

Well, I'm sorry to say he never did recover and died in the animal hospital on Jan 11th. It's a long sordid story and I won't bore you with the details, but I will tell you that losing him was one of the hardest things I've ever had to go through. Some might say, it's only a dog. But Teddy Bear was much more than that to me. He was my son. In every sense of the word I was his mother and he was my child.

Ted and I spent 7 wonderful years together. I was hoping for 13 or more, but I guess looking back I should be happy for what we had. I mean nothing lasts forever, and that never becomes more clear than when lose someone we love. It really knocked me for a loop- as I prayed every day that he would get better. And part of me really thought he would recover. Maybe I wanted to believe that outcome not that he would one night stop breathing and leave me forever. When the call came in from the hospital that he was dead my whole world stopped. What would I do without Teddy Bear?

I was devastated and stayed in bed for almost a week crying. I also did the whole guilt trip. Why didn't I notice he was sick sooner? Why did I let them cut him open? Why wasn't I there with him when he died? and the list went on and on. All of my crying was not going to bring him back to me so I finally got it together got up, got dressed, and left the house. Dakota was also very depressed as Ted and he had been together for 7 long years. Brothers. Since Dakota is 10 we never imagined that Teddy would leave us first. The thought of losing either of them was more than we ever wanted to think about, but you always expect the older one to leave you first. Sometimes things don't go the way you planned.

We'll never know exactly what Teddy died from, but the biopsy came back the day he died, and he did not have Cancer. Of course, I always knew that. I spend more time with my dogs than people, and I would have noticed if he were getting sick with a disease like that. Of course, the vet thought I was nuts, but she didn't know about Ted and I. We read each others minds. I swear that dog just looked at me and I at him and we knew what the other was thinking. He was a real "mama's boy". Anyway, the only thing they saw when they cut him open was severely inflamed intestines so they think he may have had Intestinal Bowel Disease, sort of like Crohns Disease or Colitis in people. Something I never would have known until it got to this point. He always had a sensitive stomach and would vomit

and have bouts of diarrhea here and there, but the vet at the time thought he just had food allergies. He told me to try different foods and see if it improved. It did to some extent, but every once in awhile he had a "sick day". Nothing that would have ever made me believe he had something seriously wrong with him like this.

Anyway, I miss Ted and I thank him for all the things he taught me. Mostly how to love someone without any conditions. He loved me and I loved him. Plain and simple. He loved me with my bad breath and crappy hair in the morning and he loved me no matter how much money I made, or didn't make. He was just content to be with me and I with him. Pure love. Something that's hard for a lot of humans to demonstrate.

I did go out a little over a week ago and got another puppy. I wasn't sure I wanted one but I was so sad and having crying jags, everyone said it would make me feel better and it has. It's a girl this time, same breed as Teddy, Italian Greyhound. She is so cute you won't believe it, but I did forget how much work all this cuteness is. I'm exhausted. Work and sleep are two things she doesn't want me to do. If you'd like to check her out take a look at this page. I'm looking forward to what little Gia will bring into my life.

<http://merlesworld.blogspot.com/>

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2.FEATURE ARTICLE-

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Web Content Awareness Day Becomes Mass Traffic Generator for Online Biz Owners

Web marketers are flocking in droves to the "Countdown to Web Content Awareness Day Blog" where they can "see their name up in lights" and enjoy a ride on a mass traffic generator in exchange for their promotion of the First Ever Web Marketers' Holiday.

Dina, Web Copywriting Consultant and owner of <http://Wordfeeder.com> has been actively promoting the upcoming Web Content Awareness Day Website since December and is thrilled with the response she's received. Thanks to a contributing cast of 50+ gurus and experts, the first ever web marketers' holiday will feature a fully stocked website and a plethora of free information.

Content Enthusiasts can look forward to timely advice on how to run a web business more effectively while keeping fresh content constantly feeding in.

As Dina tells it, "Oddly enough, the Web Content Awareness Day project (or WCAD) has truly increased our awareness of search engines and viral marketing. WCAD is momentum building on itself. By constantly monitoring our promotional effort, we've been able to isolate exactly which traffic-generating strategies bring the most 'bang for our traffic buck,' and the implementation of those strategies brings more traffic."

Among the quickest ways to build up very high web traffic in a short amount of time - article marketing, blogging, web PR, RSS feeds, networking and link exchanges, all of which will be discussed in-depth both on the Web Content Awareness Day Preview Blog and the main website. <http://WebContentAwarenessDay.com> will "open its doors" on February 9, 2006 offering tons of inside tips and free downloads from today's top web marketers and content creators.

Currently, Dina and the Web Content Awareness Day team are looking for reciprocal relationships - dynamic content providers who want to help promote the big day in exchange for a spot on their "wacky yet informative" blog.

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