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## Contact Information

### Contact dates (Sonja only)

Monday, July 3, 2006. 9 am Eastern – 4pm France  
Sunday, July 9, 2006. 10 am Eastern, 5pm France  
Sunday, July 16, 2006, 10am Eastern – 5pm France

### Please send regular activity updates to [dogupdates@dutchmonkey.com](mailto:dogupdates@dutchmonkey.com).

Every second or third day, please send a brief email to us so we have a general idea of how everyone is doing throughout the week. There is no guarantee that we can check our email regularly, so this should not be considered a method of emergency contact.

1. French cell phone #'s: These are the direct dial numbers, just enter the number exactly as they are below (you should not need to dial a 1 first)

Frank/Michelle: 011 33 614 33 29 26  
Hugh: 011 33 617 35 13 76

2. US cell phone #'s & email:

Frank:	(919) 413-4546;	email: <a href="mailto:dogupdates@dutchmonkey.com">dogupdates@dutchmonkey.com</a>
Michelle:	(919) 413-4561;	email: <a href="mailto:dogupdates@dutchmonkey.com">dogupdates@dutchmonkey.com</a>
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	(919) 749-3130	email: <a href="mailto:hugh@santokudesign.com">hugh@santokudesign.com</a>
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3. French contacts:

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(Owners of the property we are staying in)  
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(Australia, 15 hours ahead of EST)	61 (04) 00 05 72 85 (c)
	email: <a href="mailto:davidjwindle@yahoo.com">davidjwindle@yahoo.com</a>

**NOTE:** Lesly is close friends with The Boue's (above) and is an excellent contact in that she is fluent in English as well as French. If you are concerned about communicating in French and need to go this route to contact us, it may be best to use Lesly and David as initial contacts and see if they will call the Boue's.

4. US personal contacts:

If you are unable to reach any one of us (Michelle, Frank, Hugh, Pat), these are emergency numbers that you may contact)

Cheryle/Scott Nelson:	(715) 246-9931 (h)
(Michelle's Sister & Brother-in-Law)	email: <a href="mailto:cnelson@somerset.K12.WI.US">cnelson@somerset.K12.WI.US</a>

Shirley Evenson:	(715) 689-2686 (h)
(Michelle's Aunt)	
Patryk Drescher:	(202) 689-5982 (c)

(Frank's Brother)

email: patryk.drescher@ropesgray.com

Andrine or Otto Strack:  
(Frank's parents)

(715) 673-4392 (h)  
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5. Local contacts:

Ellen Revak: (919) 271-5174

Kelly Duncan: (704) 333-4574

Fikri Yucel: (919) 949-9954 (c)  
(919) 471-4106 (h)

6. Apartment contacts:

**Jordan Properties**

For any malfunctions or questions you may have regarding apartment functions. They are aware that we have people house/pet sitting while we are away, so there should be no question as to who you are.

The office, generally open from 8am - 4pm, is located across the street (Bethlehem-Church Road) up on the little hill next to the post office - red brick building with drive in front). There are several signs hanging in front of the office – one of which says RiverMill.

Main office: (336) 376-3121

7. Veterinarians: (we also have this information under Dog Care)

If any of the animals are in need of emergency care (to be determined after a call to Michelle/Frank/Hugh/or Pat in France), they should be taken to emergency if warranted. (If you are unable to reach any of us or our contacts provided, then make judgment call on the safe side, we'd rather pay for an unnecessary trip to the vet than lose a dog). Truc's regular vet is in Minnesota (1-651-436-3107), but the Raleigh vet organization has all his records, as well as all records for Mack and Kirki.

See additional information on potential severe emergencies under Dog Care

a. Regular vet:

Oberlin Animal Hospital  
(919) 832-3107  
1216 Oberlin Road  
Raleigh, NC 27608

Take I-40 East to Raleigh. Take the Wade Ave exit. Follow Wade to Oberlin Road. Exit on Oberlin. Left at top of ramp. The hospital will be immediately on your right after crossing back over Wade Ave.

b. Emergency vet: (PLEASE CALL AHEAD TO MAKE SURE VET IS ON THE WAY)

Tri-County Veterinarians  
(336) 376-6838

Saxapahaw-Bethlehem Church Road to Hwy 87. Go left on 87, 2/3 mile to blinking light, then immediately on left, just past the blinking light.

