

## CLANCY'S CLICHES

I love to look at clouds and see the different shapes of things in them. I do that with pretty much everything. Heart-shaped clouds, heart-shaped islands, heart-shaped leaves (see outer cover), the way snow melts, two blades of fiddlehead fern, two swans facing each other, a heart-hole in the deterioration of a leaf... But can you see the heart shaped intentions in others? Does society instill in us a non-trusting nature? That others have ulterior motives insomuch as we can't see the shape of love emerging from a situation or intention? A discouragement to not see the heart in and of another person?



So, just why do we embrace these heart-shaped goodies, candy boxes, Sweetheart treats, socks and, well, unmentionables for Valentine's Day and for other occasions throughout the year? Why do we embrace the Heart—a name for a body organ—as a symbol of love?

Could it be without our pumping hearts, we have no life. That life without love is death?

Whew, heavy. Time for a by-pass. Now, as we enter into the Lenten season, it's time for my notorious Fish Joke Issue at Clancy's Cackles. I'm always swimming with ideas for jokes, but I had to dive really deep for these. All this talk of fish food makes me hungry, too. Y'know, most dogs aren't keen on fish, but since there was a sale at the fish market, I went to see what was the catch. (If you think of a better fish pun, let minnow!)



At my temporary home with Aunti Linder, Uncle DenDen and Jakester.  
Photos provided by the Ernst family.

## FEBRUARY'S FOLLIES

\*February 20: love your pet day (*eh-hem!*)

\*February is American Heart month

\*Those little heart-shaped Sweetheart candies are celebrating 150 years ...hot dawg

\*Yup. That's my Daddy! Look closer and you'll see he's on his kneelie-wheelie pushing around the vacuum!

**Howlin's hootn'; Growlin's not gooten!**



– Clancy

## CLANCY'S CACKLES



Knock, knock! Who's there? Fish. Fish Who? Bless You!

1. Which day of the week is a fish's least favorite? **Fry – Day!**
2. Which fish go to heaven when they die? **Angel Fish!**
3. How do fish go into business? **On a small scale!**
4. What do you call a fish that can give you a facelift? **A plastic Sturgeon!**
5. What happened to the shark who swallowed his keys? **He got lockjaw!**
6. Where do fish have to go to work? **The Offish!**