

## *A Farewell For "Sandy"*



**It is with a heavy heart we share with you that our beloved Shelter Mascot, "Sandy", crossed over the Rainbow Bridge on April 23, 2006.**

"Sandy's" story reflects how special a dog she was. On August 24, 2000 the Town of Union Dog Control Officer, Kevin Wheeler, brought this wonderful dog to our shelter as a stray, without any collar or tags. Both her breed mixture and age were guesses and estimates but she looked like a small Lab/Shep mix and was about 5 or 6 years old. She arrived at our shelter happy and tail wagging and interested in meeting all of us! After giving a responsible owner time to look for her and when no owner was located, we began the search for the best possible home for "our girl". We all waved a tearful, sad goodbye to "Sandy" as she left us to be part of a terrific family on November 4, 2000.

On August 26, 2003 we were reunited with "Sandy" when her distraught family was unable to convince their new landlord to let "Sandy" live in the new apartment too! From that moment on we knew she was meant to live and work with us at the Front Street Dog Shelter! She became a wonderful ambassador for our Shelter and a great example of how wonderful shelter dogs can be! Her standard greeting was to lean against your leg or bow her head into your knees for you to pet her! She never had a bad day and was loving, gentle and happy to see all visitors! Her days were spent with families and children visiting at our shelter, helping us socialize the dogs in our adoption program, letting us use her as the "micro-chip dog" to show and talk to visitors about the benefits of micro-chipping and generally making our days brighter!

Her love and enjoyment of the company of other dogs made her extra special! Whether it was a 120lb dog or a 4 lb puppy, she was always interested and happy to meet and play with them!

While it was a short time she was with us, she has left huge paw prints to fill and a very empty spot in our hearts. It helps us to know that she was greeted by and is with "Amber" and "Betsy" who crossed the Rainbow Bridge in 2003. Those of you in the community who were fortunate to have met her will understand our feelings of sadness and loss.



Those wishing to honor her may do so by taking some extra time to hug and play with your own dog, donate a toy/blanket or send a donation in her memory to help other dogs.