# House Care

## 1. Location and operation of lights:

Trial and error. There seems to be no rhyme or reason to how the light switches work. There's a light switch for almost anything, it's up to you to find it! If you'd like to turn on the under cabinet lights in the kitchen, the switch is mounted under the cabinet right above the toaster.

## 2. Operation of dishwasher:

There are soap packets under the kitchen sink. A soap packet goes into the soap receptacle in the dish waster door. Close the receptacle, and close the door. Pull the lever to the right to lock, and turn the dial to "Scrub, Pots and Pans". It is a fairly typical dishwasher.

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT USING THE DISHWASHER:**

Please do not wash chef's knives (any knife hung on the wall or in the butcher block), pots, pans, or wine glasses in the dish washer, as the dish washer will ruin them.

## 3. Operation of air conditioner:

Operation of air conditioning: Press the "Mode" button until the mode you are looking for appears (Off, Air, Heat, Auto). We generally keep it on Auto. Feel free to adjust to your comfort, although we set a low temp of 65 and a high temp of 75. Changing the low temp of the range affects when the heater will kick in and changing the high end of the range affects when the air conditioning kicks in. While we want you to be comfortable, please try to keep it reasonable – setting the high temp to 65 degrees will have the air conditioning running constantly day and night.

## 4. Key usage:

One Key to Rule Them All. The same little key opens the gate, the rear door, the front door and the basement.

## 5. Garbage and Recycling facilities/locations:

Our method is to fill up the garbage can in the kitchen pantry (bags are under kitchen sink) then move the filled kitchen bag to the garbage can under the outdoor deck stairwell (bags for this big garbage can are just inside the basement door on the floor to your right) then, when full, move that garbage to the dumpster/recycling facilities described below.

The garbage/recycling is a good distance away, you'll want to use a car to drive it up there. Follow the parking lot along the river, along the back of the apartment complex and up the steep hill. At the T-intersection at the top of the hill, go right down the dirt road. Follow it around the building and take your first right, just before you start going up another steep hill. The garbage/recycling is right in front of you.

## 6. Watering outdoor plants:

Water the plants when they start to get a bit dry, which usually means every 2-3 days - closer to everyday when the heat is bad. If you go out of the courtyard, into the parking lot, there is a spigot to the right, towards the end of the building. You can use this to fill our gray bucket, or sometimes there is a garden hose hooked up.

## 7. Questions/problems with house:

See contacts: Jordan Properties (Pam, Mac, Sherry)

## 8. Cleaning supplies:

Most cleaning supplies are found under the kitchen sink. Some bath-room specific items such as toilet bowl cleaner are found in the upstairs bathroom cabinet. Also, the red spray bottle for cleaning the carpet upstairs is in the upstairs bathroom cabinet, so it's closer at hand when one of the dogs knocks over your glass of wine.

**9. Bedroom/Bathroom usage:**

We are expecting you to use the downstairs bedroom and bathroom. You should have fresh sheets and towels. Feel free to unpack into the dresser and closet. Please make yourself at home.

**10. PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE LIVING ROOM OR KITCHEN.**

None of the pets are allowed in the living room. This becomes difficult with the cats – trust us, they know they’re not supposed to be in there, but they love to give it a try to see if they’ll get away with it. If you see them in there and yell their names, they’ll scurry out of there pretty quickly. The dogs are not allowed in the kitchen – the cats go in the kitchen all the time. The cats ARE NOT allowed on kitchen counters, on tables, etc. Again, they know this, but will always give it a shot. Think of it this way – they are allowed on anything at or below seat height.

We consider the living room to be the quadrilateral made by the downstairs couch, two sitting chairs, and brick wall. For example, if you are sitting in any chair or on the couch in the living room, the dogs should not be close enough to pet – if they are, they’re pushing their known boundary and should be told to “get out of the living room” (see Commands under Dog Care)

## House Electronics

**Downstairs Televisions:**

The downstairs televisions (kitchen and bedroom) both run basic Cable Television service. Use the remote control to turn the TV set on/off, and flip through the channels using channel up/down. Volume can be controlled using volume up/down.

The kitchen television is mounted on the wall and can be rotated to point in any direction: the kitchen, dining room, living room.

