



Winter Fun with 3 Tails & a Wink by Rosa Sterner

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Introduction

Winter Fun with 3 Tails & a Wink is a collection of cherished moments at wintertime with four endearing dogs. It is filled with lovingly created color photographs and whimsical captions that will perhaps delight, amuse or at the very least inspire you to appreciate the wonder of pets and the beauty of winter. This ebook is the second in a series I intend to publish. Enjoy!



Chapter 1-The Pack

Fall is here and Winter is just around the corner and that means lots of exciting things to expect and look forward to. But for now let us meet or reacquaint ourselves with four unique friends that just *happen* to be dogs.

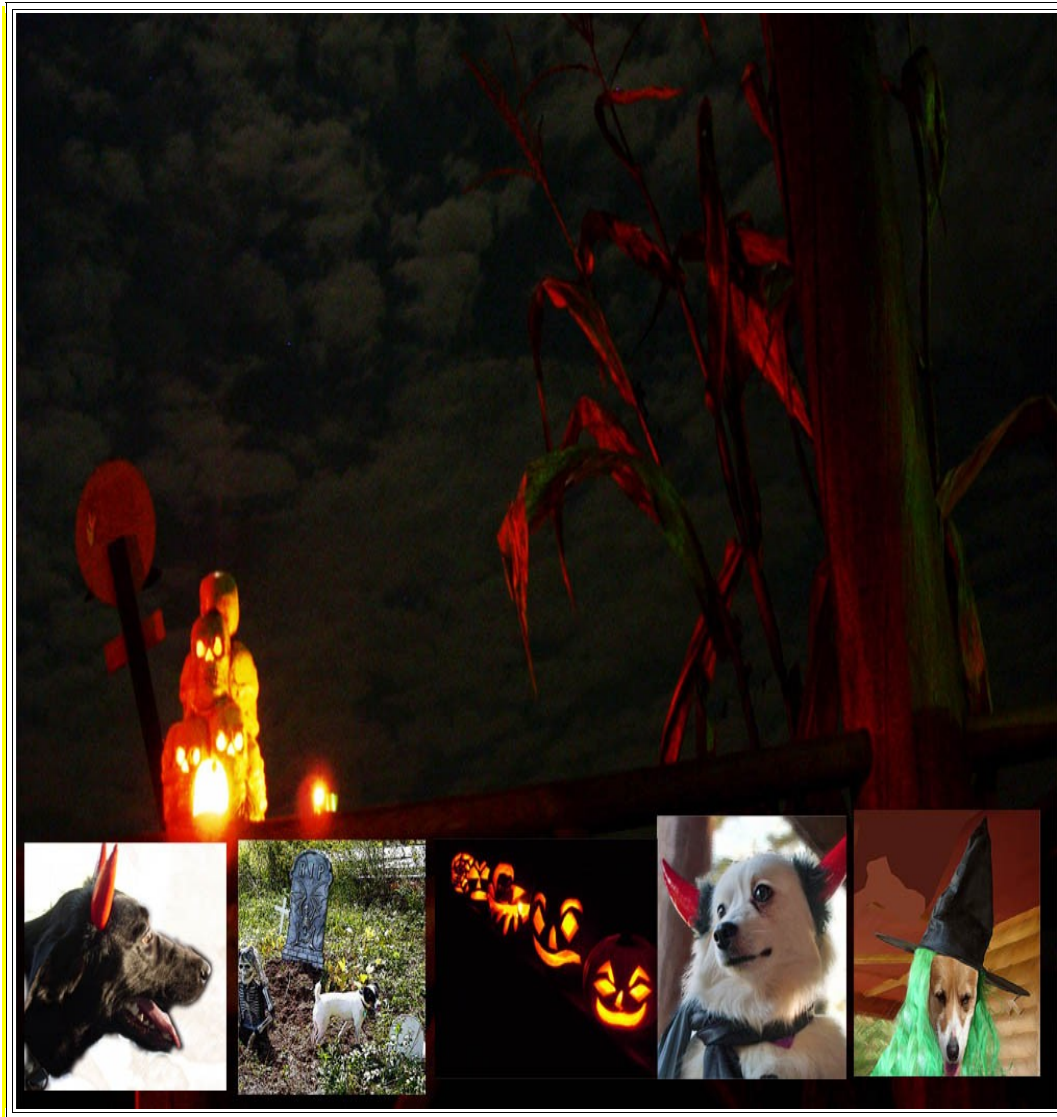
There is Mr. Tail, a bouncy and spunky Jack Russell Terrier who is the smallest of the four. Playful, extremely energetic and stubborn. *That* is Mr. Tail. Then, there is, his size opposite and favorite playing buddy, Ravy. If you recall, he is the water-loving black Labrador Retriever.

