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His name is not wild dog anymore, but the first friend, because he will be our friend for always and always and always.

—Rudyard Kipling



Hope peeks out from her hiding place.



Hope's puppies

A-Dog over the years. The most recent was "Pal," who was found on the West Side Highway in Manhattan, after his German Shepherd friend had been hit and killed by a car. Pal would not leave his side. Pal was so loyal to his friend that the police had to use a tranquilizer to safely remove him from the busy highway. The amazing and giving people who have adopted Pal are Laura and Joe Kaddis of Greenwich.

Recently, Laura and Joe came into Adopt-A-Dog's office with a photo album filled with many wonderfully touching photos of all 7 (seven) dogs that they have adopted from us since 1994. Each one having a story of its own...all abused and mistreated. What strikes me the most is that Laura and Joe state that "these dogs give THEM far more than they could ever give the dogs." Unconditional, unending love – no questions asked.

Rottweiler named Hope. Hope was also badly abused and was pregnant, which no one knew because she was so thin. Two weeks later, she had three beautiful puppies which Laura and Joe cared for until they were 9 weeks old. The Kaddis' then were able to find them all good homes. Hope was an excellent mother and taught her puppies to play ball. One day, a puppy got its head stuck in the railing on their deck, Hope went and found Joe in the house, and led him outside to help save her puppy. She also proved to be Jake's best friend until he passed on in October of '98. Jake suffered from lesions on his head from his past and was in

The Last Resort Couple

Written by Kim Takvorian

Marsha Biggar, our Adoptions Manager, called and told us of a couple who have adopted several dogs from Adopt-

Hope and Mickey (now in Heaven)



Laura and Joe first adopted Jake from us in 1994. Jake was a shepherd mix who was badly abused and very scared when he first entered their home. Joe had owned dogs in the past, but Laura never did.

Their roommate had a cat that Jake so desperately wanted to befriend, but to no avail. Laura and Joe decided to adopt another dog from us to keep Jake company, this time a



Herschel kisses Joe

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need of a second chance, was a beautiful dog who had been at the shelter too long. He too found his home with the Kaddis Family.

Soon after Jake's passing, Laura and Joe were working at our "Best Friend's Adoption Day" and saw Angel (a.k.a. M.C.). He looked amazingly like Jake. He went home with Laura and Joe, as they felt that he was an angel sent from above...hence his name.

Marty was their next adoption in August of 1998. Marty had been at the Stamford pound, Strawberry Hill Veterinary Hospital and then Adopt-A-Dog. By this time, he had had his fill of being in a kennel and was ready for a loving home...and then he too became blessed by the Kaddis Family. Lastly, Pal was adopted in December of '98. Laura and Joe told me he was "smiling" in their family photo for Christmas. Pal also loves to kiss everyone, and is the "peace keeper" of the house. If he

warding for them to have helped so many fine furry friends. Joe had thought that he worked too many hours to have a pet, but realizes having them at home while he is working is a much better fate than having them linger in a kennel, which is very stressful for the animals. Joe and Laura both feel that it takes love, commitment and the willingness to make it work. Too often people return pets because it requires work and dedication, and it's not convenient...they need to remember that they are adopting a pet for LIFE.

Joe and Laura's pets came to them scared and unsure, but have greatly improved over time and have learned to trust people again. The Kaddis' are so committed to making it work that they have our trainer, Rob Mullin, visit them once a week to work with all their dogs. He is amazed at how well they all get along being that they are all different breeds, each with their own characteristics. They refer to it as "A United Nation of Dogs". Laura and Joe state, "It is amazing what a little love will do for these guys".

Joe and Laura told me that they buy 50 pounds of dog food every 2 weeks. They also said that they need more couches as the dogs take up all the sitting space. They really don't seem to mind. They told me that they love Adopt-A-Dog because we give dogs a second chance. Adopt-A-Dog loves them for the same reason!



Beloved Jake who passed late in 1998.



Clan of Five, left to right: Angel, Hope, Herschel (in back), Pal, and Marty

pain...Hope stood by his side the whole time. She still misses him.

Next came Herschel and Mickey. Herschel was dumped in a cage in a snowstorm at our shelter and found the next day. He had been adopted several times before, but returned because he was too full of energy. Mickey, also in

wants to go out, he kisses the door!

Joe and Laura take dogs that are not easily adopted and give them a second chance...this is why Marsha Biggar calls them the "Last Resort Couple". They tell me how it is amazingly re-

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