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## THE KENNEL CORNER

# The First Human

by Krista Mifflin

It was a pretty happy day for two duck hunters as we headed out on the two and a half hour drive to pick up my partner's new golden retriever puppy. She was being flown in that morning and we had to pick her up at the airport.

When we got there, she was ready and he was the first to open the cage, let her out and of course cuddle her. It was when we climbed into the van and headed back home that things changed a little.

He was driving. Guess who held onto the puppy for the two and half hour drive back? It was probably the best trip home from

that city that I have ever had. All the way it was play, play, play and snuggle and cuddle, and play some more, with puppy climbing all over me. When she got tired she just curled up in my lap and snoozed a bit.

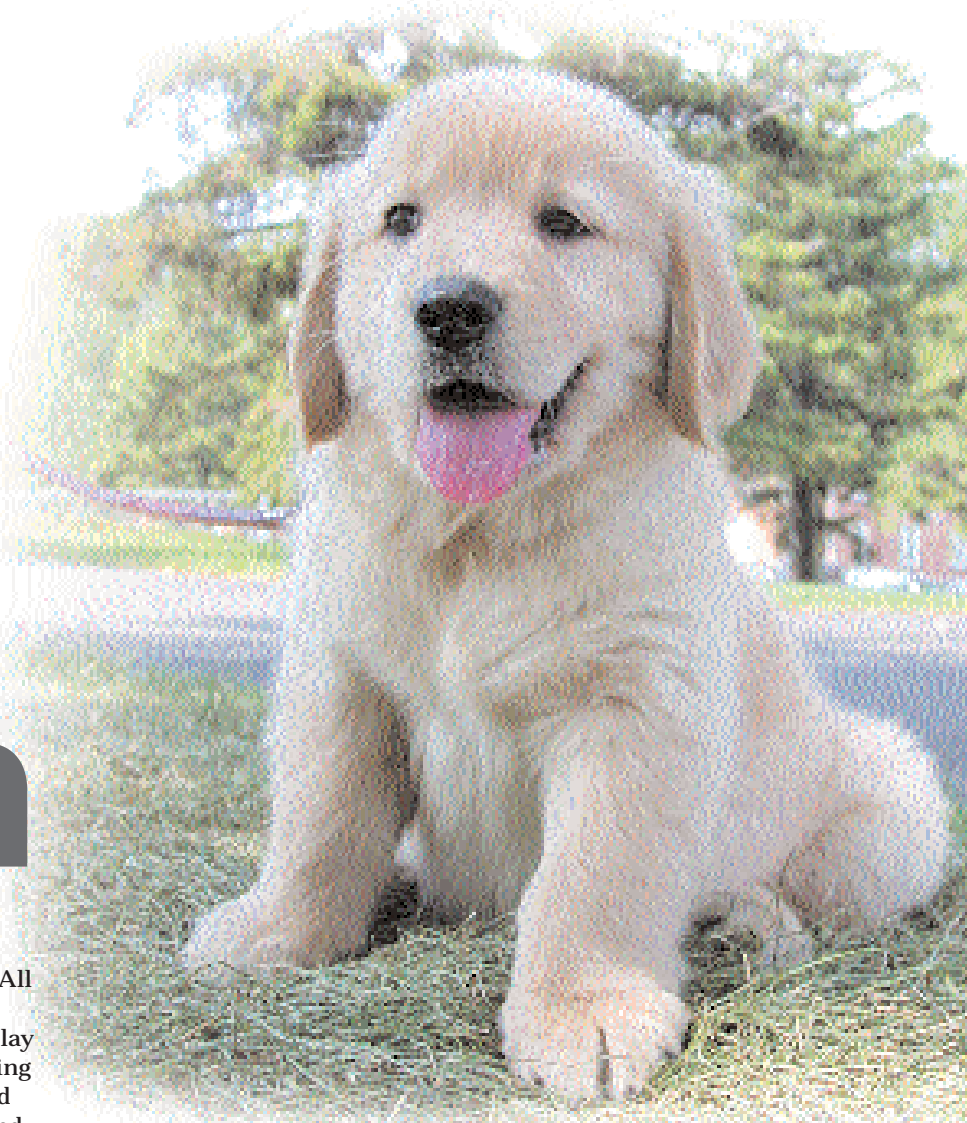
The family had picked out a name for her, "Penny", and neither of us had any idea of what was happening to Penny on that trip. She was not worried, not car sick, just bonding with her new human, the wrong one. We were lucky the dog was smart enough to realize shortly after that I was not her master, but the bonding thing still carries on to this day.

That was almost ten years ago. She would do anything

asked of her from myself or her master without question, and it still is my pleasure to look after her when I can.

When duck season rolls around we don't have to worry who handles the dog. By the way, she turned out to be a super family pet as well as a fabulous retriever. A word of advice for those who travel far to pick up pets, allow the new owner to bond with the pet, and maybe the friend should drive home.

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## Your Dog is Hit by a Car - Do You Know What to Do?

What would you do in case of an emergency with your dog? What if your dog suffered from poisoning or heat stroke or was hit by a car? Emergencies like these happen all the time, just ask an emergency vet.

I know most people think it will never happen to them but trust me - things happen.

Your dog's health is very important to me, so I want all my Petplace subscribers to be well prepared to deal with health emergencies.

So, I have made the decision to invest time over the next few weeks visiting animal emergency clinics and to write about my experiences and what I learned. I want to explain how pet emer-



gency rooms operate, information about common emergencies and tips on how to prepare for and prevent these common emergencies.

Going out to pet emergency rooms will allow me to give you the best and most useful information. I'm really excited about this!

So... what do you do in the case of an emergency? The best thing you can do is to be prepared. It is important that you know who to call, where to go, what to do, and financially be prepared for an unexpected expense.

The first thing you can do is to find out how your vet handles emergencies. Does he see them himself or does he send you to a local emergency room? Call and find out. WRITE DOWN the phone number and directions. The best way to deal with an emergency is to prepare and plan ahead.

(Dr. Jon)

### Today's Special

#### Bacon Bites

- 3 cups whole wheat flour
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup bacon fat (or vegetable oil)
- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- 3 - 4 slices bacon, crumbled up
- 1/2 cup cold water

Mix ingredients together thoroughly. Roll out on a floured surface to 1/2 - 1/4" thickness. Bake for 35-40 minutes in a 325 degree oven.

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