



BURLINGTON HUMANE SOCIETY



MEET OUR THERAPY PETS



Dedication



This booklet
has been lovingly compiled
in memory of

TOBY

who passed away on
April 24, 2020
during the
Covid-19 Pandemic.



"I hadn't taken a step
without you beside me
for eleven years. You
were my comfort and
my best friend. I will
move into other parts
of life without you, but
I have faith that you
will still be my
shadow, my angel.
You drifted off to
heaven, peacefully
snuggled in my arms
and I will miss you
everyday." - mom



CLASS OF 2020



The Pet Therapy Program began at the Burlington Humane Society in 1984. Our volunteer dogs and cats visit long term care facilities throughout city, where seniors welcome their in-person encounters with enthusiastic delight and joy.

During the 2020 season, these visits were suspended to protect the most vulnerable in our society, as the Covid-19 pandemic gripped the world and everyday life came to a halt.

Our Pet Therapy volunteers stand ready to embrace a new normal by offering virtual visits, until it becomes safe again to share special memories together.

Sadly, not all of our pets will be returning...

This booklet is an expression of gratitude to all our therapy pets.



Lilly



Breed: Golden Retriever

Age: 11 years

Therapy pet since 2013

PT Colleagues: Sheldon

Favourite Food: list is too long...

Favourite Toy: Scooby-Doo blanket (I've had since I was a puppy)

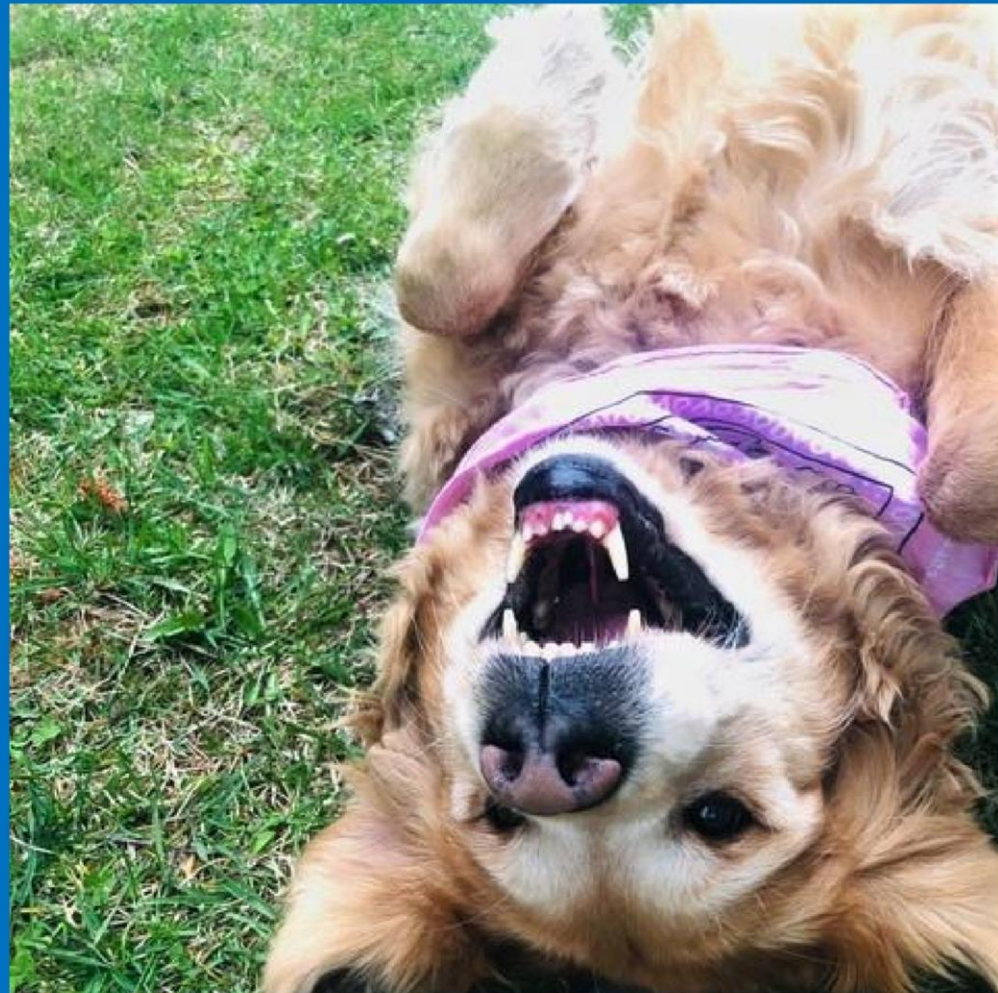
Favourite Game: fetching sticks thrown in the water

