

## The Most Wonderful Valentines Day Present EVER!



We know there is, hundreds upon hundreds of, families out there that share a similar story with us. They are stories of searching for the perfect pet for their families. A story of reading pet adoption sites, following rehab stories- searching s.p.c.a.'s and every rescue site there is. Families are waiting, looking to find just the right pet. Finally, landing on Turtle Gardens blog to read of all the compassion and devoted care your family gives to its round ups, drop offs and surrendered pets. It's been a full year now since our searching days ended. I speak to all those warm furry wannabe pets out there, still waiting for their special forever family. I say, "Stay, be patient. It may take a little bit of time but your family will find you. People aren't as good at sniffing you out. They have to use eyes and ears to find you. They're coming."

Dave & Yvette:

Mark and I always enjoy reading the "This Day Past Years" comments on your blog. Recently, King has been mentioned in them.

One Year ago - - Actually back in Jan. /09, only last year, that we were sitting on pins and needles waiting to hear who King's new lucky family was going to be. We had followed his story from meeting Lou & Bonnie from Alberta, (we will always feel indebted to) to the 'Bella Coola 4's arrival at Turtle Gardens, April 2008. We waited for his rehab to be complete and his broken femur to mend. We remember secretly praying that King would not pass his "cat-ability" test. We read all the comments from people who had fallen in love with King. We had almost given up hope of having him in our family. We cried for him and hoped that who ever took him home with them would love him even half as much as we already did. His pictures were tacked to our fridge, his poem, and the blog of the day he was rescued. Some people said. "How can you love a dog you haven't even met? He looks mean. He's a pit bull and a pack leader and he'll be nothing but trouble. He's a res. dog, he wont get along with Molly." But we knew they hadn't looked into his sad, gentle, eyes. We could see the same thing Lou and Bonnie from Alberta had seen. The same thing you, Dave & Yvette, saw in him. He needed a caring family; he needed someone he could follow around. He belonged in our family.

Finally the day came when we got the email from Yvette. King would be coming home to us! We would drive out to Cache Creek to meet with Dave & Bear and bring King HOME! February 15<sup>th</sup> 2009. The most wonderful Valentines Day present we could ever have imagined. One day I'll find the time to complete what I've started to write about King in his story. [KING](#)

For now we just continue to be thankful everyday for being able to find Molly's big brother. For being allowed, to be, the Forever Family to King. To everyone who rooted for King to find his family, we can tell you for sure, we know that he is a HAPPY boy. We can never say Thank you enough to Yvette and Dave who willingly opened their doors to the Bella Coola 4.

For all the hard work and unending care they gave and continue to give to all their animals. They chose us for King and we can never thank them enough.

King's favourite place to be - -

On his very own big fluffy mat to match Molly's (Unless I'm not beside it)

I look at him now, sleeping in a bed that doesn't even belong to him. Silly boy. He steals his cousin, (a border terrier) Seven's smaller bed. Seven just moves over and takes King's big bed. King curls up his massive body he has, until he's small enough to fit in the small bed and snuggles down to sleep. I ask you now? Does this look like a mean dog, a troublemaker, and a res. dog that wont get along with others?? No way, he is our gentle 8 yr. old puppy who only ever wanted to be loved and cared for.

He is HOME NOW FOREVER! Thank you so much Dave & Yvette  
(And Lou & Bonnie from Alberta)



Yes Mommy, I love my brother. BUT, Does he have to share MY Mat?