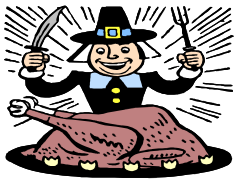


## HOLIDAY HOURS



## PUPPY/BEGINNER CLASS

The next class will start on Thursday, January 10th at 6:30 pm and continues for 6 sessions ending on Thursday, February 14th 2008. The cost of the class is \$150. The puppy class is for dogs who do not have a solid understanding of the 5 basic obedience skills-sit, down, heel, come and stay. The dog should be at least 16 weeks old but there is no upper limit. They should, however, be able to play with other dogs as we start the class out by having playtime together and end each session by group play. There are some aspects of this class which are different from other classes taught at other facilities. One of the things I do that is typically not done in other classes is that I have each dog be handled each night by everyone in the class. This helps the dogs learn to work with other handlers, not just their owners. My focus is from the perspective of positive reinforcement. I want you and your dog to realize you have learned something and you both had fun doing it. After this class, you should be ready to make the progression into the advanced class, which will follow this session.

For the holidays (Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years Eve) we will be observing the following hours of operation:

**Thanksgiving:** Thursday, November 22  
Closed for daycare but if you are boarding your dog, you can pick up the dog the same hours as if it were a Sunday (6-8 am, 11-1 pm, 6-8 pm.) We will be open normal business hours on Friday, November 23.

**Christmas Eve:** Monday, December 24  
Open for daycare until **1 pm**. If you are bringing your dog in for boarding that day, you will need to make sure your dog is checked in by **10 am**.

**Christmas Day:** Tuesday, December 25  
Closed for daycare on Christmas day, and will reopen during normal business hours on Wednesday, December 26.\*

**New Years Eve:** Monday December 31  
Open for daycare until **1 pm**. If you are bringing your dog in for boarding that day, you will need to check in by **10 am**.

**New Years Day:** Tuesday, January 1  
Closed for daycare and reopen during normal business hours on Wednesday, January 2, 2008.\*

\*Pick up hours for boarding dogs on closed days are the same as Sunday hours.

Please travel safely if you are going out of town to visit family during the holidays. We wish you all safe travels and best wishes during the coming holiday season



As the weather gets colder heading into winter, we suggest sending a coverup with your dog, particularly those with short and sleek coats. Many of the dogs insist on playing outside no matter how in climate or frigid the weather is. There is a variety of choices available many of which wouldn't hinder the running/ball playing of your dogs. We just want to ensure the comfort of your dog while here at Paws in Time.

## OCTOBER DOG OF THE MONTH

### GINGER

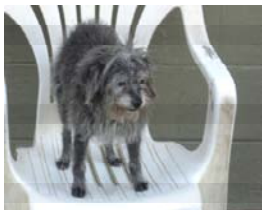
#### In Memoriam

It is with a heavy heart that we introduce October's Dog of the Month, Ginger Otto/Condon. She was a beautiful friendly 2 ½ year old Golden Retriever who brought a smile to everyone's face. She brought sunshine into the lives of her family Ray Otto and MaryEllen Condon, as well as her brother Bobby. Her family was so proud of her Dog of the Month award they couldn't wait to take her poster home. Sadly, just weeks later, after a period of time when she was not acting herself and many vet visits, Ginger was diagnosed with lymphoma throughout her body and had to be euthanized. Her family is devastated and grieving her short, wonderful life, but are at peace with the fact that she did not suffer long before crossing the Rainbow Bridge. She will be greatly missed here at Paws in Time...her boundless energy and joy before she got sick was a sight to behold. We'll miss you Ginger!\*\*

\*\*Pictures not available at this time-look for them next month.

#### IN MEMORIAM: CRICKET

We lost another client recently to old age, little Cricket, a 12 year old mixed breed who boarded with us on many occasions. She reminded us of the sweet little old lady who wears hats to church on Sunday. She was a gentle soul, lived a nice life and will be missed by her family as well as those of us here at Paws in Time.



CRICKET

## ABE



## NOVEMBER DOG OF THE MONTH

Abe Ford is a guy's guy. If he were human, we think he'd be a weight lifter. He's a gorgeous Weimereiner, all muscle and brawn and loves to act real tough at the fence, but he's actually a big sweetheart who loves attention and loves to stand up with his paws on your shoulders as if he's about to do a mean Fox Trot. He lives with his owner Ron in a bachelor pad in Batavia, and you can imagine them arguing over who gets control of the remote and the last slice of pizza. (I think Abe gets it!) Next time you see Abe, say hello...maybe just not from the **other** side of the fence. Ask for dance lessons instead.

