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Hello..... My name is Barbara Laughlin. For many years, my husband and I lived in Nogales, AZ. On December 28, 2006, a guest of yours, Astrid, came home with us to live. Astrid is a rottie/mix and at the time we adopted her, she was approximately 2 years old. I'm sure many of your staff that were with you during that time she was your guest will remember her. The purpose of this note is to update you on Astrid's life and to inform you of a special little project we've started in appreciation of the care you gave to Astrid while she was your guest.

Within 5 months of bringing Astrid home to live with us, we received an opportunity to move to North Carolina, which we did. We have now been here for almost 1 1/2 years. Probably the most recent news is Astrid passing the AKC Canine Good Citizen test. I'm sure you are aware of this AKC program that stresses responsible pet ownership for owners and basic good manners for dogs both at home and in the community. A 10 part test is involved and those who pass receive a certificate from the AKC and the satisfaction that they are welcome members of the community through their behavior. We continue attending classes with Astrid as she loves learning and currently are involved in a Rally Obedience class every Sunday afternoon.

Out of appreciation to the Santa Cruz Co Humane Society in Nogales, AZ, Astrid and I have begun a project. We design and make bandanas, toys, greeting cards, aprons, etc. all relating to dogs. We do this through an website shop on Etsy.com, an outlet for handcrafters and buyers. Proceeds from this little shop will be donated to your shelter. We have just begun but are very pleased to have already made a few sales! Enclosed, you'll find a check for \$100, representing sales to Sandi and Great Dane Monty in California, Sandi and her Pekingnese Sasha Louise from West Virginia and Mindy and her spaniel Sable and poodle Chi from Tennessee.

We visit your website www.santacruzhumanesociety.org often and are really enjoying the progress you've made. We see you don't currently have any 'Success Stories' to read about. Astrid and I would be delighted to submit our story if you are interested. Or even if you prefer, you can borrow from this letter and pictures I've included.

In addition to the \$100 check, you will find a current picture of Astrid. It was taken October 4, 2008 at a local AKC Responsible Pet Ownership festival about 10 minutes after passing her own CGC test.

I know this letter turned a little lengthy. Thank you for your time.

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This was Astrid's picture that
appeared in PetFinder

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