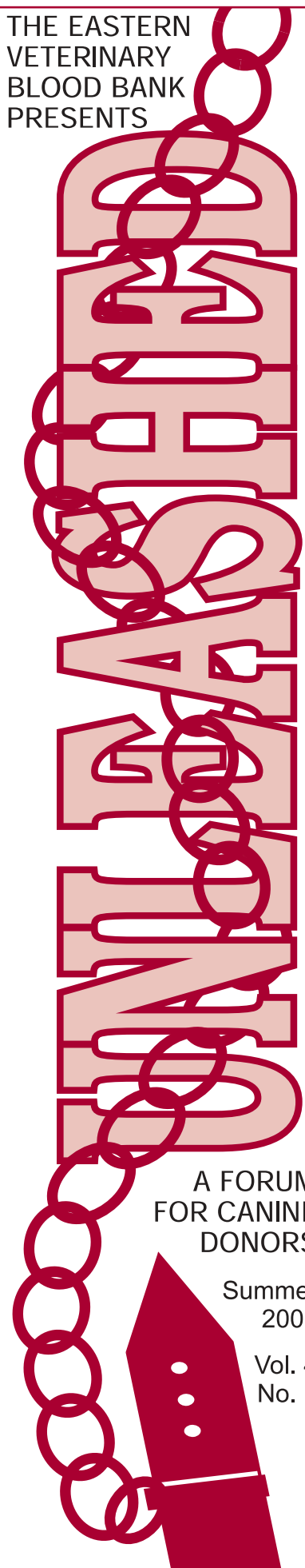


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PRESENTS



A FORUM  
FOR CANINE  
DONORS

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# Donor Profile

By Wendeline L. Wagner, DVM

Two years ago this summer, I became a volunteer bone marrow donor for an anonymous recipient who had leukemia. The experience is never far from my heart or mind, a truly life altering experience for me. I anxiously await the day this summer when I can find out who she is. I have so much to tell her, and so much more to ask!! Shortly after that donation, my family and I attended the Super Pet Expo in Virginia, where I saw the Eastern Veterinary Blood Bank display. This was another life altering experience, in somewhat the same way. When I attended veterinary school in the late 80's, pet blood donation was very, very different than it is today. Back then, in my Midwestern veterinary school, the canine blood donors were retired racetrack greyhounds kept in kennels in the veterinary school. Their life was a big step up from the track, yet it was still confinement housing. Since the storage of blood and its products was in its infancy, we were not allowed to take these dogs for walks, as literally the call for their blood could come at any minute, and we could never have them more than 15 minutes from the veterinary hospital. There were no vacuum pumps, so the physical act of drawing blood was done via gravity and took 30 to 45 minutes, and many times required the sedation of the greyhound to achieve. If you were a

private practitioner and were lucky enough to have a clinic within 60 miles of the veterinary school, and they had the blood type available you needed for one of your patients, you could buy it from the school. The rest of us that practiced in the north woods, hours from any major referral center, made do. What did we do if we had patients that needed transfusions? Why I ran home, got my trusty 90-pound universal donor Doberman, Stoltz, and brought him into the clinic. Many a thrombocytopenic poodle, Labrador with a gunshot wound or hit-by-car Springer spaniel owes their life to the generous "volunteer donor" of my post veterinary school days, Stoltz.

Eventually I went into a specialty residency in laboratory animal medicine, and moved out here to Maryland, and lost touch with private practice. It marched on without me, and transfusion medicine became its own specialty. So when I saw the Eastern Veterinary Blood Bank booth, I was thrilled and relieved to see that the art and science of canine transfusion had moved forward into this century and no longer depended on the archaic methods I remembered from just 13 years ago. As I thought about it, I remembered how fulfilling it was when I donated my bone marrow to

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save the life of a 16-year-old girl with leukemia. I thought to myself that I could easily recapture that feeling every two months. I have 5 big dogs at home, all of them less than 3 years old and all of them eligible for blood donation. On top of it, I am a veterinarian so I well know the demand for blood products. Besides, I thought, what a good way to tire that pack of young dogs out — a nice car ride, a little excitement at the clinic, free treats — and maybe the loss of blood will make them sleep soundly for an evening! And this was still when I thought I was going to have to drive them to Annapolis from Frederick. Imagine how pleased I was to find out they were going to have a satellite clinic once every 2 months at Frederick! Of course, the car ride tires them out a little, but you don't take nearly enough blood from them to ever tire my bunch out — although I urge you and urge you to take more...

