



## IN MEMORIUM

### CH. Belsha's KOAL Miner (CGN, TDI -Certified Therapy Dog; 1995-2008

Koal came into our lives 10 years ago at the age of three. His wonderful breeder decided that since his line came down with seizures, he would not be part of her breeding stock. We gladly adopted him as we had just lost our dog and had a very lonely young dog at the time. From that point on he was always with us, bearing witness to every great and not-so-great events in our lives. He was ever so loyal with a unique personality and a great sense of humour. We thank God for the awesome experience and privilege of having such a truly great dog and friend and wish for everyone a pet as special and kind as our gentle Koal.



Not a day goes by that we don't think of him. He will be remembered by many for his kind and gentle spirit, especially while performing his services as a certified Therapy Dog. He came to change and enrich the lives of everyone who met him and left his indelible paw prints on many lives and hearts along the way.

*My Dearest Koal,  
As I sit here with tears streaming down my face, trying to write the words,  
That I want your heart to know,  
I struggled to decide on what to do,  
It left my heart heavy, and feeling very blue.*

*I knew it was my obligation to do what was best,  
My love for you was put to the test.*

*It was a heart wrenching and sorrowful way we did part,  
There is now a big hole, right here in my heart.  
I held you close until the last breath you did take,  
I cried and I did shake; the sorrow I felt, I could never fake.*

*When I said goodbye to you,  
Apart of me went with you, too.  
Yes, your spirit is now free; but we'll never really be apart.  
For your sweet memory will always live on deep inside my heart.*

*So...with one last kiss on your head,  
I laid you down in your eternal bed.*

*Now I look around the house today,  
At all the places you would sleep.  
It's so lonely and quiet I can't hear even a peep.*

*By the door you will wait no longer for me,  
but I know your spirit always will be.  
Because of the love and devotion I have given you,  
I know you forgive me and your love for me will never die.*

*I will try to remember that each and every time I cry.  
Rest in peace now My Sweet 'Koalsters',  
rest in loving peace.*

***A tree will be planted at Spirit Ridge in his memory and honour.  
Koal's final resting place will be a knoll overlooking our home,  
training and rescue operations as his kind and gentle spirit would  
want us to continue to open our hearts to help other dogs in need.***

**..... until we meet again at the Rainbow bridge .....**

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**UPDATE: On May 30th, 2008, we fulfilled our promise to Koal and 'his' birch tree was planted in front of our indoor training facility. His ashes were laid to rest at the base of this magnificent tree.**

