

# MAIFEST 2012: A Puppy's Tale

Submitted by Valeska Kantzer & Pat Carrie Smith for NW Region NEMDA

Maifest 2012 was sunny and warm—a perfect day. The dogs and humans all had an awesome time in the parade, at the doggie games on Saturday, and at the river beach in the early mornings. Here is the story of Maifest from Juniper v. Eagleheart (Valeska & Tony Kantzer).

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Lynda Featherstone w/Laika v. Adhem (LaikaO  
Edna Bond w/Chocolat Toblerone v. Adhem  
Tobie)  
David Wilson w/ Eiger's Bella Noel v. Adhem (Bella)  
Elaine Wilson w/Bonita Adelaina de Tierra Alta (Addie)

Hello all, this is Juniper v. Eagleheart writing from Valeska's email. She does not allow me (yet) to have my own account as she thinks I am too young, but since I did so well at Maifest this weekend she decided to let me write you this message. I wanted to tell you about Maifest and have also attached some photos for you. We left on Saturday morning after we went for a walk around my neighborhood. I figured something was up as there was a lot of packing going on the night before, which took away from my playtime with Valeska and Tony. I did not like the car ride much and I did whine. They had put this hammock in the backseat and I could not jump over the barrier to sit in Valeska's lap. That was quite frustrating. Also, since the back seat is angled my crate was tilted which I did not like. Despite all the tasty treats Valeska provided me with I did feel the need to whine, but eventually got tired and fell asleep. I had to go potty once and then again as soon as we arrived in Leavenworth. It was so hot that my tongue was hanging out all the time and I kept looking for shade. We walked over to a

big grassy spot and met a lot of other Entles, including my half-sister Inga, whom I already had met and really like. They put this weird collar around me with these fake plastic flowers. I figured I would let them as it seemed to make them happy. Also, other Entles were dressed up in a lot more than a collar with flowers so I felt mine wasn't too bad. Some owners were also dressed up in clothes that they call a Tracht or Dirndl (traditional German costumes). We then walked to another hotel to meet even more dogs and to get in line. I wasn't quite sure for what at this point and decided to try to find some shade or play with all these dogs and all these people who wanted to say hello. I was already getting quite exhausted and tired. Then we started walking down the street where all these people were standing on the left and right side. I tried to keep up with Inga but I had to say hello to everyone. They all wanted to greet me! I was quite a star and enjoyed the attention. Then I spotted Tony and Mike in the crowd and decided to say hello to them as well. We caught up with Inga, Kari and the girls but then lost them again. I don't know what it is about humans but they seem to enjoy that I am so little, and they all wanted to pet me and say hello. One of these big fluffy dogs that



Megan Blue & family w/Tia  
Michele Shaw w/Cadence Oliva de Tierra Alta (Olie)  
& Admire Heidarileys Attireblack (Tux)  
Pat Carrie Smith w/Guido v. Eagleheart (Guido)  
Sue Thom w/Jett Wild Stieg v. Adhem (Jett) & Sion



Juniper v. Eagleheart (Juniper)

Tony and Valeska called Bernese dropped a big load in the middle of the road during the parade and I thought that was quite funny as the owner was quickly trying to clean it up. Then the walk ended and we went to another grassy area where everyone met. It was so hot that everyone was huddling in the shade. There were quite a lot of dogs and people, and more people kept on stopping by to say hello to me. I wanted to take a nap but felt obligated to play with everyone, so I did. Finally we walked back to the hotel with the first big grassy place and Tony, Valeska and I sat in the shade for some naptime. Inga showed up and I

*had* to play with her! After all she is my half-sister and it is always a lot of fun to play with her. Also, I got more energy as the smell of hotdogs and burgers was constantly in my nose. I figured that was lunch for all the Bernese and Entles. Boy was I wrong! But it didn't matter so much, as I did get a lot of treats and still everyone wanted to meet me and play. More Entles arrived, so more play buddies for me. I was so tired but felt that they needed me to play with them so I kept on going.

Then they started these funny games that seem to get the humans all excited. The first one was with a rope that was put in the grass. All dogs were kept at one end and the owners went about 6 feet behind that rope. Then one by one the dogs were released and the owners got all excited the closer we got to the rope. They kept on shouting "sit" or "down" and some dogs did stay at the rope and did what they were told to do. I figured Tony wanted me to come to him all the way as he probably had a tasty treat for me so I happily ran up to him. Everyone was saying how cute I was, so I must have done something right but I did not get anything special for my good behavior (besides treats from Tony). Then we were all in a circle and they had put these little carpets in the grass. I was wondering if they wanted us to pee on them but then realized that we had to just sit on them. The music started and we were walking in a circle with the humans all excited. The music stopped and we had to put our bottom on a carpet. The dog that did not had to leave the circle. After a while it was only me and another adult Entle left. I was quite tired so when the music stopped I tried to follow Tony to the carpet but the other dog was faster. We still got a little prize, which was a book. I was hoping for something tastier. The last game I played with Valeska. They lined up orange cones and gave Valeska a cup full of water. She held it in the same hand as my leash. When it started I went in the opposite direction and the water spilled. It was quite funny as she was laughing really hard so I continued to do the same. Then a woman marked her cup. We did not get any treats or prizes for that game. I was really tired and it was unbearably hot so I stayed in the shade and tried to nap. But again, there was so much going on that I had to keep an eye on things to make sure I would not miss anything. Inga and I went to dinner with the humans and I decided to take a nap underneath the table. It smelled so delicious again but I was not able to keep my eyes open. Besides, the humans weren't going to share their food with me anyway (they are quite selfish in that department!). We went back to our hotel, which was by a nice river a little outside of town and I was so tired that I fell asleep again on the bed. Tony and Valeska joined me for a nap. After a while we went outside so I could go potty. I had to sleep in my crate, which I didn't quite understand but I was still so tired that I didn't complain much. In the morning Valeska took me outside (I also had to go out once or twice during the night) and everything smelled so good that I explored for 20 minutes. We went back inside and I realized that I had forgotten to potty so I had an accident in the room. The carpet was green and looked like grass. Not sure why Tony and Valeska weren't happy about that and didn't give