## GETTING TO KNOW....



LIBBY  
with Oscar

Libby Specht, from St. Charles, has been with Paws in Time for over 1 ½ years. She is 19, and also attends the College of Du-Page, majoring in Sports Marketing. She has a dog "Tyca", a cat "Tabitha", and a sugar glider named "Seth". She enjoys traveling in her free time (she took a trip to Amsterdam last spring break) and would like to continue working with animals when she graduates.

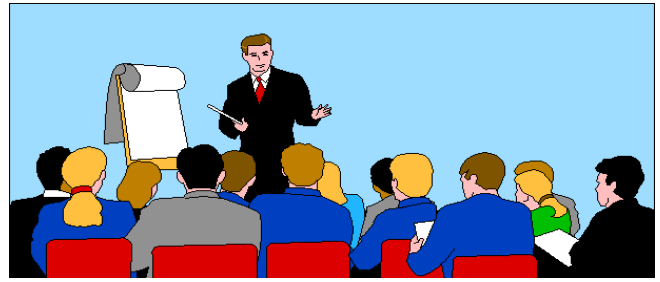
## A GOOD EXCUSE FOR A LATE NEWS LETTER FROM JULIE

I want to apologize for not getting this newsletter out and for not getting one out at all in October. *(and as the newsletter writer, I (Gail) take partial blame for the delay for November due to computer and camera related snafus.)*

As you may recall, I had quite a competition I was preparing for which took place in October. I was actually able to be gone to the various trials leading up to it and was able to concentrate totally on the task at hand because of the wonderful staff I have here at Paws in Time. They really took such good care of things that I was able to stay on track and go for the big competition.

I was competing in the National Amateur Gun Dog Championship for Brittanys. It was held in Michigan and took place over about a week. There were 47 dog/handler teams competing. It was a foot handled walking competition and I am very proud to share with you that **Jac and I took 3rd place.** I have competed in the sport of field trialing for 14 years but have never gotten one of my own dogs qualified on my own to compete in the Nationals. They have all been there and I have been there to watch them but they have always been handled by our professional handler, so this was quite an accomplishment to even get there, let alone do a good enough job to get a placement in the actual competition. ( If you would like an explanation as to what field trialing is, check out the web under the AKC under events and click on field trials. There is a nice explanation as to what it really is.)

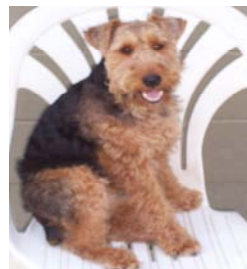
I did order the DVD from the event which I will have in a couple of weeks. I really want to thank you all for all of your patience in waiting for me to return calls...your support meant everything to me.



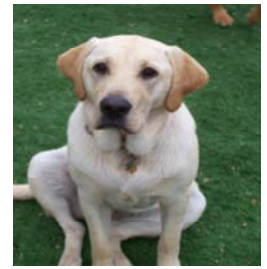
## ABKA CONFERENCE

In October, Asher and Tammy joined me in attending the annual American Boarding Kennels Association conference in Sacramento, CA. It was once again informative and a good learning experience for all of us. We enjoyed the time together as well as the opportunity to attend some informative seminars and meetings. As a result, I have had some time to think through some of the daily operational issues we experience here, so be watching for some changes as we try to make things flow a bit more smoothly in the front office area.

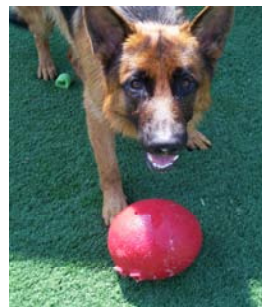
## AMERICA'S NEXT TOP MODELS



BRUNO



MAGGIE



FRODO



SWEETIE  
AND  
ELLIE

In light of the recent unexpected and sad passing of several of our canine friends, I wanted to share this poem with all of you. This is for all animal lovers-hard to read without tearing up,,in a good way, I guess. We want you to know that we love your dogs you entrust to us every day and become very attached...you are not alone in your grief. Being with them is why we love coming to work every day. Thank you for sharing them with us.

## Rainbow Bridge

Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge.

When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge.

There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together.

There is plenty of food, water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable.

All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigor; those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by.

The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing; they each miss someone very special to them, who had to be left behind.

They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent; His eager body quivers. Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster.

You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

Then you cross Rainbow Bridge together....

Author unknown...