



## Rainbow Bridge

*The Club extends condolences to all who have lost their most faithful of friends.*

SHAWNDEE'S JACKSON CDX a.k.a. TANNER

April 18, 1994 - July 11, 2005

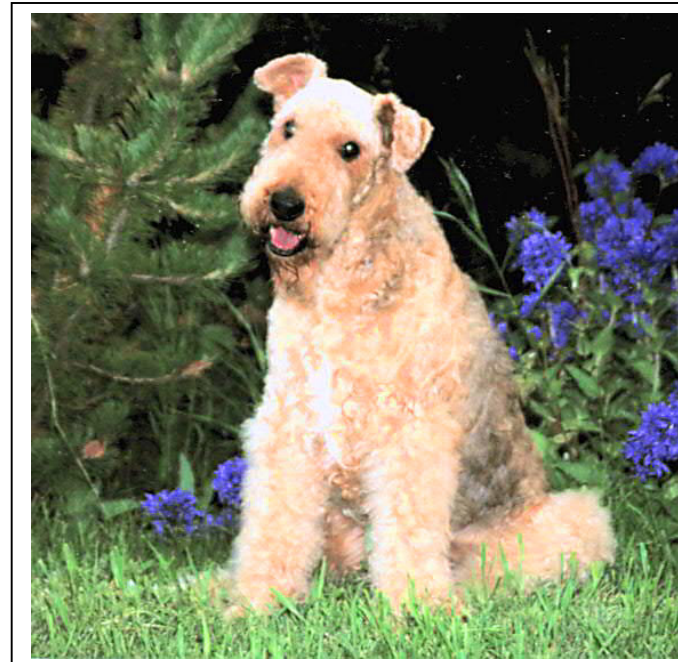
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Everyone knew Tanner.

Tanner was my first obedience dog. Together we broke many new trails as we ventured into the world of obedience trials and dog shows. Although Tanner enjoyed sitting in a lawn chair watching, more than actually doing the trials, he gamely came along, and always gave it the "Tanner" try.

Very early in Tanner's life, you knew he was a people dog. He loved everybody, and would happily kiss you to prove it. He especially loved children, and more than once he left the ring to go visit a child he had spotted. It didn't matter that he didn't know them.

Tanner had many special talents. On one trip he learned how to drink from a straw. No drink was ever safe after that. Many times, Lianne and I would return to the van with a decoy straw so Tanner wouldn't get our drinks before we had a chance at them.



Tanner also saw things no one else could see. Yet, he would convince all around there really was something there, and I think he had a little Airedale laugh when he had everyone looking for what he had seen.

There wasn't a zipper he couldn't open, nor a closet door he couldn't get through. He so enjoyed going through Howard's curling bag and eating all of his cherry Halls.

In Tanner's later years he loved our trips to Grandma's (my mom). On these trips he had "only" dog status and it was just he and I. He always got an ice cream cone on these trips, and Mom always cooked him bacon for breakfast.

Although Tanner had gone deaf in the last year, and his step had slowed, he still loved his playtime with me when I got home from work. He also loved to sit with Howard every morning and share that last bite of toast.

With very heavy hearts, Howard and I said a final good-bye to Tanner on July 11<sup>th</sup>. There is a huge hole and vast emptiness in our house where once there was Tanner. He will always have a special place in our hearts, and his smiling face will forever be just a thought away.

