Hi there!! It’s me, Alice. I want to tell you about all the neato jet stuff I get to do now that I’m a first grader!

My mom says I’m old enough to start learning how to cook! I really, really like cooking. Mom is teaching me to make newtrishus stuff like steamed spinach and even (mrff) o-a-t-m-e-a-l. But sometimes, you know, like when she’s in the bath tub? I sneak into the kitchen and, guess what? I make up my own recipes!! My favorite is fried peas. Maybe some day, you can come to my house and try some? They are super good!!!

And then d’you know what happened after my party? Well, we found a stray dog who got lost under our porch and I adopted him! Mom said I could keep him ‘cause I’m old enough to be ‘sponsible for a pet. I started out by giving him a really, really good name—Sebastian Baxter Billy Dog!! I thought of it all by myself. It’s the best name ever!

Me and mom made mealworm chip cookies for Halloween an’ I had a party! It was so cool! Here’s a picture of me in my pumpkin costume! It was really spiffy! I bet I had the neatest costume of anyone at my party!

An’ guess what? Sebastian Baxter Billy Dog likes his new name so much he taught me how dogs say hello!! I bet you never knew they say it that way, did you? Only when my mom saw me saying hello to Sebastian Baxter Billy Dog, she said if I ever did that again, Young Lady, I’d have to go straight to my room!! You can tell when she says “Young Lady” that she’s really mad! Geez! I was only trying to be polite! Sometimes Mom just doesn’t get it.

See ya later.

Love,

Alice
The Adventures of Quill (Phil’s cousin)

Quill has just started his adventures. He kicked off his adventures at the Great Circus Parade that was held in Milwaukee, WI on July 12th. If you would like to host Quill, contact the editor to schedule his trip.

When hedgehogs join the circus...

Quill didn’t join the circus, but he did get in the spirit by drawing his poop circle on the ground in preparation for the Great Circus Parade. For those of you who don’t know, Wisconsinites have a tradition of drawing circles on the road prior to a parade in hopes that their circle will be the one graced by horse (or in this case) elephant poop.

Quill and a bunch of HWS people enjoy the parade.

Ernest Borgnine led the parade.

It’s not often that you see elephants walking down the street.

Where will Quill’s adventures take him next? You’re guess is as good as mine!
Agaves are popular ornamental succulent plants. In the wild they are commonly found in central and tropical South America, Mexico, and the southern and western regions of the United States. They are characterized by a large rosette of sharp-pointed, fleshy leaves with spiny margins. The stem is thick and so short the leaves appear to be growing from the root. Each rosette grows very slowly and flowers only once. Contrary to popular belief, Agaves are not cacti. They are closely related to the lily and amaryllis families.

Of course, we are most interested in one variety of Agave in particular. That would be *Agave Stricta*, also known as Hedgehog Agave. This plant looks like a large, green hedgehog rolled into a tight ball. It ranges from 12 to 18 inches in height and its slender green leaves end in a spine. In summer it produces a flower stalk capable of reaching six feet in length! The flowers range in color from green to reddish brown. The plant produces shoots which eventually create a litter of rosettes—each growing in a slightly different direction giving the plant a sort of wind-blown appearance. The plant is native to the dry, hilly regions of Central Mexico. It tolerates heat and drought well and is said to be resistant to deer. This plant is hardy in zones 9—11.


Rocky Mountain Hedgehog Show
Colorado Springs, Colorado
Show Results

October 3, 2009

Judges:
Sherry Songhurst, Sarah Shore,
Martina Weihs-Werner

Juvenile Male Grand Champion/Reserve Grand Champion (2 entries)
Grand Champion, Stetson (Floyd Aprill)
Reserve Grand Champion, Varkie (Standing Bear)

Adult Male Grand Champion/Reserve Grand Champion (5 entries)
Grand Champion, Loki (Darcy Marquis)
Reserve Grand Champion, Speedy (Elaine Becker)

Senior Male Grand Champion/Reserve Grand Champion (2 entries)
Grand Champion, Dinsdale (Standing Bear)
Reserve Grand Champion, Orbit The Spy (Standing Bear)

Juvenile Female Grand Champion/Reserve Grand Champion (5 entries)
Grand Champion, Virgilia (Jeanne Robtoy)
Reserve Grand Champion, Snowwhite (Floyd Aprill)

Adult Female Grand Champion/Reserve Grand Champion (3 entries)
Grand Champion, Rocks Anne (Kathy Beers)
Reserve Grand Champion, Gwin (Christina Brown)

Senior Female Grand Champion/Reserve Grand Champion (3 entries)
Grand Champion, Sweetie (Gina Disteldorp)
Reserve Grand Champion, Louella (Standing Bear)

Best of Show/Reserve Best of Show (6 entries)
Best of Show, Virgilia (Jeanne Robtoy)
Reserve Best of Show, Stetson (Floyd Aprill)

October 4, 2009

Judges:
Sherry Songhurst, Laurel Sedgwick, Elizabeth Reichert

Juvenile Male Grand Champion/Reserve Grand Champion (3 entries)
Grand Champion, Stetson (Floyd Aprill)
Reserve Grand Champion, Beau (Floyd Aprill)

Adult Male Grand Champion/Reserve Grand Champion (5 entries)
Grand Champion, Zephyr (Sarah Shore)
Reserve Grand Champion, Norbert (Jessica Elrod)

Senior Male Grand Champion/Reserve Grand Champion (2 entries)
Grand Champion, Orbit The Spy (Standing Bear)
Reserve Grand Champion, Dinsdale (Standing Bear)

Juvenile Female Grand Champion/Reserve Grand Champion (6 entries)
Grand Champion, Nendia (Jeanne Robtoy)
Reserve Grand Champion, Snowwhite (Floyd Aprill)

Adult Female Grand Champion/Reserve Grand Champion (3 entries)
Grand Champion, Brozia (Brenda Sandoval)
Reserve Grand Champion, Masara (Jeanne Robtoy)

Senior Female Grand Champion/Reserve Grand Champion (3 entries)
Grand Champion, Louella (Standing Bear)
Reserve Grand Champion, Sweetie (Gina Disteldorf)

Best of Show/Reserve Best of Show (6 entries)
Best of Show, Nendia (Jeanne Robtoy)
Reserve Best of Show, Brozia (Brenda Sandoval)