

# *Toby's Foundation Celebrates its 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary!!*

ASCA # N12893

Kutabay's Blue Chip Toby

AKC# DL90828201

Toby's Foundation would like to thank everyone who is sharing information so that breeders can make more informed choices, those who are working together to put an end to this disease, and those who are donating blood from their affected dogs or siblings of affected dogs.

*Thank you for sharing, caring and giving!*



Sire: Moonlight's Short Circuit

Dam: Hartke of Kutabay

Toby's Foundation also salutes ASHGI, and its programs *AussieGENES* and *Ten Steps to a Healthier Australian Shepherd Breed* and the EpiGENES discussion group for their significant contributions.

## *Toby's Year At a Glance.*

### **Raising Awareness:**

- Toby became the first "poster dog" for Canine Epilepsy through our full page ads and got people talking and sharing about the disease.
- The Australian Shepherd Journal referred to us as "a voice for the largest Aussie community of all-the pet owners" in a feature article in the September/October 2004 issue.
- Distributed thousands of informational brochures locally and nation-wide to pet owners, breeders, veterinarians, rescue organizations and other Aussie groups.

### **Providing Resources:**

- Developed and maintain an extensive website offering information, educational articles, links and contacts to important groups, and an Aussie Album featuring dogs that are living with Epilepsy and a memorial page honoring those beloved dogs that have passed away.
- Responded to hundreds of emails, inquiries, and pleas for help from pet owners, rescue organizations and breeders in need of information and other resources.
- Wrote articles on "How to Join the Fight Against Canine Epilepsy", "The Diagnosis of Canine Epilepsy-Plain and Simple" and "After the Shock and Tears- Life After Your Dog's First Seizure".

### **Supporting the Work of Others:**

- Encouraged blood donations for research to find a gene marker, through our advertisements and brochures.
- Raised and provided funds for Aussie Rescue and other Aussie related organizations and for individuals needing help with the diagnosis of epilepsy.
- Proud supporter of *10 Steps to a Healthier Australian Shepherd Breed* and we host the list of participants on our website.

Please look for our color brochure next to this ad, tear it out, fold it, and pass it along to help us continue to share information as we enter our second year. Permission is given to copy the brochure. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to Toby's Foundation to help support our work. See our brochure for information about giving.



*Making Tracks to Defeat Canine Epilepsy*

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