



## THE TAIL OF NUGGET

Some of you readers may remember Nugget! She lived at the 'Cozy Corner Motel and Restaurant' in Haines Junction, Yukon (Mile 1016 Alaska Highway). Over the years we had a lot of people stop to see her ~ I'm sure she was the most photographed little Klee Kai in Canada!

My partner Gerry and I were trying to get over a very needless loss of a dog named Boo. We were watching the ads in the Whitehouse paper and spotted a lady advertising a nine month old Klee Kai. Not having heard of this breed we decided to drive in (100 miles) and see her.

What a cutie! The family that owned her said they didn't have time to spend with her and if they didn't keep her tied up she kept running away. She took to me but wouldn't have anything to do with Gerry (we soon found out she did not like men!). Yes, I took her ~ put her in my car ~ she promptly peed on the back seat! And I drove her home.

The next day I let her outside and away she went! I chased her all over Haines Junction (a small village) for about three quarters of an hour. I finally caught her, brought her home and scolded her verbally. That was it ~ she never left the property again, except to explore in the woods behind us. For the duration of her life she was never tied up nor even had a leash unless it was to go to the vet! She spent hours lying in front of the motel and getting her picture taken! She was never really a people person ~ as long as they just took her picture she was fine but don't try getting to close to her ~ especially men! Except for Gerry! Gerry has a pickup truck and she went for rides with him. She sat like a princess on the console and could see all! Not sure if she fell in love with Gerry or the truck (I suspect the latter!) but they were 'buddies' for the rest of her life. She was his shadow.

We lost Nugget on October 2003. Her health was failing very rapidly, she couldn't get in 'her' truck anymore and she wasn't happy so I made the decision she would go to 'doggie heaven'. When the snow goes I will spread her ashes in the woods where she chased the squirrels and gophers!

*Happy Trails Nugget.....*



Nugget and her bowl lickin' lil' buddy



Alaska's Own Nikki - DOB July 23, 1994

Bred by Linda Spurlin

(Nugget's 1st owner was Don Frizzell of Canada & was transferred to Sandy)



Nugget and her other best Bud.  
Nugget raised her two buddies.

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