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Tusoni Times are back!

Many of you have not seen my Tusoni Times newsletter, the last one was in 2005! Shannon has insisted, and many requested, I start it back up, but how do I make up for 5 years? With just the highlights of 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010...



Lhotse had 5 pups in June 2006

2006 – We had a lot of fun raising these little fur balls in the HOT summer of 2006, from left to right are Ted E Bear, Kasey, Boomer, Chamonix and Chaucer. We kept the only little girl, Chamonix, and the others went to wonderful homes, and we have new friends now!

We took all 3 dogs to Idaho for the Samoyed National. Denali was the only dog we showed, and he did well for a 2 year old! The end of the year Chamonix made her debut with me as handler.



10 week old Chamonix, (sha-MO-knee) we call her Chami for short!

2007 – Started out with a trip to Brazil to see our exchange student Amanda graduate from law school! Shannon and Joe went with us, and we had 3 days of late night parties with the entire family!



The rest of 2007 was not as happy as I lost both my Mom and Dad 5 months apart. Dad was 78; Mom was just 2 weeks short of her 86th birthday. I still miss them an incredible amount.



Jerry & Lena Henry – (Papa & Nanny) 2003 at Shannon's wedding



2008 – In February, Denali and I drove to Colorado, and Denali sired a litter of 7 pups with Lexi.

As soon as I returned from Kansas, we had to make a hasty trip to Massachusetts, as Larry's sister Donna was very ill from cancer. We lost Donna just before Christmas.



Larry & Donna at our wedding in 1992



May, Larry and I went to Italy for a European Bamboo Rod Makers Gathering. We loved the Tuscany area, food and wine so much, we are going back in April 2011!

Larry in front of wine barrels in Tuscany

October found me packing the Suburban, with 2 dogs, a friend with 2 dogs, and we drove to Kansas for the Samoyed National. Lhotse and Chamonix took 4th in Brace competition, where they are run and show together!

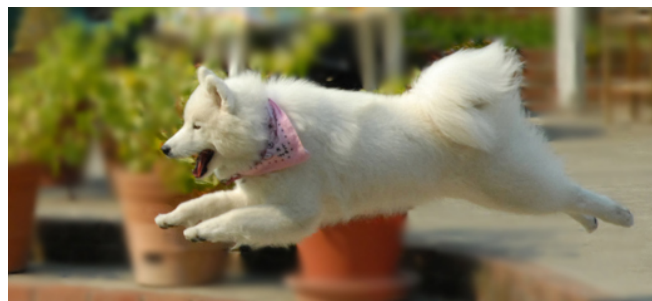


Lhotse, Lynda, Shannon & Amanda 2008

We ended 2008 with Amanda "coming home" after 10 years. We had a wonderful Christmas and New Years, and Amanda even got to go to a dog show! Then we tearfully put Amanda on a plane back to Brazil.



Lynda, Chamonix and Lhotse



Chamonix can fly!

2009 – Chamonix finished her AKC Championship in February, all her points from the Bred By Exhibitor class, meaning I handled her always!



Denali got a turn out in the ring, and did very well with me and a new handler, several group placements; till he decided he was bored with the show ring!

So, time to do other stuff with our dogs, like Lhotse goes to an assisted living facility 2 times a month as a Therapy Dog. Lhotse has her Rally title, and Chamonix is almost finished with hers. We do pack hikes with them whenever we go to our cabin, and we tried some herding, and Chami and Denali did good there too!



Chamonix gets her HCT-s with Lynda

April 2009 – I turned 50! And of course, we had a party!



Lynda & Janet do the splits!

Best part of 2009, was we sold Goldrush! No more employees and AT&T phone bills!

Denali sired another litter of puppies in the summer, with Keyush.

In the fall Larry and I went to Switzerland for another European Bamboo Rod Makers Gathering, and spent 4 days in Chamonix France with Larry's family.

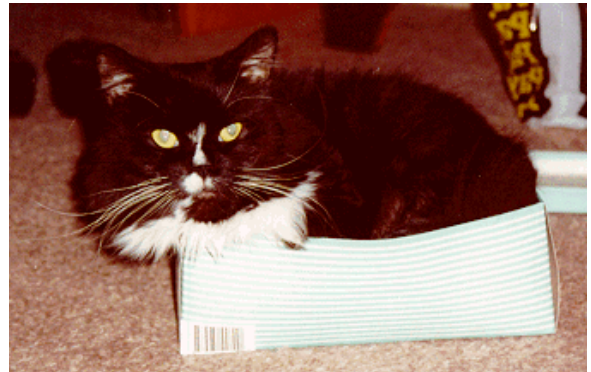
Just before Christmas I received a phone call from my biological mother in Utah, and we have established a relationship. This could fill an entire newsletter...



Loretta & Ned live in Vernal Utah, and we visited twice in 2010. And they spent my 51st birthday with us here in Angels.



We lost both Shades and Spot this year. And Rusty a couple years ago. We only have Mandy now, and she is lonely.



Spot was 20 years old

2010 – With our new retirement of sorts, time to do some work on the house, refinished Shannon’s room upstairs, and did some replanting in the yard. Will be getting floors refinished after the New Year.

We have bred Chamonix and Denali just after Thanksgiving, so will find out about the time everyone receives this newsletter, if pups are in our future!

Larry has been making wine, along with his bamboo fly rods, and has won several awards, including a double gold at the California State fair this year, with his Zinfandel. We have lots of help when it comes time to bottle the wine, about 125 cases!



Shannon, Denali, Lhotse, Lynda, Chamonix, Chaucer & John

We have birthday parties with the dogs each year, 2010 was only us, but we have had as many as 8 sammies in our friends Candy & Johns wonderful yard.

Shannon turned 30 this year! No kids, but Shan has started running half marathons!



Wishing everyone a Happy Holiday season and the very best in 2011

Lynda, Larry, Lhotse, Denali and Chamonix – and Mandy too