And who can forget Snowy, the white American Eskimo? She is perhaps the most attractive of the bunch and the moodiest. *Princess* Snowy likes to think she leads this pack. Maybe she does. And last to join this group is the tailless wonder of the group, Coconut. This wide-eyed Welsh Corgi takes in the world with her intense stare but when least expected, closes one eye and then-there it is. A perfect wink!

The 3 Tails & a Wink Pack live in rural Pennsylvania. Their home is a brown log cabin right in the middle of the woods. Not far from the cabin is a creek they like to visit to play in or drink from. All sorts of wildlife roam and reside in the woods too. But with the approaching cold weather many are getting ready to hibernate. Luckily 3 Tails & a Wink do not hibernate so they get to experience *all* the seasons of the year.

Chapter 2- Cold Weather

Already the leaves are changing color. Soon they will softly begin to fall. In time most of the trees will lose their leaves. The vivid green grass will begin to darken and wither away. And before long, Snowy, Mr. Tail, Coconut and Ravy will be surrounded in carved out pumpkins and spooky decorations for then it will be **Halloween!** Time for black and orange *doggie* cookie treats. But tricks by these 4 are welcomed just the same.



Halloween may be spooky but not for 3 Tails & a Wink.

When Halloween comes to an end another holiday will shortly arrive. 3 Tails & a Wink will get to enjoy the smell and taste of oven roasted turkey (no bones, please) on **Thanksgiving Day.** Will they want mashed potatoes and gravy too? You bet. They may not really understand this holiday but I think 3 Tails & a Wink are always grateful for it. Do you agree?



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Chapter 3 - The Wildlife

After Thanksgiving the coldest season yet, Winter, will be expected to arrive. Most of the winged wildlife will have headed south by this time of the year. But 3 Tails & a Wink will still have the company of red cardinals, chickadees, free roaming wild turkey, hooting owls, hawks, and ever-pecking woodpeckers.

And even though some of the furry wildlife will have hibernated by this time too, there will still be lots of animals around for 3 Tails & a Wink to spot, smell or chase after. Red and Gray squirrels, chipmunks, fawn and doe (deer), male deer or buck, skunks, raccoons, foxes, rabbits, groups of deer and opossums-just to name a few.

Chapter 4 - Snow Fun!

But how will this pack tackle wintertime on a mountain? Come let us take a look at the happenings that have occurred before to get a sense of what is to come in the months ahead...



Soon, frosty snow will gently fall and dress everything in white. Snow will blanket the landscape. It will cover the trees, the ground and the entire mountain.

Even the two story brown log cabin will be trimmed in white.
And then 3 Tails & a Wink's entire playing field will be transformed into a breathtaking wintery wonderland that will glisten in the morning light and glow by the moonlight.

By this time all the animals will have gotten their winter coats.
Natural fur coat or not Mr. Tail will still have to wear a sweater or his red favorite holiday outfit to keep him warm.

Snowy, Mr. Tail, Big Ravy and Coconut will be ready when snow finally arrives
but what will they do with all this snow?



Can you tell Ravy is perhaps The Happiest in snow?

Actually they tend to do many of the things children like do with snow. To give you a quick idea let us just say that 3 Tails & a Wink will most likely; play with it, sniff it, eat it, crawl into it, dig in it, rub in it and leave yellow marks in it...If you know what I mean.

