

Then you cross Rainbow Bridge together...



"When I die, I intend to ask God if I can stay at the Rainbow Bridge instead of going into heaven, because there are so many pets that go to the Rainbow Bridge without ever having known the love and compassion of a human being. Puppies frozen to death in wire cages at puppy mills, kittens drown because the female cat "just keeps getting herself pregnant." I want to promise these animals there is still hope for them. It'll just happen in their next lifetime, when they return to earth again."

*- Terri Tinsley
1964—2003*

This picture was taken of Terri the weekend before she was tragically killed in an automobile accident on December 9, 2003.

Dog's Best Friend Left Big Legacy

To those who knew her best, it was unclear when Teri Tinsley took time to sleep.

At the time of her death, Tinsley oversaw the web site and e-mail "listserv" for the Wisconsin Dog Rescue and Pet Rescue Network (an umbrella organization for groups caring for stray and homeless dogs), ran her own German Shepherd dog rescue and updated annually a 125 page directory of contact information for rescue groups around the state.

Friends and family credit her with creating a web site for the organization, helping to establish screening rules for rescue groups and fostering better communication between shelters and rescues.

Her big mission was to get rescues and shelters to play well together and she

really got that to happen. She created strong bonds between rescues and shelters and even vet clinics.

For now Perry, Terri's husband, is taking over the reins of Tinsley's various rescue endeavors, made somewhat easier, he said, by his wife's assiduous organizations skills.

Terri worked closely with our rescue volunteer, Lois Kolpacki, and assisted the Humane Society of Marathon County in many dog rescues.

Terri will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Our sympathy goes out to her husband, Perry, her mother, Rosemary DeWitt of Stevens Point, her sister Cathy Wetmore of Wisconsin Rapids and brother Neil DeWitt of Chugiak, Alaska. Terri also is survived by her furry and feathered family, Pistol, Owen, Ashland, Chans, Crookshanks, Wanka and Bingo.

She was preceded in death by her father Elmer DeWitt.

Just this side of heaven is a place called... Rainbow Bridge