



Barks N Bits

with our favorite Jack Russel Terrier...

Bella

The New - "Old Teddy"

I've got a really neat story for you this month. I know I'm always talking about life here at the ranch, but this month I have a story to tell you about a new member to the family.

My people have family members that aren't so much "horse people" and don't hang out down at the barn...but they are still what I would consider "dog people." One of the family members in particular has a tender heart when it comes to my fellow four legged canines.

The latest member of the family has found his way into the tender hearted family member's home and this is where my story begins.

You see, Teddy (who is by no means a youngster), had lived out his thirteen years with a couple who loved him dearly. I'm sure he spent many nights cuddled up on one of their laps while they enjoyed each others and his company. He is a lapdog size ball of fur...I think they referred to him as a Pomeranian. (I had to use spell check on that one!)



The sad part of the story is that the couple he spent most of his life with became incapable of taking care of themselves and were advised that they would have to enter a nursing home together. On a good note, part of this decision was that they were to enter their nursing home together, the flip side of this is that with them both entering a nursing home and with no one to take care of Teddy - they were advised that they should put him to sleep.

Well, the tender hearted lady (my people's family) happened to come onto the scene and began working with the couple as they were preparing to make the move. They shared their dilemma with her as they struggled with the decision at hand.

Of course after hearing what was suggested, she absolutely would not hear of it. She offered

to open her home to Teddy and promised the couple that he would have a "forever" home" with her.

The elderly couple was so thankful and teared up at the thought of saying goodbye to Teddy, but were so relieved that it was not goodbye forever - you see, he can still visit when he wants.

Meanwhile, New/Old Teddy has made himself at home with the other geriatric members at his new home. He's fitting right in with the dachshund (I know - another wiener dog in the family....) named Otis and the big rescue dog that looks like he's part Chow Chow (except in the summer when they shave him and he looks like some form of a lion/dog) named Dillon. The youngster of the bunch at Teddy's new home thinks she is old because of the company she keeps....her name is Maddie - and she is....you guessed it, another wiener dog.

Here's the kicker.....Maddie is "Princess Annabelle's" sister. Small world, huh? I think from now on I'll call her "Princess Madeline."

Until next month,
Take care of the "Old Folks"
in your life...
critters included...