And that's not all. For starters, all four will probably want to explore their newly covered surroundings. They usually like to wander about seeking new scents and being ever alert to new sounds or sights. Perhaps this year they will spot a flock of wild turkey or maybe discover the hidden secret place where a buck has been? And if they get a bit thirsty from all the up and down snow-covered hill climbing-no problem! There is water everywhere. Frozen water that is.



Snowy and Ravy wear Christmas hats. Santa would be proud!

Can you guess who eats the most snow? If you said Ravy you would be correct. Not only does he eat falling snowflakes but he can gulp down mouthfuls of snowballs. When thirsty Snowy will eat snow too but her way is to eat it as if it were cotton candy (don't ask). Coconut takes a different approach. She likes to lick it as if it were an ice cream cone. (shrug) Mr. Tail tends not to eat any of the cold stuff-thirsty or not!

Even during a blizzard Ravy and Mr. Tail will chase after each. Running into or over piles of snow is nothing new for these two. And Ravy will probably jump and bounce all over the newly fallen snow much like the way a child would on a big fluffy bed. In no time at all his black fur will be almost completely white with snow. Curious thing is, his fur may be short but this Lab seldom ever feels cold enough to shiver.



Snowy likes to remain very still in the snow while staring down at it. Can you figure out why? It is her way of listening intently for field mice that hide and travel under the snow. If she happens to hear any she will burrow her muzzle deep into the snow to get a better whiff. She may even chase after a mouse or two but they always manage to get away. Lucky mice.

Adopted Coconut has only experienced a couple of winters here on the mountain. But with her thick woolly fur she is the one most ready for winter. The first thing she likes to do in the snow is fling herself into it. Then while on her back she rubs in it until her brown fur is almost as white as her mane. She flicks her large ears when snowflakes land on them. Is it ticklish to have snowflakes land on furry ears?

When inches of snow reach higher than the height of her head this short stubby-legged Corgi knows just what to do. She will either follow all the ready-made paths along the snow or simply walk in *any* foot prints left behind.

Chapter 5 - Slippery Ice is Fun?

Sometimes the snow will harden on the surface but it will remain soft underneath. This top layer of icy snow can present some challenges for all 4 members of this pack. Icy snow is always tricky to walk on even if you happen to be a pack of four dogs with 16 legs combined!



Ravy, Mr. Tails, Coconut & Snowy doing what comes naturally.

Snowy being agile like a cat will handle it best of all. Slippery ice does not worry her in the least. She may slide around a lot but she seldom falls. She can move with such finesse over the slickest patches of ice unlike Coconut whose every step punches the icy covering and sinks her deeper. Still, sinking into snow is “no biggie” for The Queen’s favorite breed. For even the bottom of her paws contain woolly fur too.

Now, Mr. Tail, on the other hand (or should I say paw?) will hop over any holes left in the icy snow. But *if* he were to slide and fall he would be up off the cold ice faster than a blink of an eye—thanks to those springy paws of his.

Ravy's excited play tends to easily break or crack the icy layer of snow but he seldom seems to notice when he is having snow time fun.



Chapter 6 - Four for the Holidays

When there is a toy to chase after or a groundhog or deer, Mr. Tail can forget about the cold weather. But when he begins to shiver even he knows it is time to go inside. Every winter Mr. Tail is the first one of the four to rush inside the warm and festively decorated cabin. But once inside their apple pie scented home, what surprise will await Mr. Tail, Snowy, Ravy, and Coconut?



Four stockings carefully hung with their names spelled in glitter because even good doggies deserve something from Santa too.

To the Readers



Dear Readers,

I know if
3 Tails & a Wink
could speak they would
want to wish all their fans
a wonderful holiday season
so I will do it for them.

Happy Holidays and
a very Merry Christmas
to you, your family and
your pets.

From **Snowy**, **MR. TAIL**,
Coconut, **Ravy** & **Me!**

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Rosa Sterner is a professional artist who adores animals of all kinds. She has a special fondness for dogs and in particular these four who have shared her world and have kept

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