Pet Peeve: kittens and puppies who play with my tail

Embarrassing Moment: being sprayed by a skunk three times in one summer!

Proudest Moment: becoming a therapy dog

Best Friend: Homo Sapien (I don't discriminate)





T-Bone



Breed: Golden Retriever

Age: 7 years

Therapy pet since 2020

PT Colleagues: Winston, Lucy, Aurora

Favourite Food: cheese

Favourite Toy: a ball or leaves,
whichever happens to be moving

Favourite Game: swimming at the
cottage

Favourite Pastime: chewing on my
blanket

Pet Peeve: Milo (my cat brother)
constantly bugging me

Proudest Moment: people tell me that I
have a great name, but I'm proud of my
kind nature which helps others

Best Friend: Sydney (Golden Retriever) –
she's my girlfriend from down the street





Fern



Breed: Tabby

Age: 6 years

Therapy pet since 2018

PT Colleagues: I work solo

Favourite Food: anything except fruit and vegetables

Favourite Toy: toy mouse

Favourite Game: hunting for treats

Favourite Pastime: chasing leaves outside and lounging on the grass

Pet Peeve: not being able to go outside whenever I want to

Naughtiest Deed: stealing food right off of the stove

Most Embarrassing Moment: hissing at the vet when getting vaccines

Proudest Moment: being BHS's first therapy cat!

Best Friend: Mia (Sheppard mix)





Cody



Breed: Shih-Tzu

Age: 7 years

Therapy pet since 2017

PT Colleagues: Tulie, Dash, Molly, Ringer

Favourite Food: beef

Favourite Toy: stuffed hedgehog

Favourite Game: stealing mom's garden slippers and running all over the backyard with them

Favourite Pastime: chasing rabbits

Pet Peeve: mom sprinkling baby powder all over me to make me smell better during my pet therapy visits

Naughtiest Deed: I'm a perfect boy!

Special Communication Skill: robust barking when my human relatives come over to visit





Aurora



Breed: Labrador/Akita Mix

Age: 6 years

Therapy pet since 2017

PT Colleagues: Wilhe, Charlie, Shay, Stirling, Priscilla, Winston, Koda, Lucy, T-Bone

