

## 42 Pictures of My Dog

Yep you read right, I have no kids or interesting hobbies so I took an entire card full of pictures featuring my dog. No, you read right again, card full, not roll full. I'm talking about my new digital camera my wife and I bought over the weekend. I am positively giddy, it is soooo cool. Let me preface this article by saying that I am in no way a photography expert nor have I done any extended research concerning the pros and cons of different digital camera equipment. This article simply documents my own experience with a new digital camera. With that said if you have another opinion or want to suggest a better camera, please e-mail me your thoughts and I will be sure to get them printed.

We visited a couple of electronic stores and talked with the sales staff concerning the cameras. The staff was very helpful and made a few suggestions based on the way we planned to use our camera. After it was all said and done we decided on a Fuji film FinePix A330 camera. The price and features were very competitive with the other camera manufactures; it was the free 64 Meg memory stick that swayed our purchasing decision. Most all of the digital cameras come with a 16 Meg stick of memory for photo storage. The camera we choose is a 3.2 mega pixel camera; which means each photo will take approximately 1.4 Megs of memory to store if the picture is shot in "fine" mode. This means that a 16 Meg memory stick will only hold 12 photos, definitely not enough if you're going to take it on vacation. A 64 Meg memory stick however will hold about 42 photos. We figured having a storage capacity of 54 pictures would be plenty for our vacation. I think we figured wrong.

I found out an interesting characteristic about myself when using a digital camera. I realized that I will tend to snap way more pictures with a digital camera than I might normally have snapped with a normal camera. I was addicted; suddenly anything my dog did was cute enough to take a picture. And not just one picture either, but many pictures from all kinds of different angles. Before I knew it the LCD screen was flashing "Memory Card Full." I couldn't believe it, 42 pictures of my dog. I couldn't wait to get back inside and download the pictures to my computer so that I could see how many good ones there were. And then it hit me, a bonus I had not even thought of, instant gratification. In a matter of minutes I was seeing the best and worst shots. No problem though, the worst shots can be deleted with just one keystroke, and the best were immediately e-mailed to family and friends. Needless to say, the next morning I ordered an extra 128 Meg memory card from one of my online suppliers.

Honestly, I'm not sure why I didn't buy a digital camera sooner. I am very pleased with the sharpness and color this camera produces. On top of that I figure this camera will save me money overall. Film was costing me about \$3/roll, and then don't forget about the processing. That will set you back \$5 to \$7 per roll depending on where you get them processed. I figure we shoot about 10 rolls a year, indicating we could save nearly \$100 per year. Even if you do want to have your digital photos professionally printed that's no problem either. Nearly every photo finisher in town is offering digital prints for about 29 cents each.

I have really enjoyed my new digital camera and look forward to using it this summer. If you have questions concerning your computer and digital camera feel free to e-mail me at [computerdepotonline@att.net](mailto:computerdepotonline@att.net).