



# GLOUC

## Thank you notes



### Caring extends dog's life

I want to express my sincere gratitude, appreciation and thanks to Dr. Donna Heaney of Gloucester and Dr. Deborah Ramsey of Rockport. Through their caring and committed efforts, no matter when called upon, they enabled my best friend and I to have extended years of quality life together.

Tootsie was our spirited, live, loving, and "special" chocolate labrador retriever who began having problems with her spine four years ago that impacted her usual way of life and activities she loved.

After many exams, others said nothing could be done to help her and recommended it was "her time" but we knew otherwise and sought to find another opinion with more positive recommendations.

Dr. Donna (as we all know her) entered our lives and after one look at Toots and a thorough exam, she also knew that Tootsie could be treated as she had much more life to go. Through regular sessions of

acupuncture and vitamin therapy, Tootsie did very well for a few more years and was able to do what she loved most, run on Good Harbor Beach with her tennis ball, dig in the sand, and swim in the ocean.

As time went on the acupuncture sessions became more frequent and Dr. Donna was always there at a moment's notice and the treatments were still effective in helping Tootsie remain active and agile for her age.

Unfortunately like all of us, Tootsie continued to grow older and last spring at the age of 14 she began experiencing further spine problems when Dr. Donna recommended chiropractic care, referring us to Dr. Deborah Ramsey.

Dr. Debbie then entered our lives and faithfully came to our house every Friday to adjust Tootsie no matter how busy her "people practice" was and in conjunction with Dr. Donna's care and treatments, Tootsie rallied and was stable for some time with her treatment program. She always loved her doctors even when she was not in the mood for a treatment.

Just a few months shy of 16, Tootsie's life became more of a struggle and restricted. I referred to her as a young dog stuck in an old dog suit and she didn't like it. Even though we were bonded like no other pet and owner, we finally knew it was time to say goodbye to each other as Tootsie still had her dignity, pride and spirit.

On March 3, Dr. Donna came to our house and compassionately and lovingly helped Tootsie peacefully leave us and go to "Animal Heaven" while Dr. Debbie continued to stay in touch with words of comfort, support and expressed love for Tootsie.

These two women deserve recognition and praise more than words could ever express and although Tootsie is no longer with us, we will remember and love her forever.

We will always be indebted to Dr. Donna and Dr. Debbie not only for their professionalism and knowledge in caring for animals (and people, too) but also for their sincere compassion, dedication, commitment, patience and most of all their friendship and support during one of the most difficult times of our lives.

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## Police/Fire

A delayed ignition in a furnace created smoke inside 32 Wheeler St. around 4:15 this morning.

- Steam coming from the Magnolia School House was mistaken for a fire around 10:05 yesterday morning.

- Earlier, a crew assisted residents of 416 Washington St. with a sump pump.

- Rescue squads took seven people to Addison Gilbert Hospital from Willowood Road, Maplewood Avenue, the 500 block on Washington Street and

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