Favourite Food: pizza crust

Favourite Toy: stuffed bunny stolen from my 3-year old human

Favourite Pastime: sleeping

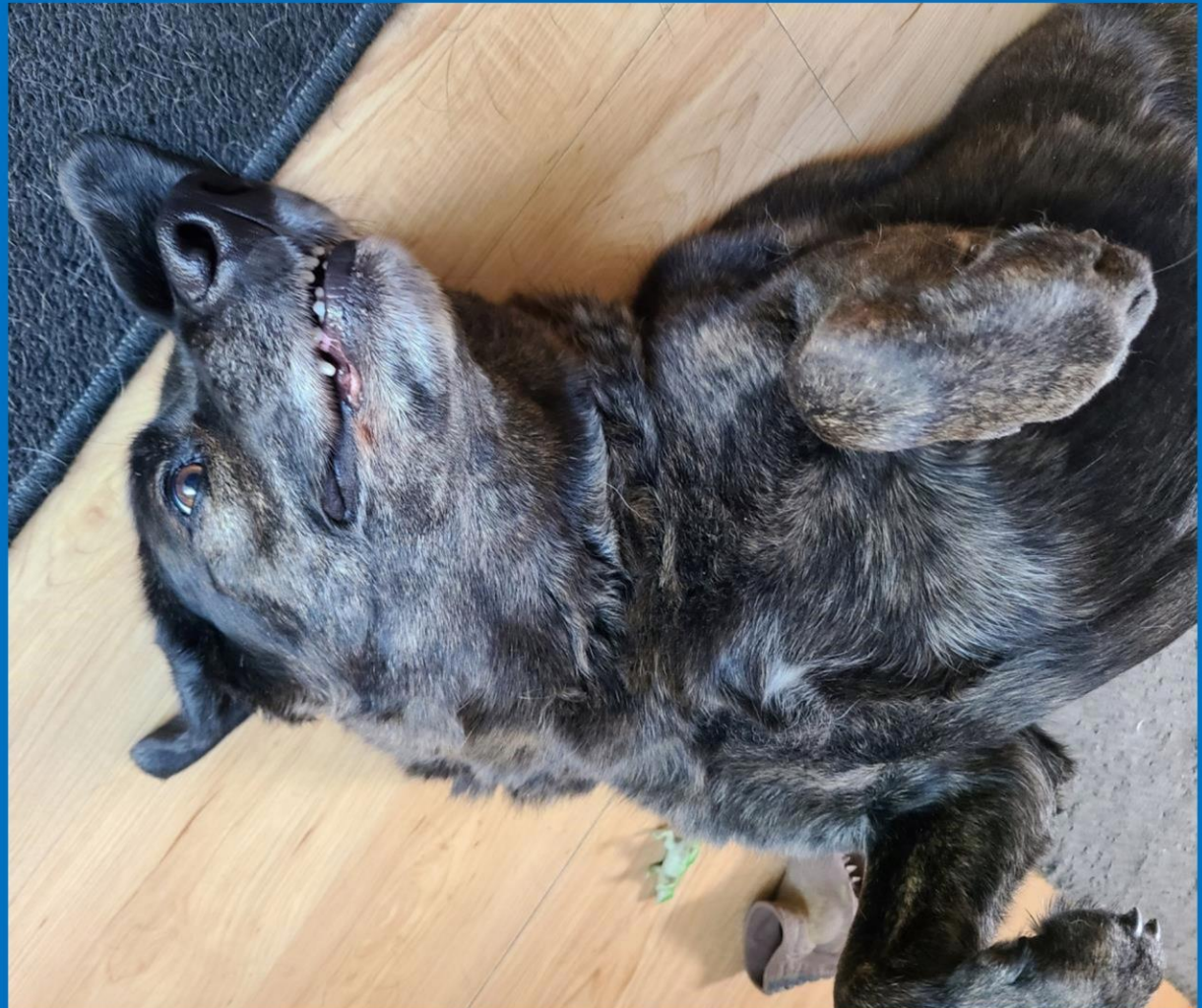
Pet Peeve: being woken up

Naughtiest Deed: eating mom's favourite shoe (I left her the other one)

Strange Habit: I sleep on my back and snore LOUDLY!

