

Who's a good dog?

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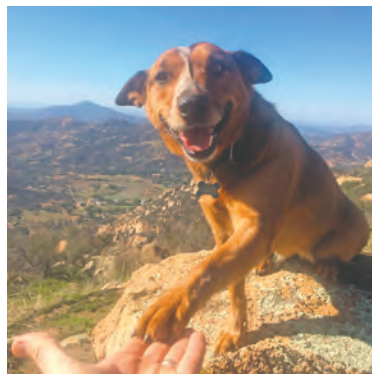
ABBY, CHARLIE and GUS by Anne Nesbit. Abby is quite possibly the best and sweetest dog, new brothers super snuggly Charlie and Gus already fit right in.



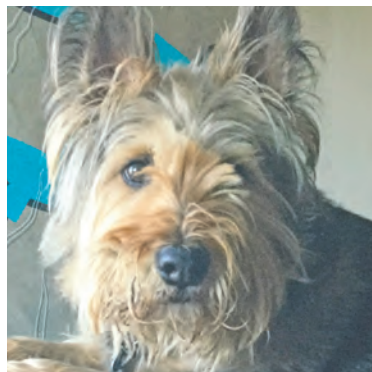
ANNIE and TUCKER by Judy and Marv Scott of Wauna. Annie, left, and Tucker are palillos.



AUTTIE by Candice Hardt and David Shinnars. This photo was taken shortly after we rescued our sweet girl Auttie in 2020 from Texas. The forest was all new to her and this walk is still her favorite. It brings us such joy to see her flourish here on the Key.



BELLA by David Zeigler of Longbranch. Bella is a red heeler. Every New Year's Day in California, we'd do a neighbors and friends hike up a 1,200 foot hill for a picnic lunch. Looking west toward Mt. Miguel and coastal foothills to the Pacific.



BUDDY by Tim Heitzman of Longbranch. Rescued from a family that did not know they had the best dog in the whole world, he makes me a better person every day.



BULLSEYE and SHOUP by Sean Whittemore.



CATI by B Floyd & B Doat. We still miss Cati my fifth GSD, RIP 2013. And we miss BC, the orange tabby who thought he was a GSD and raised two of them in his 20 years...



CHARLIE by Stefanie Warren. Charlie loved to ride in a sidecar, tongue flapping in the wind. When we learned he wouldn't be with us much longer, we found a Good Samaritan willing to give Charlie a final ride. We're so grateful to live in a community that cares enough to grant a pet's final wish.



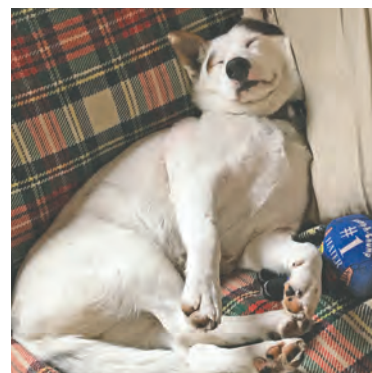
CLIFF by Max Tritt. Cliff's always ready to chase a ball.



COOPER by Laura Armstrong of Wauna. Cooper is a 5-month-old Saint Bernard.



DUNCAN and PEARL by Kathy Martin of Palmer Lake. Our Scottish terriers, 7-year-old Duncan and his little sister, Pearl, 11 months are quite the "Holy terriers!"



EVA by Joseph Pentheroudakis of Herron Island. "Wake me when it's over." Eva is a 5-year-old Australian cattle dog mix, a rescue adopted in August.

Nearly three-quarters of Americans have at least one family member that's a canine. From beast-large to toy-tiny, man's best friend is definitely more than a "pet." They have their own special spots, their own routines and timetables. Dogs celebrate birthdays and holidays with special gifts and (more please) treats. Your dog greets you in the morning and brings a smile to your face no matter what. They patiently train us to wag more, bark less and dogs should be the first part of any health and wellness program. Walkies? Though they never live long enough, their time with us is unequalled. ♥♥♥ Here's a Valentine kiss to our dogs and their unconditional love.

