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To: Donna

Subject: Dear Doogie - Miss You More

Friends of Nikki,

I felt I had to write this "letter to Doogie" to get out feelings I have had all this week. I know many of you have expressed appreciation in my sharing of these random writings that I do, so I decided to share this one as well. Warning: It may require a box of tissues. I tend to keep my tears private, but I do have them, too. This happened to be one of those days (??weeks). I hope you each were able to have a peaceful Thanksgiving, in however you chose to experience it. I had a wonderful day with family, came home to two amazing "kids", but the feelings bubbled up, and writing this letter eased the pain for me. When I talk with you through Friends of Nikki, I am truly understanding the depth of your losses. Although we are each very different, we are the same in the fact that we love, honor and respect animals. They come and go in our lives, but as someone said at Sunday's meeting, "they make us better humans". With each of you in my thoughts and prayers on this first major holiday of the season, I share my letter to my little boy in Heaven.

Dear Doogie,

Miss You More.....

I don't know if it's the time of year. I'm sure it has something to do with it. I try to help others prepare for this holiday season, and even though I do take my own advice, I miss you more. Lilly and Tommy fill my days with that wonderful canine energy, but it's not your energy. I feel you close to me in spirit, and I know our hearts will always be connected, but it doesn't help. We had something unique, especially those last 7 years while you were "an only child". I go weeks, even months now, without my heart aching for you. I talk with you every day and night, and of course, we still say our prayers together, and Mommy's OK. Really, she is! But then a day or two comes, and it's as if I just lost you yesterday. What is that? What is it about separation by death of our physical "vehicles" that tears a piece of our hearts away? Do you feel it too, up in Heaven? Are you sad sometimes because you can't kiss Mommy or touch her anymore? Maybe it's just a human thing, or an earthly thing. We haven't evolved enough yet, or something like that. I don't know, Doog, all I know is that on this day of Thanksgiving 2011, I miss you more.....

Love,
Mommy