Embarrassing Moment: fell off the bed while the cat was watching

Proudest Moment: making people smile on my pet therapy visits



Breed: Golden Retriever

Age: 5 years

Therapy pet since 2018

PT Colleagues: Stirling, Aurora,
Winston

Favourite Food: ALL food

Favourite Toy: frisbee

Favourite Game: pet me

Favourite Pastime: pet me

Pet Peeve: fireworks

Naughtiest Deed: believing that
I'm an 80-pound lap dog when I
jump up on people

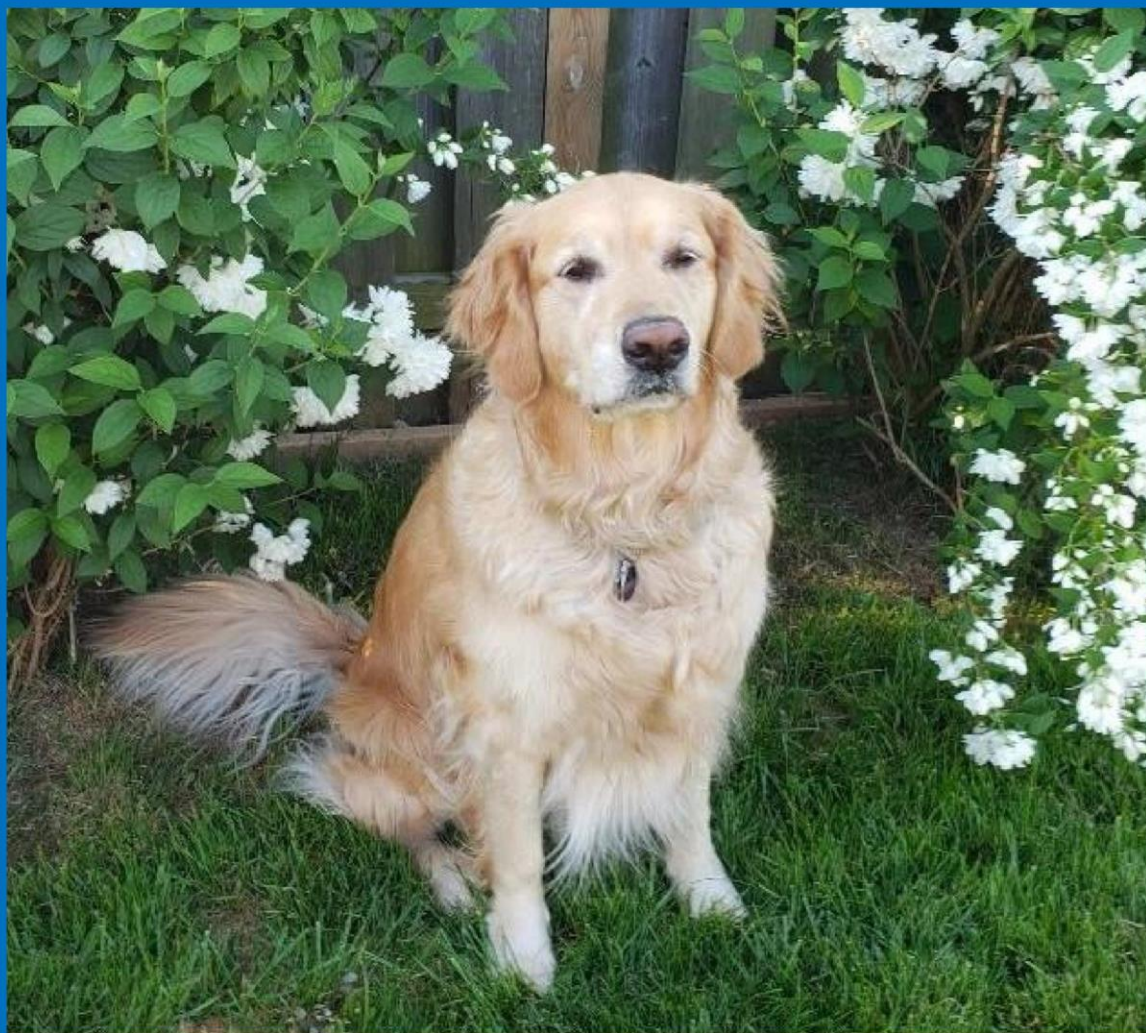
Coollest Trick: I can do a little
agility course – for a treat, of
course!

Embarrassing Moment: lying on
the sidewalk and not letting
people pass until they would pet
me

Proudest Moment: finding a huge
stick and bringing it home



Koda





Priscilla



Breed: Standard Poodle

Age: 8 years

Therapy pet since 2020 – newest member!