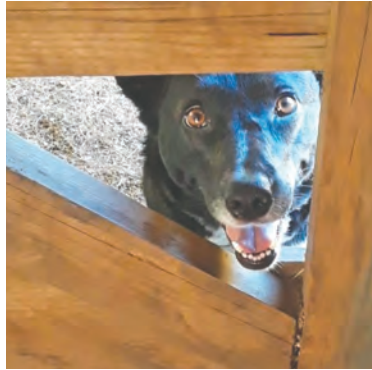
Love is a wet nose and a wagging tail



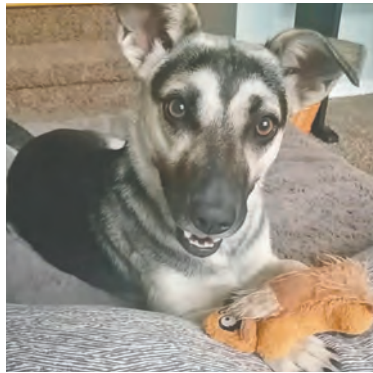
GATSBY (from right) **with AUGIE and FRODO** by Lisa and George Bryan. Gatsby's last day, resting from varmint hunting with his pack this summer.



GYPSY and KUEY by Christine McKail of Vaughn. "I am the filthy queen of the hog fuel pile, and you are my mere minion." Gypsy, Great Pyrenees, and Kuey, Jack Russell terror... yes, "terror."



KALI by Sheila Morin of Vaughn. Kali is a border collie-lab mix always up for adventure. My daughter Sierra's dog, adopted in March. They now are inseparable.



LUCY by Barb Boettcher of Longbranch. Lucy playing with her "baby." She is a rescue, about 3 years old, and we were told she is a shepherd-corgi mix. A fantastic dog and great companion!



LUCY by Cindy Moore. Lucy is 4 years old, loves long walks on the beach and stuffed toy ducks. "I'm a very good girl and a major foodie," she said.



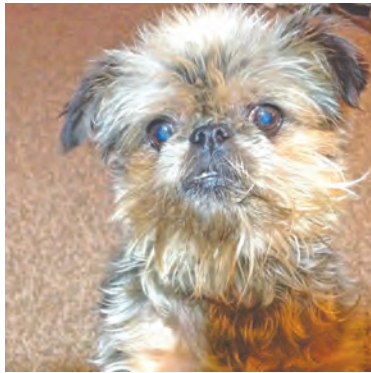
LUCY by Sam Tritt. Sleek, fast and filled with as much curiosity as energy, Lucy can often be found sitting on the naughty step.



LUNA and RAM by Monika St. Jean. Luna the 6-month-old German shepherd thought she was a big girl, until she sat next to her friend, Ram, the Shiloh shepherd.



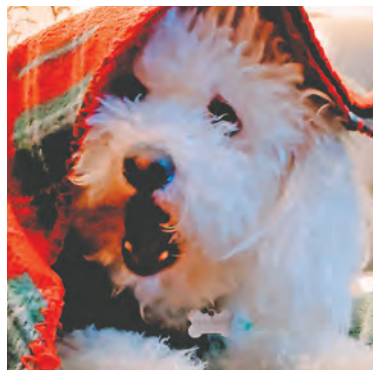
MILO and EDDIE by Amelia Rohwein. Floating on a tube in Carney Lake. My husband, two boys and most favorite two pups moved here in June. We love it here!



MINNIE and OLIVIA by Barbara and Orrie Moore of Longbranch. Minnie, my 14-year-old Brussels Griffon was rescued 11 years ago. She is now sharing her home with our (next column)



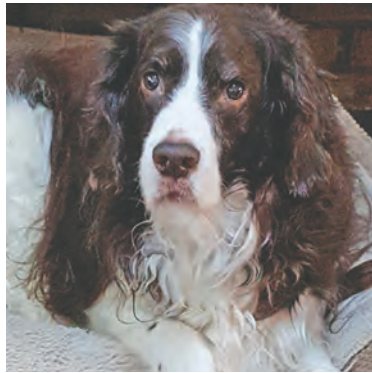
2-month-old French bulldog **OLIVIA**, and finally learning to play!



MR. BOJANGLES by Janet Brown, aka "Houdini dog," aka "the Instigator," aka "the most under-loved dog in the world" of just ask him... "Please, pet me!" Age indeterminate; he was found dancing up a freeway ramp in Los Angeles in 2011.



MR. PORTER aka PORTER BEAR by Stephanie Brooks, always ready to "play ball."



MS. CHANDLER by Janet Brown of Longbranch. My beautiful Ms. Chandler, 2005-2020. The most kind and gentle soul. I miss her.



