

## Kutabay's Blue Chip Toby

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### MISSION STATEMENT

Toby's Foundation is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization. We are a tax-exempt public charity and are organized for the purposes of:

- Educating the public about canine epilepsy
- Providing resources in the fight against canine epilepsy
- Funding research to find a gene marker to develop a screening test
- Funding research to develop more effective treatments for affected dogs
- Helping to support the collection of blood samples from affected and unaffected dogs
- Supporting the work of rescue groups to care for epileptic dogs



In Memory of Toby

February 17, 2002- November 17, 2009

**Epilepsy threatens the future  
of our breed.  
Please give blood.**

Toby has been diagnosed with Idiopathic (Primary) Epilepsy. If you have a dog related to Toby or any other affected dog or their relatives, please help by donating a blood sample for research that can lead to a genetic screening test to help put an end to this killer disease.

To donate blood, learn more about this disease and the research being done or to make a donation, please visit us at our website.

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# TOBY'S FOUNDATION



**The Face of Epilepsy**

*Toby at 3 months old*



*Making Tracks to Defeat  
Canine Epilepsy*

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## ABOUT TOBY

Toby was our first Australian Shepherd. We brought him home on Easter Sunday 2002. He was an adorable and loveable puppy, our precious little "boy". We loved him from the first moment we held him in our arms and looked into his face. He was the only blue merle male out of a litter of ten. The future seemed bright and full of promise.

He developed normally as he grew and played. He was the smartest dog we ever had. Just one week after coming home he was learning tricks. It usually only took him a few minutes to understand what we wanted and to do it. At 12 weeks old he loved to fetch the ball. At 7 months old he loved to swim and frolic on the beach.

At 10 ½ months old, while on a trip with "mom" to the post office, he suddenly and without warning began jerking, twisting, and turning motions. He was unable to stop; he couldn't sit still, and he couldn't be held. He kept jerking his head while darting back and forth. These episodes continued intermittently for 2 ½ months. In spite of numerous trips to the hospital and extensive blood tests, they went undiagnosed. No one could figure out what was wrong with him. We would later come to understand that these were "partial seizures."

We celebrated Toby's first birthday on February 17, 2003 hoping that whatever was wrong with him would somehow disappear. On March 23, 2003, one month after his first birthday Toby, our precious little "boy," had his first Grand Mal seizure. That would be the first of many.

A neurologist ran more tests, including a spinal tap and an MRI. All tests were normal and no underlying cause for the

seizures could be found. The diagnosis was Idiopathic (primary) Epilepsy.

Toby has had numerous seizures, including cluster seizures, and has made many trips to the emergency room. He has regular appointments with a neurologist, as well as monthly and quarterly tests, depending on how he is doing, to check his blood levels. He is on Phenobarbital, Potassium Bromide, and Keppra. We also give him nutritional supplements and have made changes to his diet.

After daily and weekly seizing, we were fortunate to achieve an 8-month period that was seizure free. That time with him was wonderful. He was playful and happy. On the morning of May 25, 2004, this cruel disease broke through with a vengeance and Toby started cluster seizing. The disease has progressed and the medications are taking their toll on him. Though Toby's future is uncertain and precarious, we are cautiously optimistic.

## ABOUT TOBY'S "MOM"

Toby's Mom is Pamela Douglas, J.D., founder and president of Toby's Foundation. With both a legal and business background and having battled her own chronic illness, she is uniquely qualified for the challenge of leading Toby's Foundation in its fight to defeat canine epilepsy. Pam and her husband are the parents of three grown daughters and one "boy", Toby. They live in Southern California.



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