**Downstairs Stereo:**

The downstairs stereo plays digital music from the Apple, mounted on the wall by the stairs.

While we have a record player, we respectfully ask that you do not use it. We are particular about our records which we’ve collected from across the US. Thanks!

To play music from the Apple, follow these steps. Turn on the Apple, the power button is a small button at the bottom right-hand corner of the wall-mounted screen, on the back. Once the Apple has started up, double-click the iTunes icon in the application tray which runs along the bottom of the screen. iTunes is the green music note set against a compact disc:



Once iTunes has started, make sure the speaker selection shows “DutchMonkey AirTunes”. The speaker selection is found in the lower right hand corner of the iTunes main window. Turn on the stereo receiver - power button on left top of receiver. Press the input button (either to right or to left) until “CD Auto” is displayed to set the stereo input to AirTunes, choose your music in the iTunes library, and hit play! Volume can be controlled by the volume knob on right of receiver.

To play music directly from an iPod, put the iPod in the cradle sitting on top of the receiver. Turn the receiver on (see above). Press the input button (either to the right or to the left) until “MD/tape” is displayed to set the stereo input to the iPod, choose your music, and hit play! Volume can be controlled by the volume knob on right of receiver.

The optimal listening position sitting center on the sofa, but it sounds fine anywhere in the apartment or outside.

Feel free to use any of our computers, we have hi-speed wireless internet access.

**Upstairs Television, DVD Player, Surround Sound, Cable:**

DISCLAIMER: This is the world's most confusing setup, and Frank has never taken the time to make this easier. That said, everything works, so when in doubt, look at the buttons and try a few things!

**The Remotes:**

The gray remote runs the DVD player, the Television, and the Surround Sound system. To switch between TV and DVD player, slide the little orange button on the lower right side from TV to DVD. This remote is used for the following: to turn on the TV, turn on the DVD Player/Sound System, set the TV to DVD input, and choose the Audio input (DVD or TV).

The Cable remote is the ugly, bulky black one that has the notation "Warner Cable" near bottom. It's reasonably self-explanatory if you remember that the buttons only make sense if you're selected the proper source towards the top. More on that later.

**Television:**

The TV is turned on by using top middle button on gray remote.

**CD-DVD-Tuner:**

Unit is turned on by using top right button on gray remote.

**Cable Box (just below CD-DVD-Tuner Unit):**

Unit is turned on by first pressing "Cbl" button (just below "Master Power" button at the top right) on the Cable remote, then pressing "Master Power" button itself. Small light in window of box will come on indicating power is on. This small light will be just above time indication in window.

**Cable Box:**

Change cable channels by using number buttons or channel up/down button on black remote above. Sound volume can also be regulated by the "Vol" button on this remote. The Cable channel will show briefly in green on top right of TV screen when altered. Also shows briefly in window of Cable Box.

You can scroll through the interactive menu by pressing the "Guide" button on the Cable remote. We have a DV-R, so you can pause live television by pressing pause on the Cable remote and hitting "Play" to resume. It will automatically continue playing after being paused for 15 minutes or so.

(We also have Movies on Demand: HBO On-Demand is on channel 640, and Showtime On-Demand is on channel 642.)

**CD-DVD-Tuner Unit:**

The five buttons on top of the unit correspond to the five DVD's inside and each can be selected by pressing one of those Buttons. After selecting, each DVD can be replaced by another by using the Open/Close Button (top left) on the gray remote. The gray remote also has DVD Play - Pause - Stop - and Volume Buttons. Use the function key if necessary to change the speaker inputs. Usually leave on DVD (shows in small window). This display will automatically change (correctly) from DVD to "N Surround" after a few seconds.

**Television:**

Press TV/Video button (just below top right) on gray remote to change input into TV. This "input" will show in green on top of TV screen - i.e. DVD, VHS, VIDEO 2, or nothing for a cable channel. TV should be set to Channel 3 always. If accidentally changed, use number key 3 on gray remote to reset - be

sure that small switch on right side of the remote is set to TV for this action. When changing channels this way, the new channel will show briefly on the top right of the TV screen.

It is possible to have TV screen on one input and the speakers on another. To make it more simple, just turn the power off on the unused unit and switch inputs until correct configuration is achieved.

