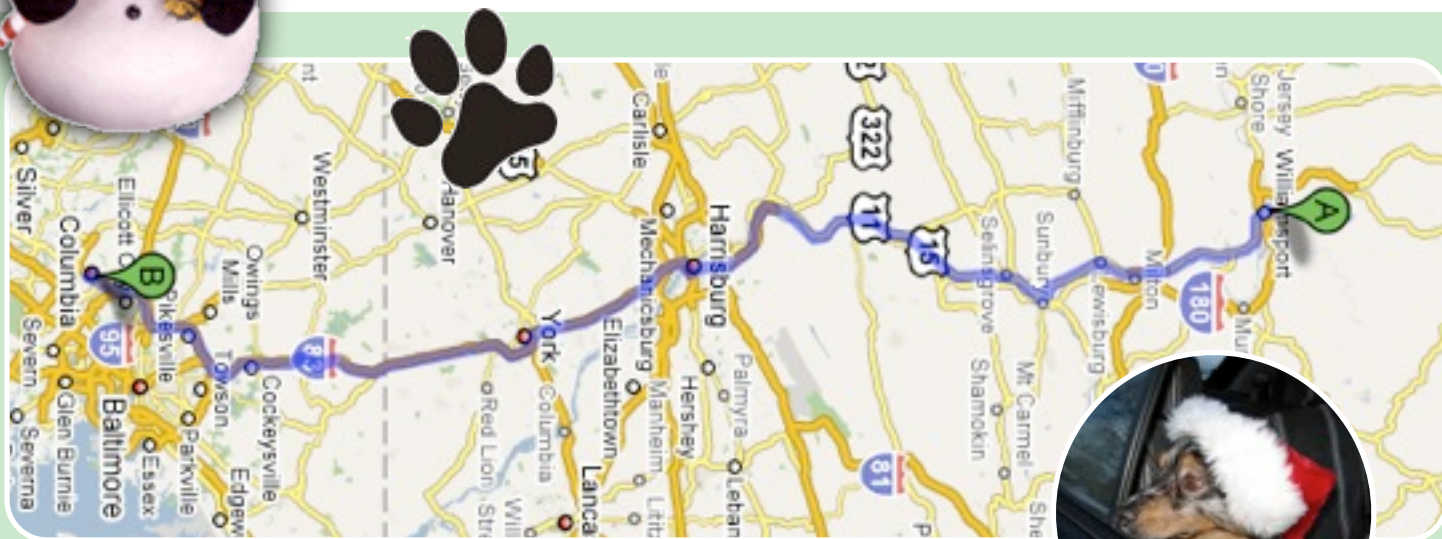




# GET A CLUE!

## Word Origin:

Late Middle English: variant of CLEW. The original sense was [a ball of thread]; hence one used to guide a person out of a labyrinth (literally or figuratively). Dates from the early 17th century.



## MY FIRST CHRISTMAS CLUE'SLETTER...

I usually think these holiday newsletters are a real drag but I had some extra time on my paws to work on it. Plus a whole lot has happened since last year at this time. Please allow me to bring you up to date on my new life.



**Clue says: Go ahead and throw it!**  
"When I can't scope out the neighborhood for wildlife, I like to pretend my toys are squirrels, endlessly shaking them."

My life has really changed for the better in the last 12 months!! Read on.

### A new house

First off, I moved into a new house in late December 2006. It's quite a bit different than my last house but I really like it. Even if the kitchen isn't finished, it's nice to have an upstairs. And I really like the glass window in the front door so I can see what's going on in and around the neighborhood.

### A new exercise plan

I've been getting a lot more exercise this past year. Usually, I get

out for a brisk walk about 4 times a day starting at 6 a.m.

When the weather is nice I like to go for longer walks around Canfield Island, along Mill St. in Montoursville, or other interesting places. By the end of my last walk at 9:30 p.m. I'm usually pretty worn out and ready for a dream-filled night in my comfortable bed.

### A new job

My new job has kept me very busy. In the small game management field there is no shortage of furry creatures to keep in line. I also completed a 6-week "professional development"

# "DO NOT BE AFRAID."

## I bring you good news of great joy..." -- The Angel

course dealing with interpersonal communication skills. I wasn't crazy about everyone else on the first day. But by the end of the class, I was one of the the most improved.

### A new adventure

I have also been doing a lot of traveling in 2007. Since I love to drive, er, ride, in the car, I've been to various parts of the Pine Creek Rail Trail, as well as Little Pine, World's End, Rickett's Glen, and Susquehanna State Parks. I pretty much enjoy going anywhere there are new smells and places to explore.

It's hard to believe that I used to live in a different state. I can hardly remember what my previous life and house was like. I really love snow!

### A brief history

I am what is known as a Blue Merle Australian Shepherd. I was adopted from the Howard County Animal Control facility in Columbia, Maryland on December 27, 2006. I had been staying there for about 2 months. The people at HoCo were very kind to me but it was great to find

a permanent home to call my own. I have really enjoyed getting to know all the people I have met in the last year, especially my extended family, friends, and neighbors.

### My Christmas wish

There are many things that I could wish for... to actually catch a squirrel, a bigger food bowl, more toys... but none of those things really compares to all that I now have and enjoy. So my wish this Christmas is best summed up in this timeless verse:

*And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."*



*Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel praising God and saying,*

*"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."*

~ Luke 2: 8-14 NIV

### Merry Christmas to all

I hope you enjoyed reading my newsletter. May you have a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year! And if you're so inclined, eat some snow. I highly recommend it.



P.S. My Master, Bruce, sends you his best wishes too!



Wait till he sees this!

### Favorite Toys (just in case)

- Squeaky salamander
- Kong filled with treats
- Big Teddy

### Clue says...

If you have the opportunity, please adopt your new best friend from an animal shelter of your choice. You won't regret it.

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