


HART IS HEARTBROKEN ...



BY THE LOSS OF ONE OF THEIR MOST CHERISHED CANINE MEMBERS, LUKE. LUKE DIED LAST WEEK FROM BONE CANCER. HE WAS 10 YEARS OLD. THIS MELLOW-YELLOW LABRADOR WAS ADOPTED AFTER BEING SURRENDERED BY PREVIOUS OWNERS. CHERYL REID AND HER FAMILY HAVE ENJOYED FIVE SPLENDID YEARS WITH THIS SPECIAL DOG.

LUKE WAS AN AMAZING DOG, WHO MADE UP FOR HIS LACK OF SMARTS WITH HIS LOVING, COMPASSIONATE AND SWEET NATURED DISPOSITION.

LUKE'S LAST FIVE YEARS WERE BUSY ONES. NOT ONLY WAS HE THE FAITHFUL FAMILY COMPANION, HE WAS BEST DOGGY BROTHER TO BLACK LAB SIMON AND AN AMAZING MENTOR FOR ALL OF THE FOSTER DOGS THAT HAVE PASSED THROUGH CHERYL'S DOOR. HE HELPED TRAIN PUPPIES INTO BEING CALM WELL-BALANCED DOGS. EVEN JUST WEEKS BEFORE HIS DEATH, LUKE WAS THERE TO HELP CHERYL WITH A LITTER OF SIX GERMAN SHEPHERD PUPPIES.

ANYONE WHO MET LUKE, BOTH HUMAN AND DOG ALIKE, INSTANTLY FELT HIS GENTLE NATURE AND CALMING INFLUENCE. LUKE HAD "THE TOUCH" WITH EASING FEAR AND ANXIETY. HE HELPED CHILDREN AND ADULTS ALIKE OVERCOME THEIR FEAR OF DOGS BECAUSE OF HIS TRUSTING EYES AND MELLOW BEING.

LUKE PASSED AWAY WRAPPED IN THE GENTLE EMBRACE OF CHERYL'S LOVING ARMS.

MAY THE LESSONS HE TAUGHT HERE CONTINUE TO BE AN INSPIRATION AND HIS FUTURE JOURNEY BRING HIM JOY AND PEACE. ~

PLEASE DON'T LEAVE YOUR DOG IN A PARKED CAR IN THE HEAT!

NOT EVEN FOR A FEW MINUTES! HEAT INSIDE A PARKED CAR CAN BUILD, IN JUST A FEW SHORT MINUTES, TO AS MUCH AS 40 DEGREES ABOVE THE OUTSIDE TEMPERATURE. DOGS ARE MORE SUSCEPTIBLE TO HEAT THAN HUMANS ARE.

FOR INSTANCE, ON AN 80 F DAY, TEMPERATURES IN A PARKED CAR CAN REACH 120 F IN AS LITTLE AS TEN MINUTES, ESPECIALLY IF THE CAR IS IN THE SUN. LEAVING THE WINDOWS CRACKED HELPS VERY LITTLE AND THAT'S ONLY IF THERE'S A BREEZE. FACTOR IN HUMIDITY AND THE DOG DOESN'T HAVE A CHANCE!

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