

Karen Gerth

From: kpetsnews@kpets.org
Sent: Sunday, December 20, 2009 2:54 PM
To: Karen Gerth
Subject: The loss of Pod-ley
Attachments: pod.jpg



Pod-ley Eugene Gerth 3-14-2004 to 12-19-2009.

It is with a very sad heart, I am informing you of the tragic loss of Karen Gerth's precious Pod-ley Eugene Gerth.

If you were lucky enough to meet Pod-ley, you know how special he was. He loved everyone he came in contact with, whole heartedly. He was a truly amazing dog and an irreplaceable therapy pet. He will be missed beyond belief and remembered forever in the hearts he touched.

Born with only 3 legs, Pod-ley overcame a lot, but you would never know it by his joyous spirit and love of life. He truly warmed your heart and brought a smile to the faces who needed it. Whether it was his three legs or his genuinely sweet soul everyone he met felt a connection to him. With only having 3 legs, he was inspiring to many who were working on overcoming their disabilities.

Sadly Pod-ley passed Saturday 12-19-2009, due to an undetectable heart condition. Pod's passing was extremely premature, at 5 years old, he still had a lot of work to do. In his memory, Karen has developed a Facebook page: **Podley Eugene Gerth**. Please, check it out and feel free to write your memories of Pod-ley Eugene.

If you have any questions, you may contact Jenny at konnections@kpets.org or 717-808-0143.

Karen Gerth

From: ked245@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, December 23, 2009 10:50 PM
To: Karen Gerth
Subject: Re: Podley's Memorial
Attachments: pawup.jpg; pod angel final.jpg

Karen,

That is absolutely beautiful!!! Again I am so sorry for your loss. Every time I think about it I cry. I have not called because I knew that I would end up crying and make you cry too. I have a little something for you and a card. I would love to come up and bring it to you. Maybe after Christmas. Let me know. I send hugs your way!

Love

Katie

-----Original Message-----

From: kareng@kpets.org
To: Katie Daubert <KED245@aol.com>
Sent: Wed, Dec 23, 2009 8:26 pm
Subject: Podley's Memorial

Thank you all for your thoughts, prayers and support. I couldn't possibly bear to thank each of you individually, or tell each of you what happened. Here is a link to a short memorial booklet that also includes a few pics.

<http://www.kpets.org/podleymemorial.pdf>

Thanks again to all.

Please feel free to post any memories of Podley on his *Facebook* page or email them to me directly. I am pulling them all together as a tribute to him.



Karen Gerth

Karen & kids



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Karen Gerth

From: kcox dejazzd.com [kcox@dejazzd.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 24, 2009 5:40 AM
To: Karen Gerth
Subject: Re: Podley's Memorial

What a wonderful tribute to Podley! I am so sorry for your loss, and wish I had the opportunity to know Podley more intimately. I hold dear the few moments I got to spend with him at the KPets headquarters. There was certainly something very special about him...I could *feel* it. Sort of like being in the presence of something greater than we are. I think he was an angel, and that he still watches over you and your family.

I've given some thought to the proposition that you gave me for Puppy to take over Podley's work with that little girl at the Schrieber Center. Can you tell me a little more about the situation?

As it is right now my schedule will make me free on Fridays after 1pm. There is travel time from Reading, and a little prep time for Puppy, then travel to Lancaster. That would put us at the Schrieber Center about 2:30pm...which is the time I recall you telling me. Coincidence? Probably not. Perhaps Podley had something to do with this!

I know that this season will be trying for you and for your family. Know that our thoughts are with you, and we are proud that you thought of us to step into your and Podley's shoes. Big shoes to fit...but then Puppy does have big feet!

Namaste
Karen and Puppy

Karen Gerth

From: Janet Wilt-Williams [jwiltwilliams@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, December 23, 2009 9:47 PM
To: Karen Gerth
Subject: RE: Podley's Memorial
Attachments: pawup.jpg; pod angel final.jpg

We are so sorry to learn of Podleys passing. Our heartfelt thoughts & prayers go out to you in your time of sorrow. Know you gave the best of the very best to Podley. With fond regards, Walt , Jan & Liberty Williams.