me my usual treat. Oh well, they didn't say much and just pulled out that nasty smelling stuff they spray when I pee on carpets. We went to a miniature golf place and they did let me participate, and afterwards Inga and I got to play on the grass, but it was too hot to play much and I tried to find shade. We then said good-bye, and again I didn't like the car ride. First it was too hot until the AC started to keep things cool. But it is just not very comfortable, and despite the treats I did whine again until I fell asleep (I was still so tired). We stopped at Stevens Pass and there was a lot of the white stuff that Gina and Kathy introduced me to once, when I was still living with them and my mom Zendo. It was everywhere and felt great on my paws so we played in it a bit. Tony and Valeska seemed excited that I liked it. After a lunch break we got home and I was still pretty tired that day. The weekend was so much fun meeting all these people and dogs, playing games, playing with other dogs and exploring. I hope we will do something like that very soon again. Hello to my mom Zendo. I miss you and send you wet kisses. Love, Juniper.  
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Kristina w/Ice Princess Inga v. Eagleheart (Inga)  
Sue Thom w/Jett Wild Stieg v. Adhem (Jett) & Sion Wild Stieg v. Adhem (Sion)  
Valeska Kantzer w/ Juniper v. Eagleheart (Juniper)  
Elaine Wilson  
Lynda Featherstone w/Laika v. Adhem (Laika)  
Pat Carrie Smith w/Guido v. Eagleheart (Guido)  
Bill & Sue Schlegel w/Blue-Jay's Mysti (Mysti)  
David Wilson w/Eiger's Bella Noel v. Adhem (Bella)

Attendees at Maifest 2012 were:

Elaine & David Wilson with Bella (Eiger's Bella Noel v. Adhem) & Addie (Bonita Adelaina de Tierra Alta)

Sue & Ron Thom with Jett (Jett Wild Stieg v, Adhem) and Sion (Sion Wild Stieg v. Adhem)

Ian and Michele Shaw with Tux (Admire Heidarileys Attireblack) & Olie (Cadence Oliva de Tierra Alta)

Tom & Pat Carrie Smith with Guido (Guido Lee v. Eagleheart)

Bill & Susan Schlegel with Mysti (Blue-Jay's Mysti)

Katie & Tom Keller with Henry (Blue-Jay's Henry)

Tony & Valeska Kantzer with Juniper (Juniper v. Eagleheart)

Kari Gilje & Mike Chiu, Analise & Kristina with Inga (Ice Princess Inga v. Eagleheart)

Lynda Featherstone with Laika (Laika v. Adhem)

Edna Bond and Chris Switzer with Tobie (Chocolat Toblerone v. Adhem)

Kevin & Megan Blue with Tia (Tia v. Adhem)

Dana Brynelsen with Carl

Karen & Gene Berner with Benno

Bill & Shirley Featherstone

Check out two YouTube links (a video and a slideshow) from Maifest 2012:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hrVPLh4aQMY>, [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_EUwdbVK5Bc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_EUwdbVK5Bc).

# Annual Photo Contest

Submitted by Linda Bingham

We always knew it. Your Entle is the cutest, smartest, most active pup on the face of the planet and you have the photos to prove it.

**Yes, it's Photo Contest time again!**

- Submit your own photos – no professional shots, please.
- You need not attend Entlefest to enter, but you do need to be a member of NEMDA (Winners not present will receive their ribbons in the mail.)
- Printed 5x7 work best, but smaller ones are welcome.
- No photo shall have printing on its front, except in the Entle as Art category.
- No photo shall be mounted on any backing or have a frame of any sort.
- All photos become the property of NEMDA and may be used in NEMDA products. Exceptions may be made for the Entle as **Art category**.
- Request for return must be made at time of submission.
- Please only 5 pictures per dog/per category. So bring us your best.

**Label the back of your photo with the following:**

- Your Name
- Your address.
- Email address (If included, I can send you receipt of your submission)
- Names of the Entles in the picture.
- Include both call name and full registered name.
- Names of the kids in the kids and Entles category.
- Category entered.

**Categories to Choose from:**

- **Portrait** (great and beautiful Entles)
- **Puppy 8 weeks and under**
- **Puppy 8 weeks and over**
- **Humorous**
- **Action** (playing, running, swimming, tricks)
- **Kids & Entles**
- **Groups** or "Gaggles of Entles" (3 or more)
- **Costume & Holiday**
- **Entle as Art** (odd shots, extreme close-ups, surrealist, decoupage, Photoshop-editing-gone-nuts, etc...must contain or have started from an Entle photo, decoupage or other artistic treatments must not exceed 2 oz in weight)



**Winner will be awarded at the Saturday Dinner!**

Mail your photo (actual print only) postmarked by August 24th to:

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