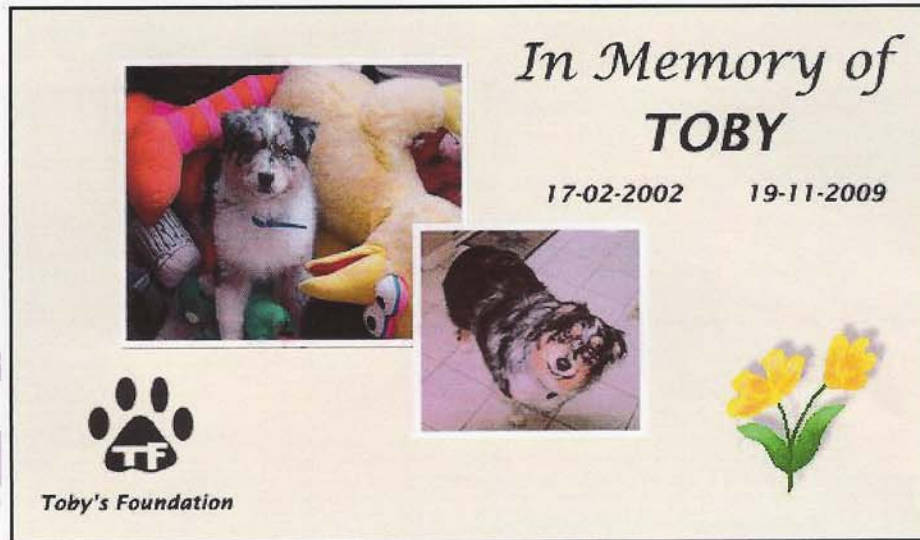


Helaas kregen we het bericht dat Toby op 19 november is gestorven



Hieronder het bericht afkomstig van Toby's foundation.

In Memory of Toby: February 17, 2002 – November 19, 2009

It is with deep sadness that I share with you that Toby died on November 19, 2009. He succumbed to the disease and its complications after nearly a 7 year battle. He was brave and loved life until the end in spite of this cruel disease. He inspired us always! He remained bright and alert but it was his body that finally gave out. He died peacefully surrounded by love and that is all we could ask. He is free now! He never complained and was so happy for the littlest thing you did for him. If only I could be more like him! He was the sweetest, smartest and most loving dog we have ever had the privilege of knowing and sharing our lives with. For my husband and me he was more than just our dog...he was our boy! We will miss him every day for the rest of our lives.

In what would be Toby's last ad for us before becoming an "Epi Angel" he reminds us that we are all "Connected" not only by the bonds we form with our furry friends but also by the love we share for this amazing breed! Please see the Australian Shepherd Journal and Aussie Times, November - December 2009 issue. This ad may also be viewed on our website.

We want to assure you that Toby's Foundation will continue to pursue a screening test for canine epilepsy by supporting the research to find the genes responsible for this disease. Please continue to stand with us in the fight against canine epilepsy. With your help we will stop this disease!

As always we must ask for your continued help in submitting blood samples from your dogs for Dr. Ned Patterson's Aussie Epilepsy research at the University of Minnesota and if you are in Europe please send blood samples to Dr. Hannes Lohi in Helsinki, Finland. Links to both with instructions and forms are available on our website. Samples from affected dogs are particularly needed!

During this holiday season please help us with a donation if you can to support canine epilepsy research so together we can stop this terrible disease that is a major canine health problem. Whatever amount you can give, it is needed and deeply appreciated. Your gift is tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. We ask you to please give in Memory of Toby and all the dogs that have been and will still be affected by this disease until we have a screening test available. In the meantime, please remember how very important it is to stand against this disease by sharing information about it!

Toby was always so happy and we know grateful for all his family, friends and supporters. We thank you on his behalf and now in Honor of and in Memory of him and so many others.

Thank you! We wish you all a joyous and peaceful holiday season!

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