

Summer 2013 Newsletter
Mahoosuc Guide Service and Mahoosuc Mountain Lodge

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Dougette's boy

I am sitting in the coolness of our well-insulated timber-frame house we built 12 years ago on this very warm, or may I say, *hot*, day in the height of the summer here at Mahoosuc. The retired dogs have just returned to the cool daylight basement for their afternoon nap. The young puppies are hanging out in the large den-like hole that their mom, Dougette, thoughtfully and instinctively dug for them. The rest of the dogs are hanging out in the shade, either under a tree in the pastures or the shade rooves on their house. We are *all* looking forward to cooler temperatures!

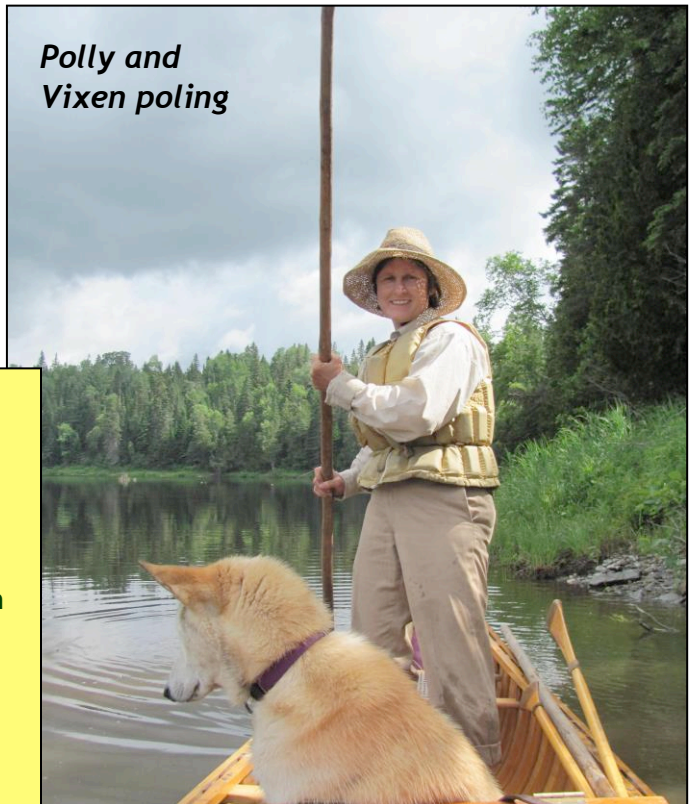
We're on Facebook!
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Canews

We have had some great canoe trips this spring and summer. In May, Kevin led a Maine River Guide Training session on the East Branch of the Penobscot River for several experienced guides. They had a good pitch of water to run the rapids.

In June, Kevin took a group canoeing and fly fishing on the Miramichi River in New Brunswick. Everyone had a good time, and they left the Atlantic salmon in the river.

Polly and Vixen poling



Space is still available on these upcoming canoe trips!

- Women's Canoe and Yoga weekend on Umbagog Lake, August 2-4
- Lodge-Based Wildlife Watching from Loon Lodge in northern Maine, August 5-9
- Fall Foliage on the Allagash River, September 24-29

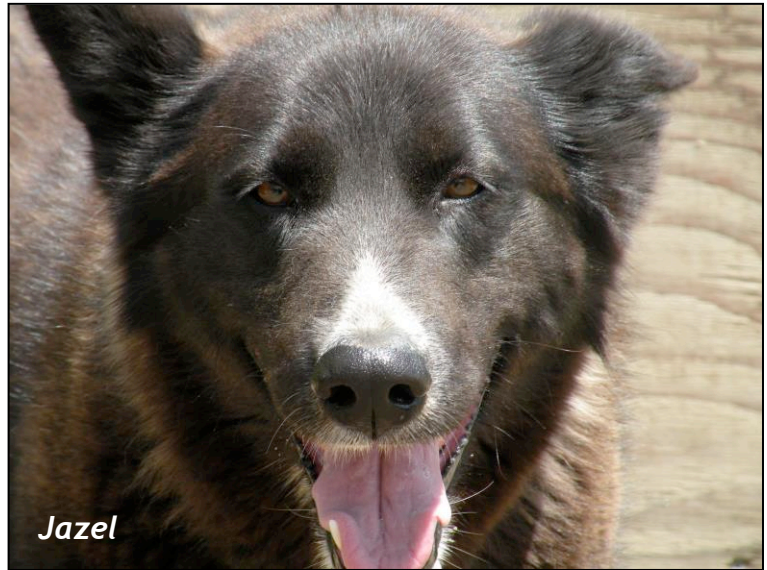
Contact us for more information and to sign up.