**WE HAVE OUR DV-R SET TO RECORD SHOWS THAT WE WANT RECORDED. PLEASE DO NOT CHANGE THE RECORDING SCHEDULE OR DELETE ANY SAVED SHOWS. PLEASE DO NOT ORDER ANY SHOWS THAT WILL BE LATER BILLED TO OUR CABLE ACCOUNT.**

**Finally, Please remember to turn off all systems when you are finished watching.**

# Dog Care

## 1. Names/Descriptions:

- a. Mack: The oldest of the bunch, but the mid-sized one. He is Alpha Dog of the group. He's about 60 pounds, black (but that won't help you with this bunch) and kicks ass. He's very bright and likes to be challenged. Stick to the boundaries we've set for him and he will be very happy. Responds best to firm behavior if you think he's challenging you, but loves to be sweet, too. Minds extremely well the majority of the time. If you can get Mack to do the right thing (come, sit, etc) usually the other dogs try to mimic his behavior and things work out. We can't emphasize enough how cool we think this dog is – he may be a bit aloof with you, but he rocks. He is a very loyal dog – most likely will just hang around where you are and lay at your feet or will place himself in a spot where he can observe you and the other dogs. Again, this dog rocks, we can't say it too many times. He **loves** activity, so throwing the ball for him in the courtyard, taking him for walks or taking him to the dog park will result in a very content Mack. Mack has a small lump on his chest. Don't worry about this, we've had it checked out and it's nothing.
- b. Truc: The short, curly-haired dog. He's about 20 pounds, black, and very sweet. Loves to sit on your lap and loves to observe activity from a safe distance. Does not generally get challenged, but is very bright and does well learning new commands and tricks if you feel like trying. Responds well to firm behavior but will run and hide if he thinks you're upset with him. Best bet: go look under a bed, table, or chair. Generally does not mind well enough to be safe to walk him off-leash. His leash is the retractable black leash with the yellow trigger that has been chewed on. He is very attached to Mack. Truc has been trained to hunt Elephants and Crocodile. Please don't bring your pet Elephant or Crocodile or they will be in mortal danger. *TOY POODLES/BJON MUTTS ARE DEADLY.*
- c. Kirki (pronounced: Keerki): Big, slobbery Great Dane. She's about 130 pounds and very, very sweet. She's the youngest of the bunch, and although she's big, sweet and pretty mellow, there are about 10 minutes a day where she gets what Great Dane owners call "the Zoomies" where she will go crazy and run in a circle. Best strategy is to steer clear when this happens...130 pounds of puppy can hurt. With this in mind, please be careful with getting your head too close to hers', she has almost broken noses when she spooks and throws her head up while you're trying to be sweet and snuggle with her face. She's really not super smart. She does OK, but she struggles with a lot of things. She also generally minds well, but if she gets frazzled, she may get confused and run in the wrong direction or do exactly what you're telling her not to do. Usually she's not trying to disobey, she just has a case of sensory overload – give her a bit of space to calm down and relax and she'll sometimes come around. She usually follows Mack's lead so your best bet if she seems confused is get Mack to do it and she'll follow along. She's very sweet and will lean on you to show affection. This will surprise you at first, but don't be alarmed. She'll just prop her hip or butt up against you and push. That's her thing. She'll also drool on you or get slobber on your nice work clothes. So, if you're dressed to the 9's, try to avoid her. She likes to be close, if you sit down somewhere, inevitably she'll have her face stuck about 2 inches from yours, trying to get attention. Go for it and give her attention if you feel like it, otherwise, say "go" (see Commands below) and that will send her on her way. Don't feel like you have to give in if she's demanding attention, but it is hard to resist. That said, all the dogs are pretty used to getting attention, so while you don't always have to give in, of course we expect you to be sweet and kind (otherwise, we wouldn't have asked you to do this!) Last thing with Kirki: she will sometimes just head upstairs and hang out by herself – don't take this personally, she just likes her space sometimes. As soon as she hears activity downstairs (in particular, if she hears another dog getting attention) she'll head down quick as she can to get in on the action.

