

WAITING AT THE RAINBOW BRIDGE

Casey, AKC CGC & TDI —

Art & Judith Sutter

Maxwell H Golden Boy —

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CASEY SUTTER, AKC, CGC, TDI 2001 - 2008

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all ... and they are Golden ...

Casey was an 8-month-old SEVA GRREAT female pup when she went to Art & Judy Sutter's for a short dog-sitting stay in April 2002. Well, she never went back to her foster family as Art & Judy adopted her and vice versa. Casey & Judy passed the AKC, CGC, and Therapy Dog (TDI) testing in the fall of 2002. Casey went with her TDI Therapy classmates to work at a nursing home and to a Children's Reading to the Dogs program at one of the local libraries. These programs did not work well as Casey was a very social dog and wanted to play with her friends instead of doing therapy work! Casey and Judy finally found their niche at Chambrel Assisted Living Facility in Williamsburg where they provided therapy for the residents and staff for five years. They were getting ready to work with the Pet Therapy program at Sentara Williamsburg Hospice, but had not yet been assigned to a family when Casey was diagnosed with cancer.

The first time Dave, Sam, and I met Casey was at a SEVA GRREAT picnic at the Sutter's home in Charles City. The day was overcast with bouts of rain, but we all were having



a GRREAT time. The dogs had divided themselves into groups - the more senior dogs gathered around the folks with treats and the youngsters were running, tumbling and play biting. Our SEVA GRREAT 18 month old, Sam, became best friends with Casey that day. The picnic led to many fun play dates for these two GRREAT dogs. Casey also was a "foster sister" to about 30 GRREAT goldens during her life. When we lost our Dear Sam after a sudden illness two years ago, Judy was the first person to see us two days after his death. She told us we just *had to take* in a GRREAT foster as they were expecting another quarantine dog.

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BEST FRIENDS

Cashew, my 14-year-old Yellow Lab is blind and deaf. Her best friend is Libby, 7, her seeing-eye cat. Libby steers Cashew away from obstacles and leads her to her food. Every night she sleeps next to her. The only time they're apart is when we take Cashew out for a walk. Without this cat, we know Cashew would be lost and very, very lonely indeed. It's amazing but true: This is one animal who knows what needs to be done and does it day in and day out for her friend.

Terry Burns
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Received in an email ... too precious to pass up. 