Let me introduce you to the Wagner-Alden pack of true volunteer

blood donors. You have only to see them surge through the doors of the Kingsbrook Animal Hospital to realize that they are truly VOLUNTEERING to donate. After many years of watching those timid, ex-track greyhounds in the wards of my vet school, it does my heart good to know that there is now a program that uses only volunteer donors. First on the table is inevitably Ruthie, our 2-year-old English mastiff. I once read an Olde English saying about the life span of giant breed dogs "Two years a young dog, two years a good dog, two years an old dog, all the rest a gift from God." Since Ruthie turns two in June of 2003, we are eagerly looking forward to the good dog years and hope they start SOON. Next is Seton, a nearly three-year-old German Shepherd. Seton was raised from puppy hood to be a guide dog for the blind and started training as such. However, due to mild hip and elbow dysplasia he was disqualified from the school and came back to Maryland to live. Since he was destined to save lives one way or the

other, donating blood seems like a fine way to do so, although he would just as soon Ruthie donate on his behalf. Russo and Baggy are the Doberman duo in the pack, both three years old. Both of them, in true Doberman fashion, lie very still and know exactly how to flip up the pillow afterwards to get the treats underneath. Our last donor is our mixed breed, Celine. Her name came about because at the pound she was thin, lanky and loved to sing. After a couple years at our house she has lost that svelte figure, but still loves to sing. At least she now makes the minimum blood donation weight! At our last visit we discussed our desire to get another mastiff puppy, and asked how many dogs we had to have in order for EVBB to make a house call, or set us up as our own satellite donation spot. Sadly, I understand that we would need at least 5 more dogs. We do have a 6th dog at our house, our Chihuahua, Krumm, but she doesn't count toward our EVBB quorum. But one never knows, a couple more years and EVBB may yet be showing up at my house!

# SUPER PET EXPO

## CHANTILLY, VIRGINIA

[www.superpetexpo.com](http://www.superpetexpo.com)

April was an exciting month for the EVBB! Lots of fun was had at the Super Pet Expo April 4-6. Our volunteer donors enjoyed the donor reception, awards presentation, and all the events and exhibits offered at the Expo. Many new canine heroes were recruited at our booth. Welcome!

*(Right) Cofounder, Patrick Lee, proudly hands out information at the EVBB booth.*

*(Below) The EVBB put on a fun trivia game where contestants competed for prizes. The "Red Blood Cell Team" won the game but all went home with goodies.*