## 2. Nicknames:

- a. Mack: "Smackimus", "Smack-o", "Dilly", "Dillyamus", "Smack-O-Dilly"
- b. Truc: "Short Stack"
- c. Kirki: "Beene", "Beener", "Kierk", "Turkey", "Lean Beene Fightin' Machine", "Genius", "Einstein"

## 3. Commands they understand:

- a. They all understand the basics: Come, Sit, Down, No. Mack and Kirki (and Truc to some extent) know "Stay on the Sidewalk" to mean to keep on the sidewalk and out of the parking lot along the river when on a walk. They all know "Stay out of the living room" to mean they're not allowed into the living room. Mack and Kirki also know, "Go" to mean "leave me alone" – depending on the conviction you say it with, they'll take you more or less seriously...anywhere from taking one step back to fully leaving the room or at least getting out of eyesight from you. The result of "go" usually is forlorn faces and moping, but trust us, they're fine.

## 4. Routine:

- a. At night, they take off their collars (which is a ritual called, "Do you want to be naked?") and they come up to you and let you pull their collar off their heads. They sleep together in the TV room upstairs. Truc has generally slept in the bedroom where you will be sleeping so if you want him to sleep there, that's fine. Otherwise, he's fine sleeping with the other dogs. Do what you're comfortable with here – if you let him sleep with you, he will likely climb into bed with you!
- b. In the morning, they like to be greeted and everyone jumps around like idiots. After you shower and/or get dressed, they're used to being taken on a walk **before** getting fed. Note: this timing is not set in stone – Michelle takes them for a walk before getting in the shower – the point is that they really should be out on a walk within 15-20 of you being up. First, you put their collars on. Mack gets this and will come over to you and wait for you to put his collar on. Kirki sees Mack do this and gets excited, comes over, but doesn't get what the program is, so she just turns around and walks away without her collar. You'll have to call her back over. Truc is mostly with the program, although his collar is tighter than the others, so work it carefully around his ears, or unbuckle it if you're more comfortable with that. Truc is a bit sensitive about his ears. Frank likes to scratch behind dogs' ears a bit roughly, and Truc always yelps when he does this. He's fine, but be aware he may be a little uncomfortable if you pull his collar off roughly. You'll have to do whatever works for you.
- c. Walking the Dogs can be a very nice, relaxing thing or they can all have a burr up their asses and make it a total pain for you. Always take a leash each for Mack and Kirki even though they generally walk off-leash. Truc should **always** be on-leash when he's outside (except in the courtyard). We take the leash with us in case we run into another owner with their dog(s), in which case we call them over (hopefully before the dogs notice the other dogs) and put them on their leash. They do best on the blue rope-leashes. They work by making a loop and slipping it over their heads. Keep the loop tight up under their jaw (like dogs in a dog show), and they'll be perfect.

You should do whatever you're comfortable with on the walks. If you don't think they will listen to you in a serious situation (car coming quickly and they're running around so you need them by your side **NOW**), then by all means keep them on leash at all times. The **most** important thing to us is that we have safe, happy pets when we come home. If their routine is switched around a bit for 3 weeks but it means they are safe, then that's fine by us – and they'll be fine too.

We generally pen the dogs up upstairs when we're gone. We use the smaller wooden gate (with plastic meshing) to keep them confined to their area. We typically span the gate across the space made between the staircase and the windowed wall along the

porch. That way, they can have the use of the stairs and the upstairs. If you prefer to put the gate across the top of the stairs, that's fine. Again, do what you're comfortable with, just make sure they are not free to roam the whole house. We always close the door to the upstairs bedroom and bathroom, but we leave the door to the upstairs TV room open, so Kirki can lay on the couch (see below for details on covering the couch.)

We generally walk the dogs by the river along the sidewalk. Our routine here is to take them along the river, up past the complex to where there are stairs that lead down to the river. At this point, we will usually let them all (including Truc) off-leash to run. Mack and Kirki will generally run to the dirt-covered hill to your left and spaz out. Truc, when feeling courageous, will join them and follow them around. In most cases, he will become frustrated that they're faster than him and will bark at them endlessly. Don't worry about it.

