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**Bailey**

Our February Letter wasto have reported on a tail-end, January, festive party with eight two person teams competing to win a Trophy retrieved from Lake Champlain by Matt Jefferson. From inscriptions thereon, it had probably been happily resting there since 1925. *“Stupid Games”* were on the venue and the occasion would be somewhat like an indoor Cedarvale Challenge. i.e.: let’s see if we can embarrass everyone who comes. Didn’t happen. As hosts, we had to cancel, and our letter is not a happy one.

 In September 2010, Bailey had a sizeable tumor removed from her upper left, front leg. We were told to expect that it would grow back in a few months. As it turned out, we shared over a year more with her and enjoyed every moment of the time. Eventually, recurring tumor growth became noticeable. Come this January, things accelerated day by day. We were advised that the prognosis for a second operation was poor and she probably would not survive. By Friday, she wasn’t eating, could hardly stand up or walk, was in obvious pain and the tumor was ulcerating. After just about a sleepless night, Saturday A.M. we took her to the Ottawa Veterinary Hospital and had her put to sleep. It was fast, dignified and the procedure was pain free. Bailey too, is now pain free.

 The hard part for Lucille & Ken comes now. We will be seeing her all over the house & yard and missing her constantly. Most all have had pets and know well the emptiness their passing brings. We will no doubt spend much of February thinking of Jason & Bailey frolicking together at the *“Rainbow Bridge”.*

 From Ottawa

 Lucille & Ken.

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