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NEWS FROM THE FRONT

An itty-bitty weekly e-newsletter from Nittany!

JUST SO YOU KNOW...

We're coming to a quieter time of the year, and frankly, I'm happy about it. We've had a really busy few months and it's kind of nice now to just have the hounds around and to be able to spend more quality time with them.

The final details of our construction project are winding down -- Steve Sovich is putting the finishing touches on the chain link out back and he should be finished soon. He will also then get back to the dog park, we just keep moving along! If any of you ever have a bit of free time and want to participate with one of our projects, let me know. Or if you have a specific skill set that you might be able to share, that would be great too.

We're looking at several projects to get at -- one is shoring up our driveway; another is getting a front gate put up; yet another is to do landscaping in the dog park so we can get it open and generating revenue.

I encourage you to come out to the farm and visit. You won't recognize it!

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P.S. I have had really great feedback about this newsletter. Thanks to everyone who responded. Don't hesitate to let me know what you think.

MUCHO'S NEW BABIES!

If you have visited the farm, then you probably have met Mucho, our resident stallion. He came with the property and we have offered him a place to live out his years. We love him dearly and last fall, we decided to see if he had any good genetics left to give a mare, so our good friend Amy put three of her mares in with him to see if we could make some babies. Mucho was a top 10 sire for several years running and he was also a champion jumper and is a registered Appaloosa pony. Lots of great credentials but he is 26 and so we just weren't sure of his viability.

Well, yo and behold, we have two babies! One of them, Rain, with mother Ruby, is back on the farm now and we get to spoil her every day with treats, apples and pears. Rain is very cute and is just now figuring out how to use her brand new front teeth. The other one was just born and we don't have details yet...when we do, we'll put out a photo. In the meantime, Mucho is playing the devoted father and we're thoroughly enjoying the new filly.



Momma Ruby and baby Rain. Rain's got Mucho's black feet, mane and tail, but mom's coloring and forehead star. She's going to be a stunner and is already almost as big as mom.

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DONATIONS LAST WEEK

Many thanks to Sue Lang, Cindy Luongo, and Joni Ostrich for the supply of paper towels, Clorox, treats, and dryer sheets! We appreciate such quick action!

We received a donation of \$110 from Nature's Pet Place in Hanover. We have a monthly meet 'n greet there, and they donated 10% of that day's sales to us. Nice!

We also received a donation by Marietta Sheets in memory of "Erin," beloved, departed greyhound of Craig and Sondra Rapp of Etters. Pa.

And, thanks to Leading Edge Enterprise, who did the construction project, for their \$5,000 worth of gratis labor in completing our kennel work.

ADOPTIONS LAST WEEK

Jan and Richard Jost of Benton, Pa., have fallen in love with Strider, and even though they took him home for a trial period, I'm fairly confident that he's found a home. They are wonderful, experienced greyhound owners who can help him conquer his issues and settle into sweet bliss with their other dogs. Keep your fingers crossed for him!



Liz and Strider...oh yeah, he's fittin' in!

Holiday Tree in Williamsport

The great volunteer group in Williamsport is going to decorate a holiday tree at the Lycoming Mall in the name of Nittany. The decorations will consist of pictures of dearly departed hounds and Jan Jost and Penny Ruggieri are coordinating this. If you have a picture you'd like to have included, please e-mail it to either Jan or Penny. If you'd like to participate and help make the ornaments or decorate the tree, let them know. We don't have all the details yet but will pass them along when we have them. In the meantime, you can reach Penny at pennyruggieri@hotmail.com, and Jan at jrerian@epix.net.

SHOPPING REMINDER

Nittany has been a participating partner with igive for a very long time, and we wanted to remind you again that if you are doing any shopping on-line this year, remember to go to igive.com and shop through that portal. We get percentages of every sale made but you have to go through igive to do the shopping. When you go to the site, you will need to register to shop and pick Nittany as your choice for donations. After that, you can browse through literally thousands of stores... practically any store you shop at will be listed there. Hey why not? If you're going to shop online anyway, why not help Nittany in the process?



REMEMBER, WE COLLECT OLD INK CARTRIDGES AND CELL PHONES TOO. EITHER DROP THEM OFF AT THE KENNEL OR LET US KNOW YOU HAVE THEM AND WE'LL GET THEM.

Kennel Wish List for This Week

7th Generation Laundry Detergent

Dog Biscuits

Used Coats, Beds,
or Leashes/Collars

Pine Sol Blue

Armor All Glass Wipes

HELP NEEDED: Note that over the Thanksgiving holiday, we have a full kennel of both greyhounds and boarder dogs. If you'd like to help out, we have need for some volunteers to spend some hours here helping us to keep everybody exercised and all spaces clean, including outside. If you can donate a few hours, it would be much appreciated. Contact Toni if you'd like to participate at tjuchi@aol.com.

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Adorable Captain Jack Oliver gets a taste of his first Halloween holiday! Those companions look pretty scary too! True to his name, Captain Jack the pirate!

If you have any photos of your dogs and you'd like to share, please send them in and we'll print them.



WONDER DAISY!



Some of you may remember her as Barilla, Miss Crazy Jumping Girl, at the kennel, but just look at her now!

Mom Lisa Smiley writes:

"I just had to share a picture and tell you about Daisy's awesome performance during basic obedience graduation today. She won the competitions for the fastest sit, the most sits in 1 minute (7), & the longest down-stay! She did great!

Wow, congratulations to both Daisy and Lisa!

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Remember our two meet 'n greets next Saturday -- one at Petco in Muncy (near Williamsport) and one in Richland (near Johnstown). Check our events calendar for contacts and times and come on out. You don't need a reservation -- why not stop by and see how much fun it is!

A Recipe for the Season!
(yes, for dogs!)

PLUMPKINS

1.5 cups oat flour
1.5 cups brown rice flour
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1 egg
3 tbsp. unsweetened applesauce
3/4 cup canned pumpkin
1/2 cup water

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Combine all ingredients together and mix thoroughly.

Spoon mixture out with a tablespoon and drop onto an ungreased cookie sheet. These will not rise or flatten, so if you want a flatter cookie, you'll have to do it yourself--simply press down before baking.

Bake 18-22 minutes.
Refrigerate after cooling.

These cookies are full of fiber and vitamins and antioxidants. A great immune builder for your hound!

(This recipe is just one of dozens in the Nittany cook-book entitled "The Practical Hound." Buy it in the goodie store now!)

