



A Perfect Day Kathy and Maggie



My dog, Maggie, and I spent an exceptional day with Caroline and Ranger in Yachats last fall. We were coming off a rough summer in which Maggie was plagued by her weather-related fears, and I had lost a dear friend to cancer. Caroline provided the training, the compassion, and the lighthearted fun that we were looking for, and our day together helped to right the world again.

Caroline recognized the bond that Maggie and I have, and she built a training program for us that was upbeat and practical. Maggie responded to Caroline very positively, so it was a joy to watch them working together. A complete follow-up training plan that Caroline sent via email a few days later allowed me to continue the training we started in Yachats.

A highlight of the day was our walk on Caroline's beautiful property. At the river, Maggie and I both went into the water, something unplanned but completely wonderful. I think because the structure of the day felt so carefree, and because Caroline and Ranger were such good companions, we were able to relax, let loose, and savor the beauty around us. It was so gratifying for me to watch Maggie exploring, sniffing, and running by herself and with Ranger. At the end of the day, we drove toward Portland with me singing out loud to my CDs and with Maggie's head out the window, taking in the smells on the breeze. Two tired puppies at the end of a perfect day.