Karen Gerth

From: princesslinlou@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, December 23, 2009 8:50 PM
To: Karen Gerth
Subject: Re: Podley's Memorial
Attachments: pawup.jpg; pod angel final.jpg

Karen - We are so sorry to hear the sad news about Podley. Please know our hearts go out to you and we're keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers. We know all too well the incredible sadness you are feeling now - tomorrow is just one year since we had to say good-bye to our dear Klaus and the pain is still so very present in our hearts. I'm sure Podley and Klaus are up there together waiting at the Rainbow Bridge for us.

Linda & Andy Euclide

Karen Gerth

From: Jason Corey [ClientServiceRep@TotalPayroll.com]
Sent: Wednesday, December 23, 2009 1:28 PM
To: Karen Gerth
Subject: RE: jasonc@totalpayroll.com has sent you a condolence ecard.
Attachments: image001.jpg

You're welcome. Of course I was very saddened to hear about this, especially knowing the good work that Tripod had been doing for kids with disabilities. My thoughts will be with you as you try to get through this tough time.
Jason

From: Karen Gerth [mailto:kareng@kpets.org]
Sent: Wednesday, December 23, 2009 1:02 PM
To: Jason Corey
Subject: RE: jasonc@totalpayroll.com has sent you a condolence ecard.

Thank you Jason,
It has be so difficult. That little boy, in his four short years of being therapy dog, has touched more lives than some humans do in a lifetime. He will, now, in his place of honor, touch even more ... than doing one-on-one visits here on Earth.
Thank you for the card.
Karen

Karen & kids



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-----Original Message-----

From: 123Greetings.com [mailto:ecards@123greetings.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2009 10:58 AM
To: Karen Gerth
Subject: jasonc@totalpayroll.com has sent you a condolence ecard.

jason [jasonc@totalpayroll.com] just sent you an ecard from 123Greetings.com

You can view it by clicking here:
<http://www.123greetings.com/send/view/12622509407157852106>

Karen Gerth

From: Rick Gerth [rick.gerth@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, December 23, 2009 12:39 PM
To: Karen Gerth
Subject: So Very Sorry

Karen, So very sorry to hear that Podley passed on. I know this is a big and very saddening loss for you. I recall reading about Podley in the Lancaster News, where the reporter specifically asked you about Podley's special place in the family . Please accept my deepest sympathies at this difficult time. The photos are endearing.

Love, Rick

Karen Gerth

From: Susan Richards [srichards@bv.org]
Sent: Wednesday, December 23, 2009 9:42 AM
To: Karen Gerth
Subject: address

Karen,

One of the BV residents, Linda Heck, asked for your address (she wanted to send you a note...you encouraged her when her dog died), but Aaron said we can't give out team member's addresses, so to ask you if you would let me pass it on to her. Is it okay?

Susan Richards

Karen Gerth

From: Facebook [notification+yt=2jzc9@facebookmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2009 3:11 PM
To: Karen Gerth
Subject: Suzanne Satriale wrote on your Wall...

Suzanne posted something on your Wall and wrote:

"Dear Karen: So sorry to hear about Tripod. Had been thinking about you as I recently referred an old friend to K-Pets. She has a dog she'd like to make a therapy dog. But that can wait for awhile. Hope you're doing okay. I can see you out in the barn getting some of your healing ??!!!"

Karen Gerth

From: William Townsend [wptownsendoxford@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2009 1:10 PM
To: Jennifer rule
Cc: Karen Gerth
Subject: autistic support classroom (Nottingham Elementary School).

Hi ALL, Just got word that the school (above) received permission to start therapy dog visits from the Principle!!! I'm not sure that I have enough teams here to support it! WE have four teams starting the R.E.A.D. program at the school Library on January 12th! Do you think that Denise Gillan feels the calling to travel down here? There are 6 children, 3 in grade 2, 2 in grade 3 and 1 in grade 4 in the class. It would be for one-hour with the children.

Karen: I'm so sorry for your loss of Pod! Only time will help.