# Eastern Veterinary Blood Bank

# Blood Drive Locations

## MARYLAND

### Eastern Veterinary Blood Bank

808 Bestgate Road  
Annapolis, MD  
(410) 224-2265

### Highway Veterinary Hospital

2604 Crain Highway  
Bowie, MD  
(301) 249-2005

### Lewis Veterinary Hospital

10665 Route 108  
Columbia, MD  
(410) 730-6660

### Kingsbrook Animal Hospital

5322 New Design Road  
Frederick, MD  
(301) 631-6900

### Mount Carmel Animal Hospital

17004 York Road  
Parkton, MD  
(410) 343-0200

### PetSmart

602 Boulton Street  
Bel Air, MD  
(410) 638-0330

### Timonium Animal Hospital

2135 York Road  
Timonium, MD  
(410) 252-8820

## VIRGINIA

**NEW!**

### Animal Medical Center of Cascades (AMCC)

20789 Algonkian Parkway, #180  
Great Falls Plaza  
Sterling, VA 20165  
(571) 434-0250

### Great Falls Animal Hospital

10125 Colvin Run Road  
Great Falls, VA  
(703) 759-2330

### Herndon Animal Medical Center

720 Jackson Street  
Herndon, VA  
(703) 435-8777

### Pender Veterinary Clinic

4001 Legato Road  
Fairfax, VA  
(703) 591-3304

### Webers Pet Supermarket

11021 Lee Highway  
Fairfax, VA  
(703) 385-3766

## WEST VIRGINIA

### Briggs Animal Adoption Center

Route 2, Box 134G  
Charles Town, WV  
(304) 724-6558

**NOTE: We will also travel to PA, DE & DC!**

*As always... THANK YOU to all of the blood drive locations for their continued support! Special thanks to Ms. Claudia May and Dr. Mitchell at AMCC for all of their efforts and support in establishing their veterinary hospital as a new EVBB blood drive location in Northern Virginia!*



*Unleashed* is the biannual newsletter of the Eastern Veterinary Blood Bank

## Meet the Staff

**Ann Schneider, DVM**, Director

**Patrick Lee, Jr.**, Chief Operating Officer

**Steve Kubelun, DVM**, Associate Veterinarian

**Jacqueline Falke, DVM**, Associate Veterinarian

**Brandee Stout**, Director of Regulatory Compliance/Senior Blood Collection Assistant

**Melanie Lewis**, Blood Collection Assistant

**Lori Beatty**, Blood Collection Assistant

**Theresa Connelly**, Bookkeeper

**Peggy Driver**, Administrative Assistant

**Barb Vernon**, Donor Coordinator

**Amie Dudley**, Packaging Specialist/ Labeler

**Stacey Alton**, Veterinary Technician



## Happenings In and Around Town



### WUSA TV "Petline 9"

Saturday, July 26, 2003

EVBB will be featured on this local television news pet segment! Dr. Ann Schneider will be interviewed and the blood bank will be highlighted.

### Anne Arundel County Fair

Wednesday - Sunday: September 10 - 14, 2003

[www.aacountyfair.com](http://www.aacountyfair.com)

Anne Arundel County Fairgrounds, Crownsville, Maryland  
EVBB will be exhibiting!

### Highway Veterinary Clinic "Open House"

Saturday, September 13, 2003

2604 Crain Highway, Bowie, Maryland, (301) 249-2005

This EVBB blood drive location will be hosting an "Open House."

*Please let EVBB know about upcoming events in the canine community at [info@evbb.com](mailto:info@evbb.com) or call (410) 224-BANK.*

# SHARE THE Care

## Donor Referral Program

A current and ongoing goal of EVBB is to increase our donor base. We have found one of our most valuable resources in increasing our donor base has been our pool of existing clients.

Please contact Barb Vernon at [info@evbb.com](mailto:info@evbb.com) or (800) 949-3822 x152 with any prospective donors or upcoming opportunities for EVBB to participate in the canine community and recruit prospective donors.

Please keep in mind we always plan to reward your efforts in a meaningful way and we thank you for your efforts in advance!

### **Thank you for your referrals!**

Ms. Ann Smits for Lucy King

Ms. Judy Mayberry for Buddy Bradley

Ms. Laurie Long for Tyson Mitchem

The McDonald family for Winne, Chloe, & Clancy Ringers

Ms. Snyder for Asher Hester

Ms. Roche for Luke Engbert

Mr. Michael Wolter for Virginia German Shepherd Rescue

Dr. Wendy Wagner for Baxter, Benelli & Tonka Donnelly

Ms. Pat Clark for Henry Waters

## Donor Recruitment Poster Contest!

### **Picture Contest!**

The EVBB is in the process of designing a NEW recruitment poster to be displayed at various stores, community centers and libraries. We need YOU to mail us a picture of your lifesaver wearing his/her bandana! The staff will be voting on the "best" picture or pictures and using them on our poster. Don't delay... mail us a picture today! Your pooch could be a poster king or queen. We must have all pictures in our office no later than July 30<sup>th</sup>. The winner will be announced in our Fall Unleashed newsletter.



