health.**

### **Items to donate:**

Premium Dog Food, Quality Fencing, Kennels (extra large dog crates), gift certificates to PetSmart and Petco, Premium quality dog food, dog treats and toys, blankets and towels, grooming supplies and/or gift certificates for grooming. Always \$\$\$! Extra large dog beds, bowls, Frontline (flea and tick preventative), Interceptor (heartworm preventative), gift certificates for OfficeMax or Kinko's.

### **Become a member of MWCR!**

#### **Volunteer your time!**

- ♥Have a dog friendly vehicle? We need help with transportation of collies to foster homes.
- ♥Like to meet people? We need people to help staff our booth at various events.
- ♥Are you web savvy? We need people to search the web for Collies in need in our area.
- ♥Visit shelters in your area? We need people to notify us when a Collie is in a shelter.
- ♥Have lots of knowledge about training? We get many questions about dog/Collie behavior.
- ♥Would you like to sponsor one of our Collies financially? We have many Collies that need your help.
- ♥Do you have a special skill? Ask us if we can put you to work! If you love Collies, we'll find something for you to do!
- ♥Hang out at the dog parks? Distribute our flyers and business cards there.



***Because MWCR is a non-profit organization, your financial donations are tax deductible!***

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Homes for Homeless Collies

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