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Dear Friends of Nikki,

To begin, I am doing as OK as possible, naturally missing my little Doog tremendously. I have been unable to sit and respond to all the many beautiful messages and cards that were sent. Preparation for, and attendance at the Association for Pet Loss and Bereavement Conference last weekend took much of my available energy. That completed, I am taking a few days out of state to enjoy and regroup. I have started the creation of response cards but it has been a slow process. My creative brain is also grieving Doogie's absence, yet I want it to be a personal creation to help me move the energy into something honoring of him. I take each of your expressions of sympathy to heart and want to respond to every one as I'm able, when I return after the holiday weekend.

This weekend is particularly special as Sunday May 30th is the 10th anniversary of Nikki's death. Her life, and her death, changed my path in life forever. Friends of Nikki is now in the 9th year of existence, since March, and is about to take some new paths in helping to increase the awareness of the significant human-animal bond we all share, thus providing additional services down the road. Doogie's role in that is still unfolding. So the bitter sweetness of this particular May is weighing on my heart, but I see the goodness to come through my tears. I am forever grateful for the time I had with Ziggy, Nicole, Danni and the Doogster, and for all the love they left in my heart to share with others.

In memory of Nikki, I ask that each of you spend a moment or two on Sunday to thank your "babies" for all they gave to you during their lives and even through their deaths. Rainbow Bridge will be filled with wagging tails, flapping wings, and little squeals and purring as all of them see their Mommies and Daddies smiling up at them.

Thanks Nik.....

Warmly,  
Donna