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ABBEY

We Celebrate the Life of Abbey, Our Canine Founder

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The story of "The Beaufort Dog" is a true heart-warming human interest tale of a regular family adopting a not-so-regular dog that changed their life and Beaufort County. This Beaufort institution is remembering the remarkable story this week as it says goodbye to their canine founder and mascot.

The Blackstons adopted Abbey, a three-month-old Golden Retriever, twelve years ago. She quickly taught the family that if they did not train her, she would train them. The mother, Kelley, was a school teacher at Lady's Island Middle, and the father, Jason, was a coach at Beaufort Academy. Knowing a little about teaching and training, they sought out the help of *Best Behaviors Dog Training*. After becoming addicted to the training field and learning a lot about canine behavior, Kelley and Abbey became assistant teachers and then started their own classes. The duo trained out of their home on Lady's Island for years, while Kelley and Jason still taught fulltime. Slowly, Kelley expanded services in dog behaviors and cut back on school teaching. Abbey became the mascot to several local businesses, including the Coastal Preservation Society, and performed agility and obedience at conventions and schools. She



taught a summer course at Whale Branch Elementary on pet care and visited Lady's Island Elementary *Career Days*. She took part in all of the parades and was on local television shows more than once, representing our pet community.

After several years, the Blackstons saw the need to expand their love of pets and knowledge of training to a full-service facility, now located on Boundary Street. Later, they opened a boutique for pets in Habersham.

Abbey continued to meet new customers, both two and four-legged, as well as the occasional three-legged, at the door. She served to calm owners and pets, provided an example of what can be done, and teach canine behaviors that only dogs can teach other dogs.

Abbey passed away on September 20th, at the age of twelve. She worked right up until the end, participating in Beaufort's Tricentennial Parade. It was so proper that she should represent our town in this historic event. She, "The Beaufort Dog," represents an important part of our town's spirit. As *Beaufort Dog* continues to flourish, passing on the love for all of their community pets, we will not forget Abbey, and we celebrate what she has meant to all of us.



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Staff Changes

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### Farewell

We always hate to say goodbye to any member of our staff, especially since we are such one big happy family. Unfortunately, **Abby Riccobene's** daughter and father are in need of her care so she will be moving back to New Jersey. You may still see her around town occasionally. as her husband will still be on the Beaufort Sherriff's payroll.

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Hello

Please welcome **Terry** to our BEAUFORT DOG family. You may already know her as Amos' and Daisy's mom. After teaching for 30 years (the last five in her hometown of Beaufort), she is happily coming to play with us.



**Be sure to pick up your
BEAUFORT DOG
car magnet!**



Win a prize
if your car is spotted
displaying the magnet!



**Become a fan of
BEAUFORT DOG on
Facebook!**

- Find out if YOU are a winner of a car magnet prize!
- See happy dog videos and photos!
- Check out the BEAUFORT DOG Dog of the Week!



Many will walk in and out of your life, but only a true friend will leave paw prints on your heart.

~ Anonymous

Taking a Morning Break



Daisy, Jude, Zooey, and Jackson



✓ **OCTOBER 22nd**
Harvest Festival @
Habersham Marketplace:

- agility demo
- costume contest
- dog games

✓ **NOVEMBER 12th**
Pet Clinic –
BEAUFORT DOG at Habersham



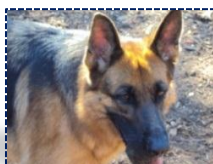
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- rabies, bordetella, and more
- microchipping
- heartworm tests and meds

E-MAIL FOR DETAILS!

kelly@beaufortdog.com

KASHMIR & Tennis Ball



Thanks to Sammy's dad for donating
LOTS of tennis balls for our fanatics!

Tennis Ball



TRAINING CLASS UPDATES

If you are interested in an *agility training class* for your dog, please contact Cammy at Beaufort Dog:

812-5394

Please see our November newsletter for a schedule of *basic training classes*.



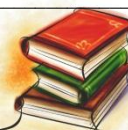
Groovy Grooming Guide

Tips from Our
Groomers

BRUSH THOSE COATS!



Regular brushing helps maintain your dog's coat between baths and professional grooms. Not only does it provide an excellent bonding experience between dogs and their people, brushing keeps coats lustrous and helps control shedding. It also prevents mats on longer-haired dogs. (Mats can lead to skin and health issues!).



Doggone Good READING

MERLE'S DOOR:

Lessons from a Freethinking Dog

by Ted Kerasote

The true story of the lifelong relationship between a man and a dog who found each other during an outdoor adventure. A tale both humorous and amazing, the narrative is woven with the science behind canine evolution and behavior, as well as human-canine bonding research.

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For children (and children-at-heart!)

"LET'S GET A PUP!" Said Kate

by Bob Graham

A delightful book, telling the story of a family going to the animal shelter to adopt a puppy. Charming illustrations, with details that tell a story of their own in addition to the text of the book. You'll smile, as you wipe away a tear or two, at the surprise ending!



An Important Question to Ask Yourself about Problem Behaviors

"What is my dog getting out of this behavior?"

Usually, it is attention. And your dog does not care if it is positive or negative attention. If the pup (young or old) persists, you are probably giving attention even without always realizing that is what you are doing. Examples of attention are eye contact and/or talking to the dog.