



## Say HELLO to Kai!



As planned, we spent last week in Lake Oswego holding down the fort while Tim and Kathy flew off to Aruba for some R & R. Not only to be there for Rylan, Aubrey, and Sierra but also to puppy sit the Pine's new Rottweiler puppy (now 13 weeks old). At first Brooklyn

and Morgan weren't too sure about this energetic little bundle. Within a day, they were on board accepting and playing with him. Yes, Brooklyn and Morgan did have to tell him from time to time to knock off his silliness and once he figured out what they were telling

him, he did a great job playing with them. We were quite surprised how much Brooklyn played with Kai and how Brooklyn became his new love and how he followed her everywhere.

## On the Scene: A Viking Theme

This year's Gray PEAR Affair annual family reunion will take place in Washington hosted by Darcy and Julie Swavely. My Mom once again came up the theme. I had fun coming up with the design for the buttons. You can be sure there will be games related to Viking trivia and a pinata most likely in the shape of a Viking ship. This event occurs on the last weekend in July. No matter which side of the family you came from, you more than likely have some Nordic in your lineage and may already know how much if you have had your DNA done through 23andMe, Ancestry, FamilyTreeDNA or other DNA tests.



## April Snow?

While in Lake Oswego, imagine our surprise when we woke up last week on Monday morning to an inch of snow on the ground! School for the kids was delayed two hours. When snow kept falling (accumulating over two inches by the end of the day) school was subsequently cancelled for the rest of the day.

We all spent the day inside except for quick fun bouts in the snow.



## A Happy Yappy on April 11th

Brooklyn: "Wasn't it just yesterday when we brought you home at 11 weeks old?"

## Going on Fourteen

Although Aubrey's birthday is not until May 14th, we liked having an opportunity to give her a present in person. That bouquet of flowers is her card! It's totally made out of paper, no watering, no wilting. Best pop-up card ever! Robert and I have gotten into giving pop-up/musical birthday cards to the grandkids so are always on the lookout for something unique.