If you want to take them down to the river, feel free – but know that it will add a good 15 minutes onto the walk between the swimming, extra walking and making sure the dogs are clean before coming back into the house. This is good for the dogs, but not necessarily feasible when you're trying to get to work – a great activity for the weekends along with the dog park. Take them down the stairs and to the left, they will find their way to the water. Mack, in particular, loves to swim. Follow him to the water and toss a stick for him. That dog goes nuts over that stuff. Throw 'til your heart's content. Truc generally does not swim, so keep your eye on him. It's best if you keep him out of the water, as the current can be a bit strong for him.

If they've been in the river, please keep them off the carpet until they're dry. We generally put the gate up in the same place (bottom of the stairs) to keep them from going upstairs. Ideally, it would be a nice day, and you can keep them outside until they are dry.

We will sometimes take them out the front door and take them through the common area out by the fountain. Please make sure the big gate to the left and the pedestrian gate to the right (up the stairs) are closed before letting them out. The other tenants are not considerate about keeping these closed, so we generally make the assumption that these are open, and we check before we let them out.

**KIRKI LIKES TO SLEEP ON THE RED COUCH UPSTAIRS.** That is totally fine, and we don't mind. That said, she drools when she sleeps, and she sheds little black hairs all over the place. So, we generally take the red/orange blanket and cover the couch with it when we're not sitting on it ourselves. This way, we don't get dog hair and drool on our clothes, and she doesn't mess up the couch.

- d. **Always clean up after the dogs.** This is a gross endeavor. We understand it's not fun to pick up after them, but it's the responsible thing to do, and we hope you understand. Plus, it is in our lease to do so and so if it's not done, we can be held responsible to the effect of being asked to move out.

There are fresh doggie-bags in the laundry closet. These bags are baby powder scented in order to delude you into thinking that you won't smell the poop once it's in the bag – no such luck we're afraid. Kirki magically turns one pound of food into two pounds of poop, so do your stretches or yoga before letting them out. Mack and Truc leave a smaller mess. If you want, you can probably pick up after both of them with the same bag. Kirki will require her own bag and possibly some help from a hazardous materials team.

The general timeline of their activity is this:

- e. **Morning Routine:** (Humans get up and wash up a bit)
1. Let the dogs out for a walk after putting their collars on.
  2. Feed them + give them fresh water. NOTE HERE: Kirki mucks up her water pretty regularly so we usually keep an eye on it and dump out the bad water and add fresh water ~5x/day. As long as we're doing it for her, we do it for Mack too. So, they're used to pretty clean, fresh water. As a result, they will sometimes be picky about the water and they won't want to drink it if it's kind of old.
  3. Have breakfast yourself (if that's your style.)
  4. If you are leaving, put them behind the gate. (Also put the cats in the bathroom (below), close the doors as described, and cover the couch. (All above.)
- Evening Routine:**
1. Come home.
  2. Let the dogs out for a walk.
  3. Around 7 or 7:30, feed them.
  4. Depending on what time you go to sleep, they are used to going outside at least once more. Usually, once around 9pm, then again before bedtime, which usually turns out to be between 11-11:30pm.
  5. Dogs "get naked" right before bedtime.
- f. None of this takes into account normal play time: in the house, in the courtyard, at the dog park, depending. They love chasing the ball in the courtyard – if you're sitting on the top deck, throw the ball over the edge downstairs and they love chasing after it. If you're sitting downstairs in the courtyard, just throw the ball around – bounce it off walls, etc – they love trying to track where it will go. A lot of time you'll play/throw a ball or play tug with a toy and then they start playing with each other instead of you, this makes for a good break until someone will inevitably bring it back and drop it in your lap.

5. **Food routine/supply:**

Mack and Kirki are fed twice a day (morning, evening) while Truc is the odd-ball out and his food and water is kept in the downstairs bedroom under the chair; his bowls are kept filled as best you can manage. Mack tries to eat Truc's food, so try to keep an eye on that. Truc will try to eat cat food or get in their litter box in the bathroom (now *that's* dog breath). Both of these are a big no-no, so try to keep your eye on that, too. Hugh (Truc's and Michelle's Dad) elects to position the dog-food bins in such a way that Truc can't get to the cat litter, but this has the adverse effect of also preventing the *cats* from getting to the litter, so it's not a strategy that we would refer to as "Win-Win".