Dog News

Dougette and Keefy's litter of four pups, one boy and three girls, was born on May 30. They are all growing like weeds and looking very nice—all friendly and well built.

Mabou went to his new home in Massachusetts with one of our clients and friends. He has joined their other dog, who came from our kennel last summer.

We are still looking for a nice, quiet home for sweet, very shy Jazel, who finds the guiding life too stressful. She will make a very loyal pet.



Jazel

More Summer News: From Mahoosuc to New York and Back

Polly and Kevin took a few days off to visit family and friends on a whirlwind trip to New York and back. It was great to see past apprentice and now guide, Jenny Mugrace, at her home in the Adirondacks. We stopped at another musher's kennel in Vermont to see eight of our dogs, who were sold as puppies and are now full grown. They are beautiful dogs! (We aren't biased, of course.)



Kevin and Donal

We are very happy that Kate, who worked with us last winter, will be returning for another fall/winter season here at Mahoosuc. She has been stopping by on her days off from the trail crew in the White Mountains all summer.

There have been various people in and out all summer for different lengths of time to help with dog chores and assorted projects around the farm.

We hosted two family reunions in our lodge this summer. It is a great location for these gatherings—near many beautiful hiking trails and cool waterfalls.

"I started my guiding career working for Mahoosuc nearly 20 years ago. The skills and work ethic I learned from Kevin and Polly continue to be real assets to my guiding today."

*Michael Wald, Co-owner of Arctic Wild
Fairbanks, Alaska*

Nicole and Mabou



Winter is Coming, and We're Ready!

It isn't too early to sign up for a winter trip. Our schedule is up on our website. We have a number of bookings already. There is only one spot left on our spring dogsledding trip with the Cree in Ouje Bougoumou, Quebec.

We will welcome another apprentice for the fall/winter season who would like to learn about dogsledding and the traditional way of camping in the winter.

Hope to see you on the water and the trail!
Polly, Kevin, and all the doggies



Darling!

Upcoming events at Mahoosuc Mountain Lodge

- October 25-26—Wilderness First Aid Course, taught by Jon Tierney from Wilderness Medical Associates (WMA)
- October 25-27—Open recertification course, taught by Jon Tierney from WMA
- November 16—Back by popular demand! A new bluegrass concert by Tricky Britches (<http://trickybritches.com>)
- November 29-December 1—Tracking Workshop with Susan Morse of Keeping Track (www.keepingtrack.org)

For more information about our trips and events at Mahoosuc Mountain Lodge, visit www.mahoosuc.com.

From the Mailbox

Dear Aunt Polly and Uncle Kevin,

Thank you so very much for having us stay and come play and socialize with the puppies. Truble, one of the pups, was my favorite. My favorite dog was Travis because we was so mellow and didn't jump. Mom and I got some good pictures of the dogs & pups. Maybe next time we could watch the movie "Spirit of the Wind"!