PT Colleagues: I just graduated into pet therapy, but because of Covid-19, I never got to meet my team

Favourite Toy: I like people, not toys

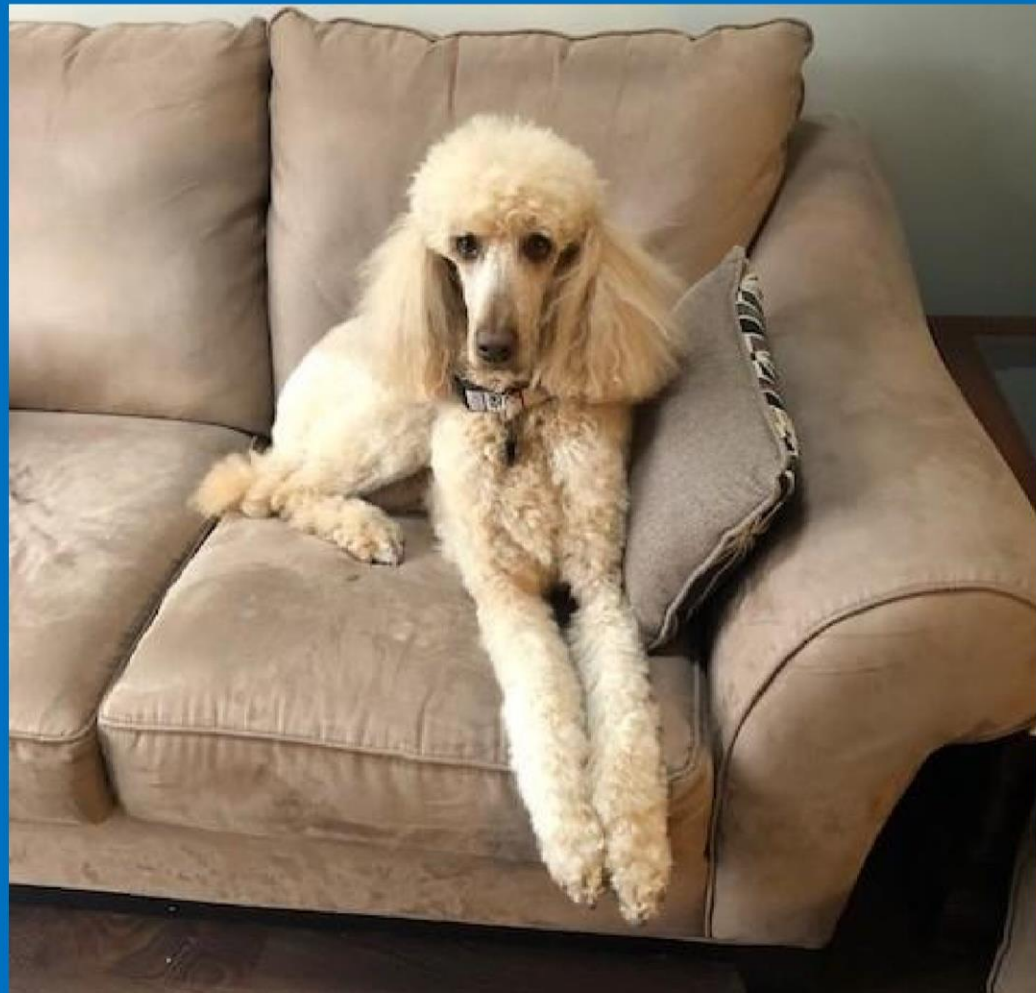
Favourite Game: I'm a dignified lady and don't play silly puppy games

Cooler Tricks: Who, me? I'm a princess, not a circus performer!

Naughtiest Deed: I'm exquisitely perfect

Pet Peeve: not being able to start my therapy visits before the pandemic

Proudest Moment: when mom calls me "her Princess"