Kirki and Mack's food and food supplement are in the downstairs bathroom, in designated bins, with their names on each. Twice a day, Kirki gets 1 ½ scoops (scoops, not cups. Cups are delineated on the scoop – 2 cups per scoop so she gets 3 CUPS (1.5 scoops) in the morning and in the evening) together with ½ scoop of the supplement. (The supplement is in one of the food bins.) Twice a day, Mack gets one cup (cup, not scoop) of food, together with ¼ scoop of supplement. They generally are fed around 7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., but this, of course, is totally dependent upon your schedule and not on theirs.

To reiterate:

Kirki: 3 cups + ½ scoop every morning and evening  
 Mack: 1 cup + ¼ scoop every morning and evening

There is an extra supply of dog food and supplement for Kirki and Mack in the downstairs bedroom closet. Their bags are labeled, but Kirki gets the Eagle brand food, and Mack gets Innova.

Truc is pretty much self-feeding; we try to keep his little blue dish full of his dog food (which is under chair in downstairs bedroom) and a good supply of fresh water. Truc isn't very enthused about eating which is fine – he'll eat when he's hungry. He is not used to the North Carolina heat and gets very thirsty. If you see him panting, please make sure he has fresh water. He also has taken to drinking out of Mack's water dish on the wall. This is no problem, but just be aware they may be running out of water a little quickly as 2 dogs are drinking out of it.

#### 6. Water supply:

We keep their water dishes fresh as best we can (see notes above). Kirki uses the higher mounted dish set, and Mack gets the lower-mounted dish set. In both cases, the higher bowl of the set is the water dish, the lower is the food dish. Truc's food and water is kept in the downstairs bedroom under the chair.

#### 7. Veterinarian:

If any of the animals are in need of emergency care (to be determined after a call to Michelle/Frank/Hugh/or Pat in France), they should be taken to the emergency vet if warranted. (If you are unable to reach any of us, then make judgment call on the safe side, we'd rather pay for an unnecessary trip to the vet than loose a dog). Truc's regular vet is in Minnesota (1-651-436-3107), but the Raleigh vet organization has all his records, as well as all records for Mack and Kirki.

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT GREAT DANES.**

Great Danes may bloat, which is rapidly fatal – causing shock, coma and death within a number of hours. Bloat is caused by the stomach and intestines filling with gas. This increased pressure within the intestines compresses both ends of the stomach, preventing the gas from escaping. When the gas cannot escape it expands. The majority of the time, the stomach then twists exacerbating the situation. This twisting also compresses one of the major veins carrying blood to the heart and causes abnormal blood circulation throughout the dogs body, which causes shock and death. Again, this is a very serious condition which must be taken care of by a vet immediately. Always **call ahead** in this kind of situation, as there are ways a vet can prepare, thus saving time when the dog arrives.

Kirki has never done this in past, but if she does, she will show the following symptoms:

- Paces around continuously and acts like she can't get comfortable
- Heavy salivating (as she can't swallow because it's cut off), panting, whining
- Shallow breathing
- Unproductive vomiting or retching/gagging (she may produce frothy, foaming vomit in small quantities)
- Acts agitated, anxious
- Swelling in the abdominal area (may not be apparent until too late)
- Weak pulse, cool extremities, pale (blue, white-ish) gums. Again, this is late stage

Unfortunately, bloat frequently occurs late in the evening/early morning hours, so be aware of this. However, you will know if something is wrong; a dog with bloat is a very sick dog. **Give her Phazyme** and take her immediately to emergency as this is very serious. Tri-County has indicated they have 24 hour on call vets with a normal waiting period of 15-20 minutes for the doctor.

Phazyme is located in the paper bag on the first shelf in the laundry closet to the far left in the small paper grocery bag (along with ear cleaning supplies, etc). Phazyme is in a small purple box of 180mg gel tablets. Effective doses for the initial stages of bloat are 1,000 – 1,500 mg which equals 6-9 tablets. Open each tablet up and squeeze into her mouth. **You cannot overdose on Phazyme.** If you feel she is not getting all of each tablet, give her more and take her immediately to the emergency vet as this is very serious.

a. Regular vet:

Oberlin Animal Hospital  
(919) 832-3107  
1216 Oberlin Road  
Raleigh, NC 27608

Take I-40 East to Raleigh. Take the Wade Ave exit. Follow Wade to Oberlin Road.

b. Emergency vet:

Tri-County Veterinarians  
(336) 376-6838

Saxapahaw-Bethlehem Church Road to Hwy 87. Go left on 87, 2/3 mile to  
blinking light, then immediately on left, just past the blinking light.