*Lots of paw prints,
Love,
Joyelle (10 years old)
Maine*



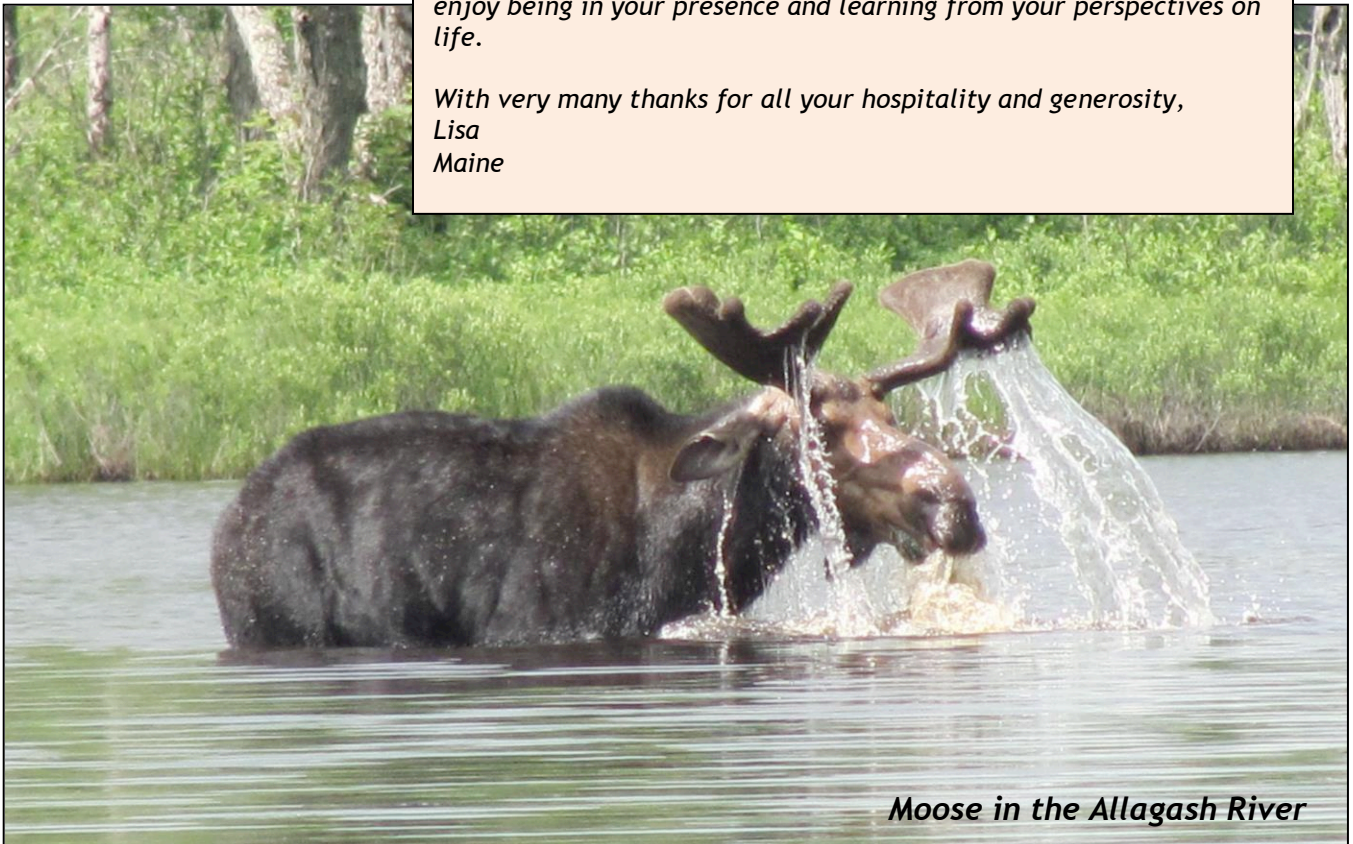
Dougette and son

Dear Kevin and Polly,

Thank you for our visit with you. Joyelle was in heaven to be with you both caring for your beautiful dogs and puppies. I know that it takes a lot of time and effort to have a 10 year old helping and I thank you for giving that time to her. Meaningful work with animals means so much to Joyelle and it isn't easy to find this for children in our culture.

Kevin, I was so glad to finally meet you. I am interested to learn more about your work, expeditions and travels—from both of you. Polly, I love being with you and you are so present and calm and I enjoy being in your presence and learning from your perspectives on life.

*With very many thanks for all your hospitality and generosity,
Lisa
Maine*



Moose in the Allagash River