

Denali

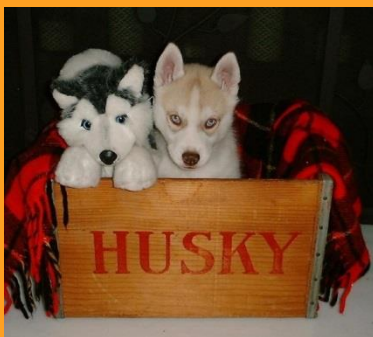
A Wonderful and Amazing Companion



March 9, 2000 – March 22, 2014

On March 9, 2000, Kortar's Karamel Katcher was born in Kemptville Ontario, Canada. His parents, Kortar's Katchalittlemagic and Kortar's Kloudancer had to say goodbye to him 8 weeks later when he took an international flight to the City of Seattle, Washington.

When he arrived in Seattle, it was clear that this puppy was special. There was something regal and majestic about him. Once his new parents Stephen and Steve saw how much he liked to climb, they named him Denali. Mount Denali was named by the local Tanaina people; its name means "the great one" in the Athabaskan language so this seemed a fitting name.



Denali was curious the minute we got him home and he felt a need to explore everything. When he saw the stuffed husky in a box, he must have thought it was his family. In these pictures, he almost looks like a stuffed toy.





He was irresistible and we couldn't stop hugging him. OK, maybe I couldn't stop, but look at that face!!!!

Denali would sometimes give you a certain look which he refined at a very early age. Those steely blue eyes added an extra touch.



Couch cushions would often serve as pillows supporting Denali's face before he fell asleep.



2001



He loved to play in the yard and our new home in Edmonds was a great place to romp.

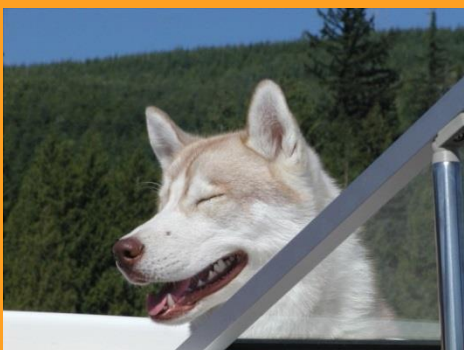
When Denali was young, he would often get so excited when people visited that he would run from the front door to the great room where he would rapidly spin in circles. Steve and our friend Robert would often lightly lay on him to calm him down which worked very well.

2002

Denali's favorite road trip was to Steve's Lake House and our annual lake house parties were great ways for Denali to hang with the boys. He would make himself at home with whomever was in the room, or those enjoying the outdoors.



Denali's big sister was Loki; she was Steve's Siberian Husky before Denali joined the family. I remember when we brought Denali home and the look on Loki's face said only one thing, i.e. "What is that and is he staying?" Over time, Loki grew to like Denali and he loved her!!!



Denali's absolute favorite thing to do when he was younger is ride in the very front of the boat. He truly thought he was "King of the World". Loki, however, did not want to play the part of Kate Winslet.



2003

Denali would often bow down and slowly slide his paws under rugs. Not sure what that was about, but it seemed comforting and he follow by laying his head on the rug.

And then there were the holidays. We dressed him up in costumes at Christmas and he seemed to really like the reindeer antlers.



2004



On December 22, 2003, Kortar's Kilimanjaro was born in Kemptville Ontario, Canada. I was able to work with Carol at Kortar Kennel to name him Kilimanjaro prior to his pedigree being certified. His dad's name was Kortar's Kindred Knave and his mom was Kortar's Katcha Kloudancer. We gave him the nickname K'lo.



K'lo was born a young soul and has always been a bundle of energy. He adored Denali from day one and often pestered him. Denali was so patient and was a wonderful playmate and big brother.

Aunt Sandy used to baby sit the boys and they enjoyed having her around because she would play with them.



2005



When friends visited, they often joined us in walking the dogs. These pictures were taken after a walk.



2006



Denali had a joyful spirit and sometimes looked like he was laughing.

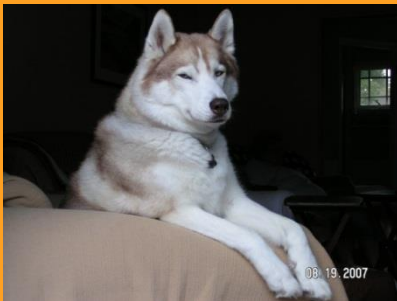
When Stephen and Ed met in 2006, Oreo and Bandit were added to the family. It was truly a Brady Bunch moment.



2007

Let it snow, Let it snow, Let it snow!!!! I couldn't believe what I was seeing on this winter day. There wasn't much snow, but

that didn't stop Denali from enjoying what had fallen. He was actually sitting atop a flower pot and stayed there for about an hour watching over his kingdom. Later that evening, he was fell asleep while resting his body on the same flower pot.



There's that look again.



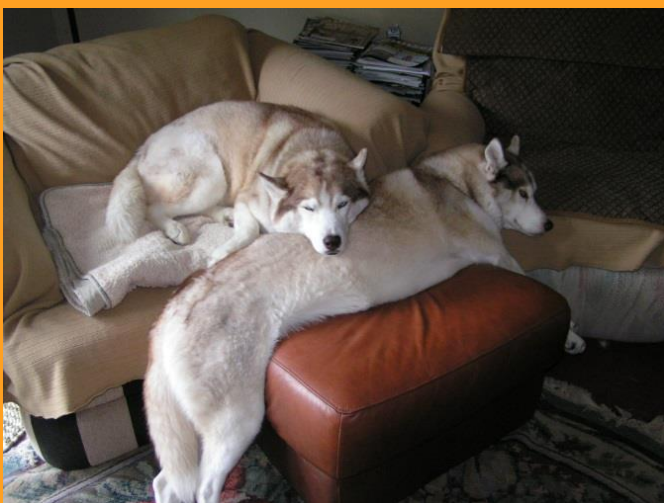
During the summer months, Denali would often sit and listen to the critters rustling in the flower beds.

2008

K'lo and Denali tried out for a few Disney movies, but didn't quite make it past the auditions. Casting agents told them they were too cool for film.



2009



Denali and K'lo would sometimes use each other as a pillow.



The holidays were special occasions. The boys enjoyed wearing holiday attire for what soon became an annual tradition.....posing for holiday greeting cards.



When Oreo and Bandit joined the family, they didn't want to be left out, although taking pictures of four dogs instead of two did become a bit more challenging.



Denali's Last Days



Near the end, we wanted Denali's last days to be filled with special moments. We fed him steak, hamburger, turkey and lots of treats. Full dosages of pain medications allowed him to continue taking walks with the family. When Andrew and Bryan came over, we each walked a dog which helps when you have two Huskies.



Even at 14 years old, Denali had such a youthful face, but sadly, his body had weakened so much, every day was a struggle.

Denali's last day was spent at the Edmonds off-leash area along the shoreline of Puget

Sound. He walked as best he could around the beach and visited with other dogs. He must have felt like he was in doggy heaven.



Goodbye Denali

Thank you for 14 years of joy!! We miss you!