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## Kat Care

### 8. Names/Descriptions:

- a. Moags: the larger, overweight calico cat, pretty and indignant.
- b. Lackschmi (pronounced lack-schmeeee): the smaller, skinny, mostly white calico. Too dumb to be indignant (but very sweet).

### 9. Nicknames:

- a. Moags: "Schmoave", "Schmoavie"
- b. Lackschmi: "Schmi", "Schmeemers"

### 10. Commands they understand:

- a. Sorry, guys. You're on your own here. These little guys don't know a damn thing. We try "here kitty, kitty" and stuff like that, but they just glare at us. Good luck. Prediction: you're going to be picking them up and carrying them any time you want them to do something.

### 11. Daily routine:

- a. They mostly just hang out and do their thing. If you're home and it's not too hot out, we turn off the air conditioning (set the thermostats to "off" by pushing "Mode" until the desired setting is reached, both upstairs and downstairs) and open the doors to the courtyard. They come in and go out as they please. Keep an eye on them when they come in. They – miraculously – manage to kill salamanders and catch dragon flies, and they love to take their trophies inside with them.

**THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE LIVING ROOM.** None of the pets, in particular the cats, are allowed in the living room. The cats know this, and try anyway. Keep your eye on it and chase them out when they go in there. They love to sit on our nice furniture and puke.

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### 12. Food routine/supply:

- a. Twice a day (morning, evening), feed them a small scoop each of the cat food found in a Tupperware box on the washing machine (double doors across the hall from the downstairs bedroom). There is a scoop in with the food – we fill this scoop about 1/3 – 1/2 full for each bowl morning and evening. There is also a bottle of food supplements for the cats in the food box – don't worry about this as it's a major pain to get them to take the pill. We'll just start it up again when we get home.

### 13. Water supply:

- a. Big plastic watering pan by the dog food/cat litter in the downstairs bathroom. If it's really nasty, rinse it out in the tub, otherwise just keep the jug (upside down in the back) filled with water. This used to work – recycle water and have a fountain of fresh water coming out. It stopped working about 2 weeks ago and we haven't gotten a new one. I doubt we'll get a new one before we go.

### 14. Sleeping room:

- a. The cats need to be locked up if no one is watching them, which means at night and during the day if you leave the apartment. After working through some options, we decided it best to put them in the downstairs bathroom during these times, so they will have constant access to their litter and water. Please keep the light on during the day and off at night. This isn't the best option for them, but they'll be OK for 3 weeks like this – what we do for them is really a pain and somewhat difficult to do. So, the cats will be in

the bathroom for a while. They'll be ok.

**NOTE:** the bathroom door doesn't latch closed if you just pull it shut. You have to pull it shut then pull hard up on the doorknob until you hear it click. When you go to open it, it will feel locked, don't worry, it's not locked, you just have to turn the knob **HARD** to get it open. You may want to try this a couple times before you put the cats in so you know what it feels like.

**15. Cat litter (location and changing schedule):**

- a. The cat litter is in the downstairs bathroom, just around the corner from the door. Change the cat litter once a week, at the end of your visit or as necessary – if things get smelly. The plastic pail sitting on top of the litter box holds fresh litter, and litter pan liners. Take the litter box and the pail containing fresh litter down to the trash can underneath the outside stairs and dump the used litter pan liner (with it's litter) into the trash. Put in a new liner, and fill 'er up with maybe a few inches of fresh litter. Sprinkle some of the powder in the white jar with red lid on top of the litter.

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## **BEFORE YOU LEAVE ON YOUR LAST DAY**

PLEASE get the house ready for the next person who will be staying!

- a) Take out trash – out of the kitchen and depending on how much is present, up to the dumpster
- b) Wash sheets and bath linens – please fold and leave on bed (even bath linens) for next person
- c) Make sure environmental controls are on
- d) Make sure TVs are off, stereo receiver is off
- e) Leave key on kitchen counter in envelope marked KEYS

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HELPING TAKE CARE OF OUR PETS.** We hope you enjoyed it as well.

Frank, Michelle, Pat and Hugh