PEACHES (top) and TALLIE by Diane Linthicum of Lakebay. Peaches is a 4-year-old sheltie. Tally, also a sheltie, is 7. They both compete in dog agility trials when they aren't hiking local trails or playing on the beach. We all moved here three years ago and the dogs are living the life.



PRINCE and CHARLIE by Elizabeth Pierce. Brothers from another mother and total ball freaks, 1-year-old Prince, left, and 9-year-old Charlie.



REX by Katie Postlewait. Although this guy loves his little humans, running fields and beaches, evening snuggles, and the word "biscuit," Rex's most favorite thing is being in a boat on Case Inlet.



ROHAN by Cathleen FitzGerald of Longbranch. Rohan is a Key Peninsula treasure. As a certified therapy dog, he has for the last seven years worked with the KP

library for preschool story time, provided stress relief to staff and patients at St. Anthony hospital, and helped support students learning to read at Evergreen Elementary. He continues to help through YouTube and Zoom.



RUBY IRIS and SAPPHIRE LOTUS by Dolezal family of Lake of the Woods. Ruby Iris, left, 3 years old, rescued at 3 weeks old. One eye and crooked jaw. Sapphire Lotus, 12 weeks old, early Christmas gift from best friend.



RUFAS and ROCO by Eric Moreland of Key Center



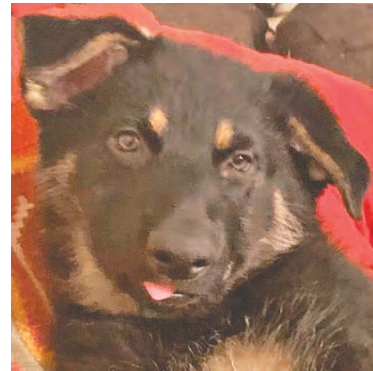
SCHIPPERKE INDIE (previous column) by P.J. Kezele of Jackson Lake. He and his schipperke sister Rogue love all things stinky.



SISTER by Marina Kourlis of Lakebay. Sister the terrier, busy making her 2021 New Year's resolutions.



STEVE by Mike, Jamie and Steve Adcock of Lakebay. Steve is our 5-month-old pandemic puppy! We have been busily exploring the KP!



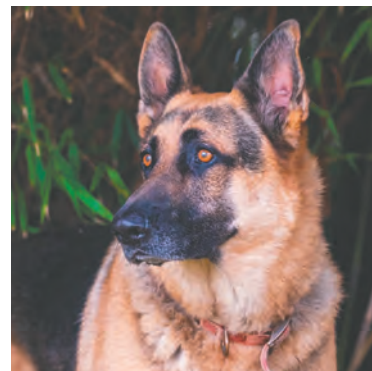
SUKA by Sam Tritt. Five-month-old German shepherd is learning the ropes from older sister Lucy.



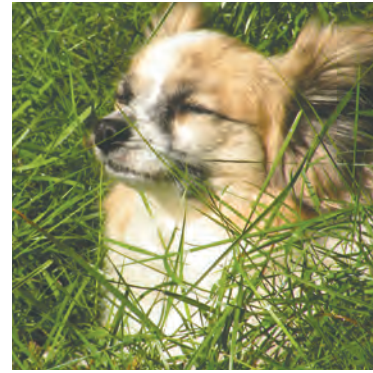
T-BONE and SMOKY BONES by Wendy Bone of Lakebay. T-Bone and Smoky Bones patiently waiting for mom to finish talking with a neighbor.



TEDDY by Linda Grubaugh. When pandemic isolation became too boring, the fun and companionship of a Maltese-cocker Spaniel puppy made great sense. He's ready for his mile-a-day walk, happy with baskets full of toys, and stimulating company for his over-50 mom and dad.



TITAN of VAUGHN by Christine McKail.



VITO by Deb and Bob Kildren of Lakebay. Vito, a lifelong resident of the KP, enjoying the sun.



ZEUS and COOPER from the KP by Linda Burton of Rocky Bay.



X DOG Your next dog is waiting. Whether you choose to adopt from a pound or rescue organization, or buy from a breeder, you should do your homework first. There are thousands of books, articles and online resources about choosing a perfect dog for you and your family. Start at www.paws.org/resources, search the web, talk to a vet or visit a dog park and talk to owners.