Bill Townsend

Karen Gerth

From: ROBERT REIDENBACH [rrdr2@verizon.net]
Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2009 11:59 AM
To: Barb Tyndall; barbara maley; becky; beth silvaggio; betsy witman; bill-kathy mathues; c-m erisman; crystal hess; deborah brandt; Don Hall; Eileen Dvorchak; glenda dornes; Heather Hatt; jake badorf; jan mindish; jane-ken johnson; janet reightler; Joe LoVecchio; Karen Gerth; kelly pyle; linda cullen; Lisa Bailey; Mark; maryann cantwell; maryann.saylor@comcast.net; Melissa Frerichs; melissa wardell; michael minney; Michelle Roda; mike-donna gerhard; missy wein; monica lehman; nancy houston; Nancy Thomas; nicolekoger@comcast.net; paul beatty; randy-deb weaver; RICH Frerichs; rob reidenbach; ronald kipp; Sarah; sharon-henry bowman; sue sheffer; jimmy5@ptd.net; bnewton@hempfieldrec.com
Subject: Podley and Karen Gerth

Friends,

Nancy Houston made me aware of some sad news regarding one of our extra special Golden who has been to all romps. Podley, Karen Gerth's 5 year old 3-legged achiever, died this past weekend from "blood around the heart". We all remember seeing this spirited gritty boy who was the only one who did not know he was handicapped. He was a beautiful Golden who we shall all miss at Romps but yet remember fondly.

No words can adequately express our sadness and sympathy to Karen but if you wish to try, her email address is kareng@kpets.org and her mail address I will send when Nancy gives it to me.

I have had the horrible experience of having to put down 3 of my Golden. While I have added new Golden in their place, they are not replacements but further additions to the family. I received a card from the vet after I put down my first Golden. I have always found comfort in its message and hope that Karen does as well.

RAINBOW BRIDGE

There is a bridge connecting Heaven and Earth. It is called the Rainbow Bridge because of its many colors. Just this side of the Rainbow Bridge, there is a land of meadows, hills and valleys with lush green grass. When a beloved pet dies, the pet goes to this place. There is always food and water, and warm Spring weather. These old and frail animals are young again. Those who have been maimed are whole again. They play all day with each other. But there is only one thing missing. They are not with their special person who loved them on earth. So, each day they run and play until the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks up. The nose twitches, the ears are up, the eyes are staring, and this one suddenly runs from the group. You have been seen, and when you and your special friend meet, you take him or her into your arms and embrace. Your face is kissed again and again and again and you look once more into the eyes of your trusting pet. Then you cross the Rainbow Bridge together, never again to be separated.

Rob

Karen Gerth

From: Anita Wolfe [Anita.Wolfe@binkleyhurst.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2009 11:19 AM
To: Karen Gerth
Subject: just a note

Hi Karen,

I'm sure you're getting inundated with e-mails, so I just wanted to let you know that I pray daily for you. No time of year is a good time to go thru what you are experiencing, especially Christmas time.

I think of you all the time.
Pod was special to my whole family.
It's hard to believe he's not here.

Would it help to use Tre for anything you are doing?

Anita Wolfe
Binkley & Hurst LP
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Lititz, PA 17543
717-626-4705

Karen Gerth

From: Facebook [notification+yt=2jzc9@facebookmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2009 10:17 AM
To: Karen Gerth
Subject: Elaine Wolfe- Landis Clement sent you a message on Facebook...

Elaine sent you a message.

Subject: how are you?

"Hi Karen, How are things going for you? I can't even imagine when this day comes for me. Greg said he hopes I go before Snickers does cause he'll have to put me in there with her. Lol I pray that you and the rest of the family will pull thru this and go on with all the memories of Pod. God Bless all of you and Merry Christmas. Always a friend, Elaine and Greg. P.S. Snickers said "WOOF, WOOF"

Karen Gerth

From: Facebook [notification+zj4oa4=sj296@facebookmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2009 8:23 AM
To: Podley Eugene Gerth
Subject: Kathleen Herr wrote on your Wall...

