

SITKA MORESLER

August 24, 1995 - December 19, 2010

Sitka Moresler died peacefully and somewhat unexpectedly after a long and full life ended by a brief bout with gastric dilatation-volvulus. He is survived by his caretakers Michele and Dean. He was preceded in death by his life-mate Tobie and friends Indie, Sam, Xena, Ranger, Leo, Wheeza, KC, Mika, and Sundance.



He was born in Sioux Falls, the “runt” of an accident litter between a husky father and a samoyed mother. He was a most lovable puppy with very light markings and a distinctive dark border around both his ears. He was adored by the two little girls of his original family and referred to as “Velvet” due to his markings. We knew Sitka was the perfect match for Tobie and us due to their identically mismatched eyes. Both of had a brown right eye and a blue eye on their left.

They instantly became the best of friends and life-mates while providing a tremendous amount of joy to the humans around them.

Sitka joined with Tobie to form the de facto canine management team at Hickory Hill Doggie Day Care - an position held for over 13 years until his retirement in the summer of 2009. Sitka was the more cerebral and instigative of the partners.



Shortly after moving to Madison, WI with his family in 1996, Sitka and Tobie became companion dogs and traveled to group homes for elderly and developmentally disabled humans. Sitka had an amazingly delicate touch and loved the attention and interaction. He was a faithful friend with a gentle disposition and was a most excellent howler.

He loved to chase, and often caught, varmints much to the surprise and chagrin of his caretakers. Despite losing his right eye to glaucoma in February, 2008, he was quite active well into his final days.

In lieu of flowers or donations, Sitka’s family asks that you cherish those you love and savor each day with them as if it were your last.

“A dog is the only thing on earth that will love you more than you love yourself” - Josh Billings

