

FROM MUNSTER TO MOM



Blossoming Lily

As a youngster, Lily (SWCR '10) was not an easy collie to have around.

As SWCR president Kathy Wallis wrote in a 2012 newsletter, Lily destroyed two TV remotes, one cell phone, four pairs of glasses, a phone book, six pairs of shoes and much more. Her nickname: Lily Munster.

So we loved seeing Kathy's recent Facebook post about a very different Lily.

"So," it began, "we are babysitting a bunch of turtles." (Typical Kathy, caring for an assortment of animals in need.)

"Two of them disappeared out of their pen yesterday. They were in the house lost. By afternoon one of the tiny shelled guys was found. Lily kept checking on the baby.

"Then around lunchtime today she kept barking and trying to get Tim's attention. Finally, Tim followed Lily into the plant room. She'd found the second baby turtle! Lily kept touching the tiny turtle with her

nose, checking on him even after he was back in his pen.

"She has decided they need a mom, I guess ... Awesome job, pretty girl!"

Tim posted as well: "I had to apologize to Lil ... I accused her of eating the babies ... so Lily got all my French fries for lunch today ... Sorry Lily."

"Since then," Kathy explained, "she gently takes them out of their pot and lies with them on the rug. She nuzzles and washes them until we put them back.

"Lily often brings in baby birds that fall from nests, too. She loves babies.

"The other day Lily and I went shopping at Home Depot and she nearly pulled my arm off to go check on a whimpering toddler at the checkout.

"It's a collie thing. It's just what they do!"

Well, maybe. We all know about Lassie and Timmy and the well. But it helps to have a role model, and Lily has grown up with a great one: her (human) mom.

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