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A breed-specific rescue organization dedicated to finding new homes for abandoned or unwanted Samoyeds

Parker says, I “see” you and thank you!

On December 5th, Dr. Ralph Hamor confirmed that Parker would, in fact, be a good candidate for cataract surgery. Further testing revealed that Parkers’ cataracts had developed quickly which translated to “once the



L/R Dr. Ralph Hamor and assistants with Parker

cataracts are removed Parker will have the same amount of vision he had before the cataracts developed.”

I’m sure if one listened closely you could hear the cheers throughout Illinois and in parts of Ohio. In the short time Parker has been under NISAs’ wing he quickly became a favorite.

Meantime at Doc Macs’ (Kathleen McManamon), Parkers’ glucose has been the other main concern as he hit a few lows that required some fast action on Doc’s part. For starters Doc switched him to Canidae P.A.W.S kibble (Puppies, adult, working and senior for-

mula) and supplemented with Blood Sugar Control by Nutrafunc Foods, Doc was able to reduce Parkers’ insulin requirements by nearly 50%.

Doc further commented that Parker is a just an absolute dream dog. He loves to be brushed or combed, doesn’t mind having his nails cut and is the best-ever

snuggle-bug to sleep with at night. Best of all Parker doesn’t hog the bed or covers. (She didn’t comment if he snores or not) Doc also said, “Too bad he’s spoken for or he’d be mine in a heartbeat.”

The big day was scheduled for Thursday, January 3rd. Doc dropped off Parker the day before so the staff could have him prep’d and ready to roll first thing on the big day. Long about noon I heard the wonderful news that surgery was text-book perfect and Parker was doing fine in recovery. Both retinas were tacked in place, the cataracts were removed, lenses were implanted, and now it was time to heal.

Doc reported that at one week post-op Parker was further along in the healing process than another dog who came in for a 1-month check-up.

Way to go Parker!!!! Go-Go-Go!

Keeping Your Favorite Valentine safe

As Valentine’s Day approaches, you may be thinking about giving—or getting—the perfect gift. But did you know that the traditional tokens of affection—roses, chocolates, and other candies—can be harmful for the four-legged loves of your life? ASPCA experts offer some tips to ensure a loving and safe day for all species this February 14:

- Please use caution with roses and other blooms containing thorns, which could prove harmful to pets if played with, bitten, stepped on or swallowed. Dr. Louise Murray, Director of Medicine for the ASPCA’s Bergh Memorial Animal Hospital explains, “It’s all too easy for pets to step on thorny stems that fall to the ground as a flower arrangement is being created. Be sure to keep your pets clear of your workspace, since they can develop serious infections from thorn punctures. Also, many varieties of lilies are highly toxic to cats, so if these are your Valentine’s flower of choice, make sure your cats can’t get near them.”

- Chocolate in any form—ranging from one-ounce baking squares to hand-dipped truffles—contains theobromine and caffeine, both methylxanthines that can (Continued on page 13.)

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