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WHAT IT'S LIKE TO LIVE AT RUTLAND MANOR

- Posted by [Kate Pappas](#) on September 30, 2009 at 9:02pm
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I just spent three weeks living at **Rutland Manor with Beverley Manners** and thought I'd died and gone to heaven,. I never dreamed I would be so lucky to be there and take part of the daily routines and help out too. It rained most the time I was there but chores and Doodle care goes on rain or shine.

We held all the newborn puppies, played with the Mums and kept them busy while the nurseries were getting their twice daily sanitizing and even did some of that myself!

I finally got to meet **RUTLAND'S KELBY** who is a special boy to me. Twyla & I were fortunate to participate in taking the allocation photos, grooming all the puppies and cleaning their ears before the pet transport picked them up for the airport to go to their forever homes.

What an experience that was. One particular puppy, **Joey** is coming to So. CA and I want her family know that I groomed her, cleaned her ears and handed her over myself. I was honored. They have attended several of my Doodle Days and decided they wanted a Doodle like Yarra. I can't wait until Joey is vaccinated and can join our group.

While we were all tearful at seeing them leave, we knew they were going home and their humans would experience "OVER THE MOON" feelings when they met their puppies.

A couple of families within Australia drove to RM to meet their future puppies. After thorough sanitizing, cleaning shoes and hands, they got to hold their babies, and there wasn't a dry eye around.

Several groups of people showed up unannounced and were welcomed in with handshakes and hugs and invited to tour RM and have tea on the lawn while several

Doodles romped and played.
You DON'T need an invitation to go there.

I made a decision to go ,renewed my passport, got my visa, packed and was on the plane within 3 -4 days. Beverley didn't even know I was coming until the last minute!!! LOL! Because I didn't give 21 days notice to QANTAS, I had to use my air mile points for First Class and who can complain about that. LOL!

Other **very** special dogs I met, lived with ,fed and played with are none other than **RUTLAND'S CLEMENTINE** who is famous world wide for her grin. All you have to do is say "Clemmie....what did you do?" and she smiles and my heart aches with joy. She's a feisty girl of almost NINE and you would never believe it by her energy and disposition. She has a coat to die for! Then there is **RUTLAND'S STELLA**....she is 11 and when she and Clemmie play, it's like watching two puppies. Stella reminds me of Yarra in that she steals stuff right under your nose so when something goes missing....you go look for Stella. Every day Clemmie, Stella and Jag got special treats of cheese from me.

I was immersed in Australian Labradoodles of all kinds and sizes and the main thing was their happy temperaments and interest in HUMANS.

We did no sightseeing and didn't want to. Every morning, we couldn't wait to get to the Doodles and play with them, muddy paws and all. I have a nice white tee-shirt with the sweet muddy paw prints of Shania, Fashion and Beauty and have decided to keep it as is.

The hardest thing for me was to leave Yarra. We've only been apart ONE night when she ate the bubble gum and had to be in hospital. DH said she was mopey, wouldn't eat for several days and then he started cooking for her. LOL!

She was still not herself and would sit by the door waiting for me. :(When I got home she stared at me for a nano second and then I yelled "INCOMING".

It's good to be home but I will go back probably next year.

The next guy with whom Twyla and I fell in love was **Jag the HUGE Rottweiler**.

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Comment by [Maryann,Roo and Tigger](#) on October 24, 2009 at 10:48pm

Thanks for organizing the romp at Seal Beach today. It was so very much fun. Also thanks for visiting Rutland Manor and staying, and then sharing with us.



Comment by [Sammie](#) on October 3, 2009 at 11:57am

<http://www.govegan.com.au/puppies/?p=145>
<http://stoprutlandmanor.wordpress.com/>

i found this links above by chance yesterday and was very sad so adina pointed me in the direction of your post kate but its still knocked my confidence

is these papers soooo untrue??? if so, how could they be written.....what does everyone else think????



Comment by [F Parker, Calla & Luca](#) on October 2, 2009 at 6:04pm

Maybe you could post this in other places since Ive read such negative things in different sites around the web. some people seem to be enjoying RM's problems.



Comment by [Nancy, Ned and Clancy](#) on October 1, 2009 at 7:52pm

What a heavenly trip for a doodle obsessed person - like most of us here on dk. Did you find a puppy to stuff in your suitcase while you were there?



Comment by [Nancy Sunderland](#) on October 1, 2009 at 2:35pm

Thank you so much for posting this Kate, I'm very happy to hear a first hand account of someone whose been to RM. It sounds like you had a blast! Someday I hope to be able to go visit too!



Comment by [Karen & Lucy](#) on October 1, 2009 at 11:52am

What a lucky lady you are to be priviledged to visit RM. What a dream come true to see and romp with all of the doodles you mentioned. Would be nice to see pics.