

IN MEMORY OF TRACY  
1995 – April 17, 2007



Just after Animal Angels relocated to Wise County, I was going through Paradise, having just left the post office there. There's not much to Paradise but a little convenience store/filling station and a few houses. On the main street through town I spied a black dog in the road ahead. There was a guy in front of the house where the dogs were so I stopped and ask him if they were his. His reply, "yeah, she's mine. I would love to get rid of her though". The little black female had an eye that appeared to be sightless but wasn't very old. Needless to say, I loaded her up and left.

A visit to the vet determined she had suffered blunt force trauma to the side of her head that left her permanently blind in her left eye. What happened to cause this injury? We'll never know. It certainly didn't seem to bother her and she lived a full life suffering no ill effects. She was a sweet little black dog that should have had her own family and a fireplace to lay in front of but instead, she graced us with her presence until Tuesday, April 17, 2007.

Tracy was one of our "trustees" which means she was allowed outside the compounds. The last couple of years though, because of her limited sight and her age; I became fearful for her safety so she got to live inside with some of the other older and smaller dogs. On Monday morning, I noticed the left side of her muzzle was noticeably swollen. Given her age, I thought she had a tooth that had abscessed so off to the vet we went. The vet called this morning saying it wasn't an abscess. Tracy had cancer. The left side of her jaw was almost gone. I ask myself, how could she have not symptoms before now? Her appetite never waned and she never lost an ounce of weight nor did she ever show that she was in pain, which she surely must have been. You ask yourself so many questions at times like this. At 12 years of age, to do anything but allow this magnificent little girl to go to "the bridge" would have been punishment. She rests in Animal Angel's area at Pine Hill Pet Cemetery near Bowie, Texas, with all the babies that have gone before.