

Our experience with pets extended beyond our mean-spirited geese. We had ducks, chickens, pigeons, pheasants, rabbits, crows, hawks, various other wild birds and animals, and of course cats and dogs. Sometimes big bad-tempered dogs! Every animal had a name Devil, Satan, Rags, Junior, Prince, Tiny and Chris are some that come to mind for our dogs. Chris was a pup won in a pool game by my brother-in-law, Jerry Ollen-Bittle and given to my brother David as a present on Christmas Day. My friend Aaron's grandmother, (Loretta Moore), a devout Jehovah's Witness, who lived up the road was not impressed with the names Devil or Satan and made no bones about telling me her thoughts!

During the late 50s and 60s, a family by the name of Purdy owned a cottage next to us. The Purdy's came from Buffalo and Bob was one of those men who loved to hunt and fish, and he loved dogs! Whenever the Purdy's were in Port, Devil, a large ugly and cowed Chesapeake Bay Retriever, with a bad temper as result of the bullying by a former owner lived in the Purdy cottage. Everywhere that Bob went, Devil went along. However, as Devil was usually dirty and often wet, he sometimes had to ride in the trunk. One Sunday morning Bob came over and said he could not find Devil and wondered if he was at home. He drove up and down the road visiting most cottagers looking for the old mutt but couldn't find him. My suspicion is that even if one of those cottagers knew where Devil was they were not about to tell! Time came to return to Buffalo, but Mr. Purdy stalled as long as he could, still looking for Devil. Mrs. Purdy (Alberta), finally convinced him it was time to pack up. Out to the car he went, opened the trunk and out burst Devil as happy as cricket under a log! The day had been scorching hot and Devil should have been cooked, but not that old mutt, he was in the trunk all the time enjoying his ride around the beach never making a sound for fear of being heard. It would seem that in the end, he was well named!

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