Kathleen posted something on your Wall and wrote:

"Karen and all who loved Pod- I share in your sorrow and wish to extend my heartfelt sympathy. Pod was so cool! I have told so many people about him (and the others) because I used to see him when he came into the office, and I'd stop to pet him and get my own "pet therapy" during crazy business days. He always made me smile. He will be missed, but he made his mark in this world and affected the lives of others in ways we may not even know. Thinking of you, Karen and family. PS- I love the photos!"

Karen Gerth

From: Facebook [notification+zj4oa4=sj296@facebookmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2009 8:05 AM
To: Podley Eugene Gerth
Subject: Butch Prokay Jr wrote on your Wall...

Butch posted something on your Wall and wrote:

"Pod. Thanks for being a good role model to all the "special" kids you worked with. You showed them that you can do anything no matter what."

Karen Gerth

From: Facebook [notification+zj4oa4=sj296@facebookmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2009 6:43 AM
To: Podley Eugene Gerth
Subject: Cheri Kendig Crouse sent you a message on Facebook...

Cheri sent you a message.

Subject: Pod's memory

"Hi Pod! You are one of the sweetest doggies that I've ever met. You are Mommy's little angel. We will never forget your sweet face and friendly personality. I wish I could have gotten to know you better but I'm sure I'll see you again someday. We'll never forget you, Podley. Lots of love!!!"

Karen Gerth

From: William Gerth [bgerth@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, December 21, 2009 12:50 PM
To: Karen Gerth
Subject: Fw: The loss of Podley

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Rcmeyer68 <rcmeyer68@gmail.com>
To: William Gerth <bgerth@yahoo.com>
Sent: Mon, December 21, 2009 12:30:46 PM
Subject: Re: The loss of Podley

So sorry. My sympathies. I just can't imagine loosing a beloved pet at such a young age. Give Karen my sympathies.

Sent from my iPhone

Karen Gerth

From: Facebook [notification+zj4oa4=sj296@facebookmail.com]
Sent: Monday, December 21, 2009 12:45 PM
To: Podley Eugene Gerth
Subject: Kelly Sebolt Rogers wrote on your Wall...

Kelly posted something on your Wall and wrote:

"Karen, I am heartbroken for you! I only met Podley once, but he was special - as you know, Goldens hold a special place in my heart (and in everyone else's hearts)!!!"

Karen Gerth

From: Nancy Houston [nancy@michaelsmotorcars.com]
Sent: Monday, December 21, 2009 11:35 AM
To: Karen Gerth
Subject: Re: rehab

Karen, I just believe Pod is gone. I'm so sorry and I feel your pain. He was so sweet. Gilly will miss him.

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Karen Gerth

From: Facebook [notification+zj4oa4=sj296@facebookmail.com]
Sent: Monday, December 21, 2009 11:30 AM
To: Podley Eugene Gerth
Subject: Michelle Sload sent you a message on Facebook...

Michelle sent you a message.

Subject: In Loving Memory

Podley,

We remember your sweet spirit and your patience in caring for others. You touched our lives in the short time we knew you, and you will be sadly missed. Our Gracie passed 3 years ago and I'm sure she, and so many that have gone before you, were there to meet you over Rainbow Bridge. Go, play in peace and know that here you are missed more than you'll ever know. We'll be praying for God to lay his comforting hand upon your family as they grieve your loss.

The Sload Family

Karen Gerth

From: Rick Noll [rnoll@bv.org]
Sent: Monday, December 21, 2009 11:03 AM
To: Karen Gerth
Subject: Pod

Karen,

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I understand the pain of losing such a good friend. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Rick

Karen Gerth

From: Suzanne [ssolodky@verizon.net]
Sent: Monday, December 21, 2009 9:04 AM
To: Karen Gerth
Subject: Pod

I am so, so sorry for your loss. What a wonderful and special Golden Pod was. I know the heartache and loss you, your husband, Cynda and Sammy are feeling now. I was given a wonderful book when Molson dies from a friend who had recently lost his Dobie. I will drop it off for you, I am so, so sorry.