Henry



AKA: Mr. Henry Tinker Wink

Breed: Maine Coon

Age: 14 years

Therapy pet since 2019

PT Colleagues: I work solo

Favourite Food: anything that is not nailed down

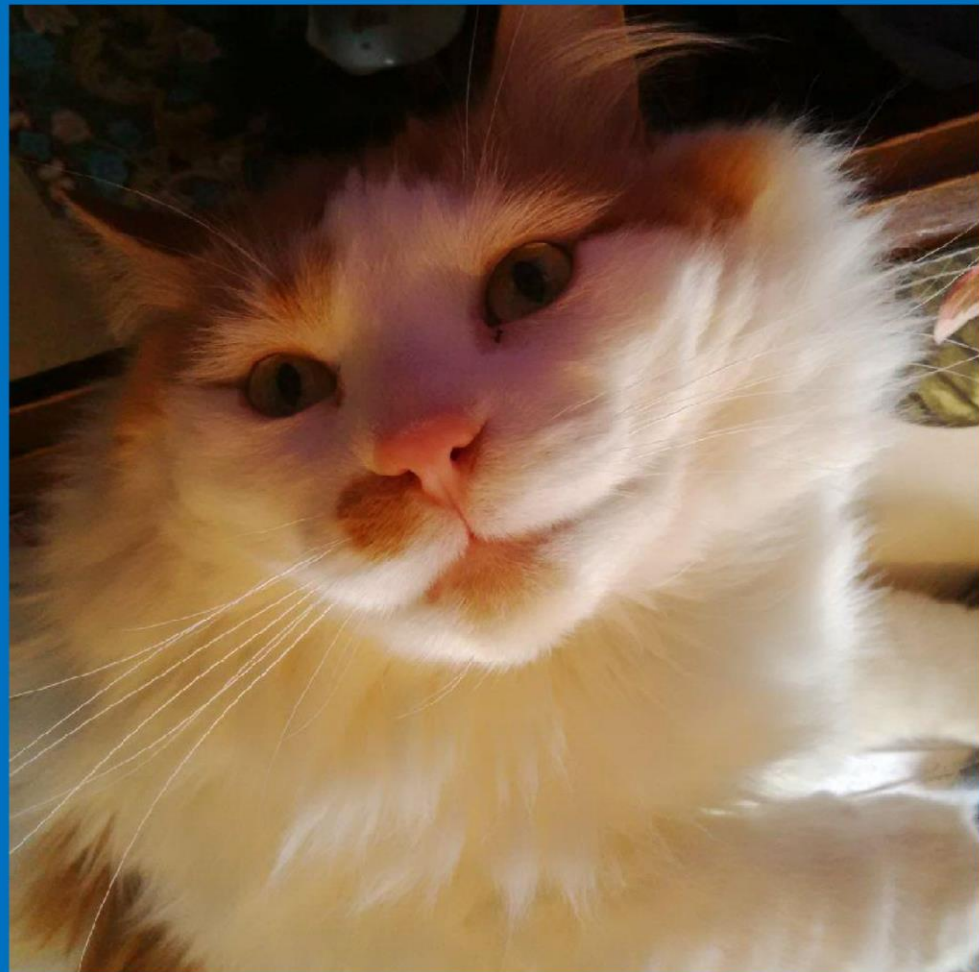
Favourite Pastime: love being adored by *everybody* during pet therapy visits

Pet Peeve: None. I love life and *nothing* can put me in a bad mood

Embarrassing Moment: I travel in a pet buggy because I'm so huge

Proudest Moment: being told that I'm gorgeous

Special Needs: I have hypertrophic cardiomyopathy and diabetes, and I'm a love bunny (not a mean bone in my body)





Monsta-Belle



Breed: Calico

Age: 13 years

Therapy pet since 2019

PT Colleagues: I work solo

Favourite Food: a veterinarian's smorgasbord

Favourite Toy: humans

Favourite Pastime: sleeping, curled up with my cat family

Pet Peeve: rude, swatting kittens

Naughtiest Deed: I'm purrrfect!

Best Friend: I'm the Mother Cat in a house of 12 and I love all my fur babies

Proudest Moment: As Mother Cat, I read the "Rules of Cohabitation" to all feline newcomers

Special Needs: I have plasma cell pododermatitis (inflammation of the footpads)





Winston



Breed: Golden Retriever

Age: 9 years

Therapy pet since 2012

PT Colleagues: George, Charlie, Toby, Buttons, Stirling, Aurora, Koda, Ollie, Friday, Lucy, T-Bone