## Another Life Saved!

### **By Brandee Stout**

In September of 2002 Larry Hillman, a 5 year old Greyhound was out running and playing at Quiet Waters Dog Park in Annapolis as he loves to do, but this was not going to turn out to be a fun day like his past visits. As he was in full Greyhound stride a small dog decided he would like to play with Larry and ran straight in front of him. Larry tried to stop so as not to trample the small dog and he tripped and tumbled to the ground. When he returned to his feet his owner, Lisa Hillman, noticed that he was limping and lame and knew something must be wrong. She decided to get Larry to Chesapeake Veterinary Referral Service (CVRS) as soon as possible. After several x-rays it was confirmed that Larry had fractured his left tibia, and had also done significant damage to the ligaments in left knee. The seventy-five pound Greyhound was prepped and entered into surgery. The surgery was performed by Dr. Joe Prostedny and went without a hitch. It was not until after surgery and in recovery that Larry developed coagulopathy and went into DIC (Disseminated Intravascular Coagulopathy). It became apparent that the one thing that may save Larry's life would be a FFP (Fresh Frozen Plasma) transfusion. Dr. Prostedny acquired the product from the EVBB. By the end of Larry's visit at CVRS he had received 6 plasma transfusions and 3 Packed Red Blood Cell transfusions due to secondary anemia. We are happy to say that Larry is back home now happy and healthy. Lisa Hillman would like to send great thanks to Darlene Riden and her two greyhounds that rushed up and donated whole blood when Larry needed it (Gypsy and Money). We at the EVBB along with Lisa Hillman would also like to send out huge thanks to all of our volunteers (past and present) because without them lives like Larry's could not be saved.

# Welcome New Donors!

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## January

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### **EVBB – Annapolis, MD**

Rachel Barr (Rau)  
Clipsy Eldridge  
Trevor & Jake Guarino

### **Herndon Animal Medical Center**

Diva McMahan  
Charlie Gallanis  
Henry Arrington  
Champ Stoegbauer

### **Lewis Vet - Columbia, MD**

Dixie Alder  
George Seibert

### **PetSmart - Bel Air, MD**

Holle & Howard McLain

### **Timonium**

Maggie Brinkman  
Atlas Stumpf  
Dane Colletti  
Ollie Jilek

## February

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### **Great Falls Animal Hospital**

Beau Dunnington  
Komet & Joey Barr  
Alfredo & Buckley Flores

### **Pender Vet – Fairfax, VA**

Kali & Maxie Handy  
Zeus Van Camp  
Bubba Brown

## March

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### **EVBB – Annapolis, MD**

Chimera, Fantasy, Ice, Star Cockrell  
Cognac Carey  
Mamie & Ike Tillman  
Howie Tucker  
Josie McGee  
Radar Gille  
Stella Lammers  
Greta & Piper Neomany  
Teddi & Molly Pletcher

## Now Scheduling. . .

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The EVBB offers appointments in the Annapolis office EVERY Monday and Wednesday. Our first appointment starts at 12 noon and our last appointment is at 8:20 p.m. We hope the additional two Mondays a month will make scheduling a breeze. Also, if you know a pet lover who would make a great volunteer donor please refer them to our website at [www.evbb.com](http://www.evbb.com) or call us at 800-949-3822. We have LOTS of open appointments in our Annapolis location.



Winnie, Chloe & Clancy Ringers  
Swazy Theune

### **Herndon Animal Medical Center**

Maddie Harvey  
Jessie Barry

### **Kingsbrook Animal Hospital – Frederick, MD**

Hershey Reed  
Finny, Silhouette, & Andre Davis  
Erin & Sarah Cargo  
Celine Wagner  
Olive Stumpf

### **PetSmart - Bel Air, MD**

Agnes Graybeal  
Buddy Bradley

### **Webers Pet Supermarket – Fairfax, VA**

Abby Grabowski  
Maggie & Sidney Kurzius  
Lucy Schoeler

### **Lewis Vet – Columbia, MD**

Duchess & Daisy Rubin

## April

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### **EVBB – Annapolis, MD**