Suzanne

Karen Gerth

From: Facebook [notification+yt=2jzc9@facebookmail.com]
Sent: Monday, December 21, 2009 7:22 AM
To: Karen Gerth
Subject: Lindsay Feerrar commented on her status...

Lindsay Feerrar commented on her status:

"Karen I am so sorry to hear about podley as well, looks like it wasn't a good weekend of our goldens..."

Karen Gerth

From: Facebook [notification+yt=2jzc9@facebookmail.com]
Sent: Monday, December 21, 2009 1:46 AM
To: Karen Gerth
Subject: Dawn Beitzel commented on your status...

Dawn Beitzel commented on your status:

"Hi Karen - I so remember Tripod - what a great doggie!! I am so sorry on your HUGE loss. Hugs to you."

Karen Gerth

From: Facebook [notification+zj4oa4=sj296@facebookmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, December 20, 2009 8:42 PM
To: Podley Eugene Gerth
Subject: Kristen Breinich Schreiber sent you a message on Facebook...

Kristen sent you a message.

Subject: I miss you Pod!

I couldn't believe what I read, that Pod has left us. I will certainly miss giving him so many hugs and kisses, and having him give his love in return I'm not sure now what to do next with the kids that he was helping. I know they were so excited to see him, and he had such a perfect personality for them. I know if I am this sad over the news, your family must be hurting more. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Thank you for sharing Podley with all of us, for the short time that you had him.

Kristen

From: melina [melina@ptd.net]
Sent: Sunday, December 20, 2009 7:25 PM
To: Karen Gerth
Subject: Re: Marilyn Mackey commented on your status...

Karen,

I know what you must be going through. I've been in tears over Buddy Bear for days and now shedding tears for you and Podley. I am just so sorry for your loss.

Please take care of yourself and try to have a Blessed Christmas.

Fondly,
Marilyn

----- Original Message -----

From: "Karen Gerth" <kareng@kpets.org>
To: <melina@ptd.net>
Sent: Sunday, December 20, 2009 7:01 PM
Subject: RE: Marilyn Mackey commented on your status...

> Marilyn, It hurts so badly. I pray Buddy Bear pulls through!

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Facebook [mailto:notification+yt=2jzc9@facebookmail.com]

> Sent: Sunday, December 20, 2009 3:24 PM

> To: Karen Gerth

> Subject: Marilyn Mackey commented on your status...

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> Marilyn Mackey commented on your status:

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> "Karen,

> I am so sorry to hear about Podley. I am going through a similar thing

> right now. Our beloved Buddy Bear is very ill and we're not sure he's

> going to make. You're in our prayers."

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Karen Gerth

From: Facebook [notification+zj4oa4=sj296@facebookmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, December 20, 2009 7:14 PM
To: Podley Eugene Gerth
Subject: Joni Soost sent you a message on Facebook...

Joni sent you a message.

(no subject)

I was so sad to hear of Pod-ley's untimely death. He was indeed a one of a kind dog!
Karen, I know this leaves a huge hole in your heart.
Joni Soost

Karen Gerth

From: Facebook [notification+zj4oa4=sj296@facebookmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, December 20, 2009 6:58 PM
To: Podley Eugene Gerth
Subject: Carol Johnston sent you a message on Facebook...

Carol sent you a message.

Subject: Sweet Podley

"My tears fall as I write this, sweet Podley. Such a gentle soul. I will miss your nudges to get petted! I understand that you were needed elsewhere but your lively spirit will live on here. I am glad that you got to spend your last day with your family romping through this winter wonderland. Hugs and kisses to you Podley!
Carol and Max"

Karen Gerth

From: Kate Cox [coxfamily04@comcast.net]
Sent: Sunday, December 20, 2009 6:32 PM
To: Karen Gerth
Subject: Fwd: The loss of Pod-ley
Attachments: pod.jpg

i don't do facebook karen, but i am so VERY VERY to hear of your news...
my children were also extremely sad to hear of the news...
we lost our first newfy prematurely at only 4 years of age due to liver failure... so my hear goes out to you...
pod will surely have many friends in heaven...

Kate Cox
coxfamily04@comcast.net