Favourite Food: ice cream

Favourite Toy: stuffed teddy bear

Pet Peeve: slippery floors

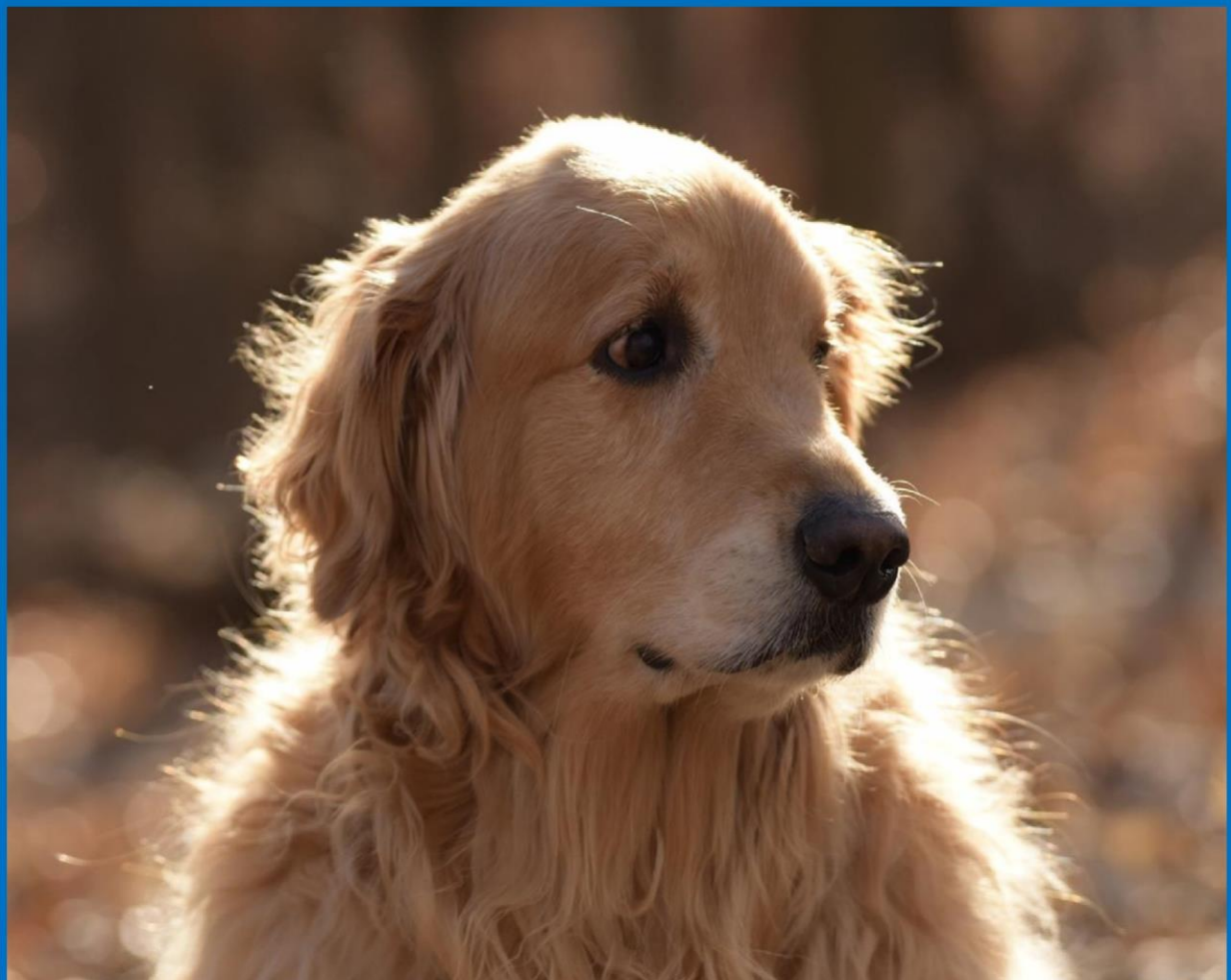
Naughtiest Deed: locked daddy's keys in the car

Proudest Moment: when a non-verbal Alzheimer's patient started talking to me

Embarrassing Moment: filling my mouth with water, putting my head between a human's legs and leaving a big wet spot

