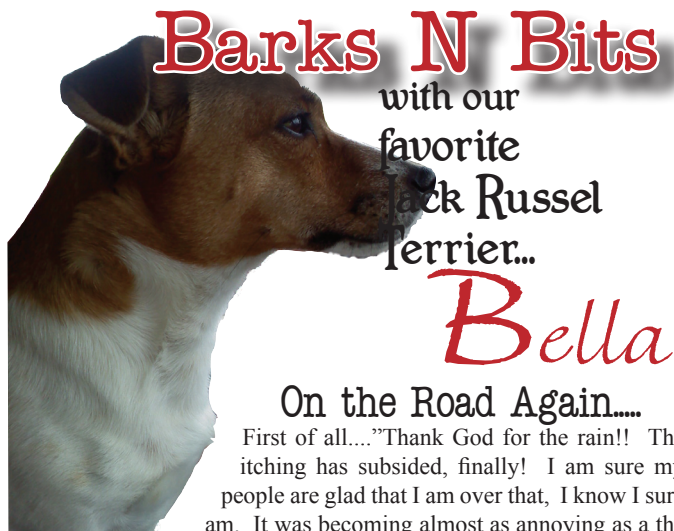




On the Road Again.....

First of all...."Thank God for the rain!! The itching has subsided, finally! I am sure my people are glad that I am over that, I know I sure am. It was becoming almost as annoying as the snores that now resonate from the little black bark

box as she snoozes on the couch midday. (While no one else is able to enjoy what once was a peaceful nap time around here.)

We have recently spent a lot of time on the road. Early in October we made an eight hour trip to Iowa. The whole family was able to go and attend the 2010 Midwest Match Barrel Race in Cedar Rapids. This included Miss Annabelle. She was in rare form, as usual. I was glad we didn't know many people over there, she embarrassed me a few times barking at anything and everything that moved. She even tried to "attack" another dog. (If you can consider a lunge from a "brat" wurst on legs an attack.) And of course, your truly was left to baby-sit in the home on wheels. I wish they would have left me a thicker blanket....to muffle incessant shrill barks from the Princess at every passerby.

Our trip was overall a success, everyone had a great time and from what I understand, our ladies team was voted the best dressed. (It was a good thing they weren't picky about the white hairs I tend to leave on black jeans.) We also got to spend some time with wonderful friends at their home. (Thank you, Willards!) They even had some dogs that lived with them that entertained Annie, which gave me a nice break.

Shortly after our trip to Iowa, we made the five hour drive to Lake Cumberland in Kentucky. This time it was a mini-vacation for me....no Annie!!!! I got some serious sleeping done, chased a few squirrels and enjoyed some peace and quiet. I didn't get to ride the boat this time, boo! I really enjoy sitting up in the front, although I don't care much for the contraption they put on me when I take a swim. Mostly it is a nice break from the ranch and the "outside dogs." And this time it was a break from Princess Annabelle. I hated to come home.

That's about the extent of the excitement for me this month. I did have a reader send in a question about my writing methods that I thought it was worth answering. The reader wanted to know how it is that I can hold onto a pen or pencil to write my column (since I have paws and no fingers.)

The answer is simple. I do not use a pen or pencil. I prefer to type. (My small paws fit nicely on the keys and the computer has spellcheck.)

Until next month, enjoy some traveling with your family. As for me, I've had enough for a while....I'm gonna stay home and catch up on my napping....if I could just get that incessant snoring to stop.



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