

My Wonderful, Fearless & Intrepid Dogs

Throughout the past several extremely challenging and difficult months, my dogs have been my joy, stability and anchors. They bring their own brand of peace, love and comfort, and I cannot fathom going through life in this tumultuous world without them.

Nenani came through his eye surgery and removal of a benign tumor beautifully (thank Goodness!) He is nearly 13 years old, and I was very worried about him being under anesthesia. But he has mended quickly and is feeling so much better.

Our master bedroom is basically finished after its remodel, and the dogs and I are LOVING it. Somehow, it seems more spacious and comfortable than ever before. We sleep together as a pack. During our recent severe hailstorm, we were each other's comfort, solace and support. The dogs did not seem afraid so long as we were TOGETHER!

Within the past few months, we have not only remodeled a substantial portion of our home while taking care of our 22 dogs, but we have had so many problems associated with our home – our pool not working and overflowing, torrential rain and hail causing extensive property damage, work and domestic issues, legal problems and, Norm and I have separated after 38-almost 39 years of marriage. To misquote an old cliché, “That which doesn't kill you strengthens you”, and I choose to adhere to this adage.

It has been anything but easy caring for my dogs with their own age and health issues. I can't even begin to count the number of visits to the vet they've had over the course of the past few months. But I must brag about my little doxies Oliver and Oscar who passed their Delta Society AAT (Animal Assisted Therapy) Evaluations with flying colors and are now Delta Society pet partners. I couldn't be prouder! During part of the remodel, we had to board 6 of our dogs for nearly 2 weeks. The dogs are so telepathic and know when things are simply not right. They did remarkably well throughout the period of being boarded and having a myriad of strangers in and out of their home accompanied by strange odors and noises.

It has been extremely hot here in Dallas which has also contributed to our overall malaise. However, once again, my dogs are troopers and make the best of all circumstances – no matter how difficult or demanding. They offer their unconditional love, playfulness, loyalty, devotion and joy. They make me laugh and put me at peace. They restore balance to my busy, hectic and often chaotic life. They are gifts – each and everyone. I cannot imagine life without them...