

Mommy has instructed Daddy we need to send just a plain and simple Christmas card this year. Daddy insists how everyone will be so sad if they only receive a picture. So I “speak” to them in my doggie voice and tell them this all can be resolved by petting me. That’s the answer to all MY problems. After what I have been through this year, I believe I need a little extra love and attention. In January, I was in the doggie hospital for 2 weeks hooked up to IV. I always knew my family loved me but I was amazed how many tears I saw and how much extra love I got for the last 10 months. After much testing, medication and just recently my last round of blood work...I’m “better.” (Thank you Dr. Milwicki for rescuing me!) With an ongoing liver vitamin and prescription dog food, I will be just fine. I do miss Mommy’s cooking though. Can you believe she started a cooking club in Verona? She says the only place that cooks better than her is a restaurant they went to in Sea Grove Florida last May called Borrigo. While Daddy and Uncle Rich were sitting on the white beaches sipping Margaritas all day, I was also having a party with my best bud Rosie. She “talks” just like me because she is a Shepard mix too. When they returned, they told me cousin Lyna had a new baby sister...Lily. Aunt Steph and Uncle Jamie say they are going to add to this beautiful collection one of these days. You can find pictures from this vacation and other wonderful events from the year on our website www.capuanofamily.com. PLEASE don’t forget to check out Andrew’s famous “3D paper objects.” Mornings are rough for me around here because sometimes he makes them so big I get scared and hide in the bathroom behind the door. (No I’m not kidding!!) They look alive. Sometimes they are robots. Sometimes they are castles with tornados around them. They are completely amazing!! What’s also amazing is how many belts Andrew and Julia have accomplished in Tae Kwon Do. Julia is Red Belt now and Andrew is Jr. Black (yellow stripe.) Andrew will be testing for his Black Belt in May. Mom says this is HUGE. Biggest party ever!!!! A HUGE day for Julia this year was when we went to an actual farm to see her favorite animal...the cow. She often takes out her vet kit and takes care of me...after all I am black and white...I just don’t say moo. But she loves me just the way I am. She’s a very caring little vet. And at the rate Andrew’s going.... with his academically talented programs and 3D buildings he’s making... I’m sure he will build Julia her vet office. They are quite a pair! Mommy and Julia are quite a pair too... besides exercising together (Julia has 1 lb free-weights...& Mommy thinks she’s going to start kickboxing at Talium soon ☺) they started Brownies together. With everyone’s busy life around here it’s hard to believe anyone has time for me... but they somehow fit it in. Daddy has a couple people working for him now so he likes to come home for lunch and sneak a pizza crust in for me every now and then. That’s one thing I love most about my family... even with their busy lives we stay thankful and show how much we appreciate each other. I even found time to write you this letter in between my “cat” naps... heheeeheee. I hope you have a wonderful holiday filled with many warm memories and lots of “treats.”

Love

Pumpkin Capuano