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*Excerpts from Bill Arnold's Dog Log, August 2005*

*Letter from Larry B. (Jed'd Dad)*

Bill and Erin,

*Old Jed*

August 16 marked two years that Old Jed has been with me and I just wanted to let you know he is still doing just fine. He's now 14 years and 5 months old - the paperwork from his original vet was passed on to me by Straydog and showed his birth date as April 15, 1991. It even gave treatment/vaccination dates showing he had a six-month checkup in Oct 1991, so I have no doubt the birth date is accurate. Here are a couple of new photos. I've given up trying to keep carpet clean with dogs and cats so have replaced it all with tile and wood laminate - Jed seems to like the tile since it's nice and cool (of course, he has a nice soft dog bed too). That's Champ the poodle with him in both pictures.



*Old Jed and Champ the Poodle lie in the grass of Larry Buckman's backyard.*



*Jed and Champ lie on the cool tile floor.*

### Cat declawing

On another subject, Erin has brought up cat declawing in a couple of recent write-ups and discussions she's had about it. I know there are arguments on both sides. Some people may not realize just how drastic a procedure it is (basically the difference between trimming your fingernail and cutting off your finger at the first