



## Now Walking

***Turns out my foot fracture is not as serious as my doctor thought.***

Recently, the doctor's office called (after my 3rd X-ray and going only by the radiologist reporting healing was going slow) to tell me to go to a specialist 40 miles away.

Thank goodness I didn't just head to Santa Rosa on the spot and kept an already scheduled appointment to see the doctor so I could ask questions and find out more.

As it was, the doctor never looked at my first two X-rays because of a glitch between radiology and his office. He just went by what the radiologist reported all along. When I first

arrived for my follow up appointment, the doctor told me yes, I do need to see a specialist and would require surgery.

Then he decided to see if he could call up my latest X-ray, which he was able to do. He then saw the fracture is more aligned as a sprain type of injury. He said the radiologist was overzealous then told me I could start wearing a shoe and no more follow up was needed. It didn't take me long to give up wearing my boot and using my knee scooter. My foot still hurts but is continually improving.



## Brooklyn Got Mail

***Brooklyn is now "officially" a Grand Champion!***

It all started when Brooklyn's breeder, Julie, convinced me to enter a dog show when Brooklyn was just five months old. I remember Julie asking me if I wanted her to take Brooklyn into the ring for me that day. Since I had put the time in going to classes to teach Brooklyn to be a show dog, I declined her offer. Showing was a new challenge for me and something I wanted to do on my own. And I stayed with it embracing every single ribbon along the way *and there were lots of them!* It may have taken awhile to get the ribbons that included points Brooklyn needed to

first become a champion and then a grand champion but I didn't give up as I was determined to see the day Brooklyn became a grand champion. That day came on September 9th. Even though I was not able to take her into the ring myself, all her ring experience groomed her to be the perfect dog for Robert to show on the day she won Best Opposite Sex and received her last major to become a GRAND CHAMPION!

I am so thankful for all the support Robert has given me all along and SO IMPRESSED how well he handled Brooklyn on her final day in the ring.



## Lovely 2021 Harvest

Our garden this year has been quite bountiful. Lots of vegetables: corn, melons, peppers, beans squash and tomatoes. So many tomatoes in fact we were able to harvest 160 of them to enjoy through the winter. Plus, our flower garden produced lots of sunflowers and zinnias. I have lots of zinnia seeds to give away. If you want zinnia seeds for your garden, just ask and I will mail some packets to you (unless I have run out).