Lucy Martin  
Shiloh Pomeroy (Churches)  
Tucker Hester

### **Briggs Animal Adoption Center – Charles Town, WV**

Maji Fernando  
Glacier Withers  
Hailey Norwood

### **Great Falls Animal Hospital**

Max & Cody Jensen-Otsu

### **Highway Vet – Bowie, MD**

Jack & Maggie Mae Harris  
Bubba Cook

### **Lewis Vet – Columbia, MD**

Mousse Voorhees  
Tyson Marney

### **Pender Vet – Fairfax, VA**

George Wolter

Chucko Van Duyse  
Michael Staub  
Holly & Christopher Whitehead

## May

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### **EVBB – Annapolis, MD**

Asher Owens  
Luke Engbert  
Bran Mastromarco  
Lucky Cohen

### **Herndon Animal Medical Center**

Sam Richmond  
Bravo May  
Randolph & Cooter Foster  
Lexi Beakes  
Oliver Ashby  
Cupid Kratzke  
Kendi Coates  
Oso & Mocha Dyer

### **Kingsbrook Animal Hospital – Frederick, MD**

Phoebe Fisher

### **Pender Vet – Fairfax, VA**

Zeus Shabala

### **Webers Pet Supermarket**

Rocco Priore  
Zoe Zamora  
Apollo, Katie, & Selene Lay  
Ike Burns  
Bailey Braun  
Peaches Anselm

## June

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### **EVBB – Annapolis**

Rebel Wickens  
Rudy Goslee  
Mojo & Dakota Star Long  
Henry Waters  
Joy Ernest

### **Briggs Animal Adoption Center**

Abbie Brown  
Navy Preston-Fleming

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# WANTED DONOR PHOTOS!

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Please mail (or bring to your next donor appointment) photos of your beloved donor for our website and for our donor board in the Annapolis office.

# Happy Birthday!

## June

Holle McLain  
Ben Troupe  
Shadow Hughes  
Ginger Churches  
Samantha Sentman  
Ferris Lumsden  
Bristol Weedy  
Christopher Whitehead  
Mandy Bryan  
Max Jensen-Otsu  
Ivan Rodgers

## July

Twister Persing  
Simon Adkins  
Casper Leon Hindle

## August

Maddie Harvey  
Mooka Orr  
Glacier Withers

Jezebel Frock  
Balley Braun  
Lulu Kuehnl  
Jolly Heffner (Adams)  
Annastasia Knickman  
Charlie Nelson  
Ripken Lindsay  
Riley Martin  
Casey Fandon  
Beau Demma

## September

Indy Dilling  
Piper Thomas  
Keillor Athans  
Pike Weiss  
Gertrune Spittel

## October

Clyde Longmire  
Mousse Voorhees  
Buckwheat & Teddy Eisenhart

Baggy Wagner  
Axel White  
Louie Hadley  
Chloe Miller  
Chimera Cockrell  
Abby Grabowski  
Tedd E. Lentz  
Skyler Clark  
Jasmine Hagan

## November

Magnum Bleinberger  
Apollo Lay  
Mia Cargo  
Sadie Cote  
Romeo Kaplan  
Molly Pletcher  
Komet Barr  
Diva McMahan  
Piper Neomany  
Grizzley Zahner  
Beethoven Kristal

Renita Sacco  
Mosby Strong

## December

Romeo Beckham  
Brandy Coomes  
Kala Eden  
Rachel Barr (Rau)  
Buster Knell  
Luke Persing  
Gavin Hoffman  
Sadie Dilling  
Maggie Clem  
Clancy Ringers  
Dakota Heckner  
Rocco Priore  
Cooter Foster  
Tucker Hester  
Max Gallagher  
Toby Singleton  
Tazzie Ports  
Hailey Norwood

*PLEASE NOTE: We gathered this data from the Donor Information Sheet originally completed when your dog became a donor. In some cases this information was omitted or unknown. If you have updated information, please contact Barb Vernon at (410) 224-2265 or bvernon@evbb.com.*

## A New Vet On Board!

Dr. Jacqueline Falke has joined the EVBB staff. A Cleveland, Ohio native, she did her undergraduate work in Pennsylvania. She received her doctorate in veterinary medicine at Michigan State University in June 2000. Upon graduation Dr. Falke moved to Maryland to work as an emergency critical care veterinarian until joining the EVBB in June 2003.

When asked about her new position Dr. Falke stated "I am proud to be working with one of the most humane, all volunteer blood banks in the country. The compassion and respect shown for all the donor dogs is evident and when I witnessed it, I just knew I wanted to be part of this team. The most rewarding aspect will be the large number of dogs lives I will be contributing to saving. (Thanks to owners who are committed to bringing their dogs in to help other dogs.) We all know, one donor pint can save up to 4 lives!"

In her free time, she enjoys her numerous pets, working out and traveling.

## Announcements!



### Congratulations!!!

**Dr. Ann Schneider**, Director of the Eastern Veterinary Blood Bank, gave birth to Sarita Lina Robin Schneider on December 18th, 2002. Lina is a welcome addition to the EVBB family!

**Dr. Steve Kubelun**, Associate Veterinarian, and his wife Lori welcomed their first child on February 3rd, 2003. Olive Desdemona Mazel Kubelun weighed 6 lbs. 8 oz. and was born at 12:39 AM. Olive is also a welcome addition to the EVBB family!



EVBB now serves **Purina** treats to all its donors! Thanks to Nestle Purina PetCare Veterinary Sales Consultant, Julia Beall, for all of her efforts to get this relationship in place.

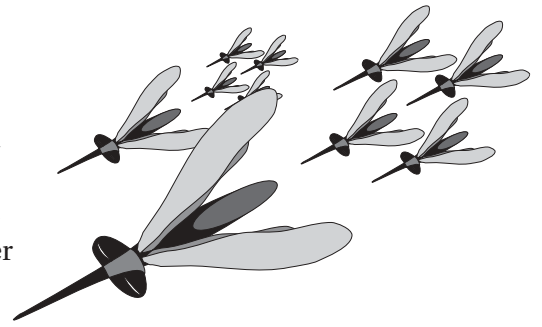
# WARNING! Worst Mosquito Season In Years on Tap

“If mosquitoes seem twice as bad this year, that’s because they are,” according to Cy Lesser, the State of Maryland entomologist in charge of the mosquito control program. As an example, in Dorchester County, they are “feeling the bite of the fourth generation of saltmarsh mosquitoes to emerge this season. To put this in a human perspective, the first mosquitoes to emerge this spring are the great-grandparents of

the current generation of mosquitoes.” “This season Dorchester could see 10 to 12 generations of mosquitoes.”

With this in mind, EVBB strongly encourages all pet owners to religiously use heartworm preventative and tick & flea repellent this summer season.

*Source: Excerpts from The Star Democrat*



## To Our Donors

Look at you, so brave and strong  
Giving blood and getting treats  
To a select group of Lifesavers you belong  
You give more than just blood, you give dying hearts a chance to beat

For all your time and efforts, we are very thankful  
And we know the dogs whose lives you save thank you, too  
We wish we could give you more than hugs, kisses, and cookies by the handful  
So, of course, if you should ever need us, we'll be there for you

We are always amazed at the number of our volunteers  
And how many lives they have touched  
No doubt tens of thousands over the years  
And for every last one, this gift means so much

But now, our blood supplies are low, so our need is clear  
Please ask your family to talk to your vet  
Your doctor can then ask their patients to volunteer  
And since they're dogs, they will come running, its a sure bet.

Yes, we have saved thousands of lives, but we're not done yet.

Steve Kubelun, DVM  
Associate Veterinarian

**Eastern Veterinary Blood Bank, Inc.**

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Return Service Requested



## *I Saved A Life!*



**Lulu Kuehnl**  
*Current donor*



**Dallas Kuehnl**  
*Retired in good standing*

## Recipe Corner

### **Rover's Rollovers**

- 2 cups Whole wheat flour
- 1 cup Corn meal
- 2/3 cup Brewer's yeast powder with garlic
- 2 tsp Additional garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp Salt
- 2 Egg yolks
- 3 Beef or chicken bouillon cubes dissolved in 1 1/2 cups boiling water

Mix well and roll out half of dough to 3/8" thickness. Cut into desired shapes and bake at 375°F for 20 minutes on an ungreased cookie sheet. Turn oven off but leave biscuits in oven until crunchy. Makes about one pound of biscuits.