Strange Habit: I burp while lying on my back

Best Friends: Bodie (Black Labrador) and Matty (Aussie Sheppard)





Stirling



Breed: Cavalier King Charles Spaniel

Age: 9 years

Therapy pet since 2015

PT Colleagues: Aurora, Priscilla, Winston, Koda

Favourite Food: ice cream, treats, and popcorn

Favourite Pastime: watching tv on the couch with mom, car rides and long walks

Coollest Trick: I "sing" to the car radio

Strange Habit: sleeping on my back

Special Communication Skill: I whine as if talking to get your attention

Proudest Moment: volunteering at Carpenter Hospice





Ollie



Breed: Golden Retriever

Age: 3 years

Therapy pet since 2019

PT Colleagues: George, Winston

Favourite Food: Greek yogurt,
peanut butter, ice cream,
watermelon

Favourite Toy: Jim, the koala bear

Favourite Game: the “hand
monster”

Favourite Pastime: sleeping

Pet Peeve: nail clipping

Naughtiest Deed: I ate an indoor
tree

Coollest Trick: giving high fives

Strange Habit: I like to smell my
own farts

Best Friend: Daniel (human)





Charlie



Breed: Schnoodle

Age: 13 years

Therapy pet since 2011

PT Colleagues: Winston, Toby, Buttons

Favourite Food: ALMOST everything

Favourite Toy: long squeaker toy

Favourite Game: being chased around the house with my toy

Favourite Pastime: hanging out with my family

Pet Peeve: water

Naughtiest Deed: brought a dead squirrel into the house

Coollest Trick: I understand Portuguese!

Proudest Moment: becoming a pet therapy volunteer

Best Friend: Coco (Border Terrier / Shih-Tzu)





Coco



Breed: Border Terrier / Shih-Tzu

Age: 11 years

Therapy pet since 2018

PT Colleagues: Winston, Toby, Buttons

Favourite Food: absolutely EVERYTHING

Favourite Toy: ALL of them

Favourite Game: chase and retrieve

Favourite Pastime: swimming

Pet Peeve: the vet

Naughtiest Deed: eating fingernail clippings

Coollest Trick: jumping off a boat

Embarrassing Moment: eating rabbit poop

Strange Habit: compiling all my toys in a big pile

Proudest Moment: being adopted

Best Friend: Charlie (Schnoodle)





Shay



Breed: Miniature Poodle

Age: 2 years

Therapy pet since 2020

PT Colleagues: Wilhe, Charlie, Aurora

Favourite Toy: sticks

Favourite Game: wildlife removal

Favourite Pastime: greeting everyone
and being very supportive

Pet Peeve: squirrels and birds in the
backyard

Strange Habit: curling up to sleep with
the vacuum

Naughtiest Deed: ate a whole bowl of
almonds; I'm also a sock thief and
hoarder

Proudest Moment: going through the
garbage and finding a chicken bone

Best Friends: Jean Clawed KatMan
(cat) and cousin Tonks (border collie)





Wilhe



Breed: Chocolate Lab

Age: 11

Therapy pet since 2011

PT Colleagues: Charlie, Aurora, Shay

Favourite Food: FOOD!!

Favourite Toy: brown Vermont teddy bear (my doppelganger)

Favourite Game: exercising my power of persuasion on mom to get food

Favourite Pastime: hiking in nature

Unofficial Job Title: "Neighbourhood Watch Dog" (sitting on the verandah furniture, observing the street)

Pet Peeve: West Highland Terriers

Naughtiest Deed: eating dirty socks and underwear

Proudest Moment: convincing mom to give me food



Breed: Chocolate Lab

Age: 8 years

Therapy pet since 2011

PT Colleagues: Wilhe, Aurora,
Shay

Nickname: Charlie Brown

Favourite Food: anything, except
celery and parsnips

Favourite Toy: red plastic ball

Favourite Game: playing ball

Favourite Pastime: hiking with
Wilhe

Pet Peeve: when dad sneezes, I
run and hide in my crate (social
distancing!)

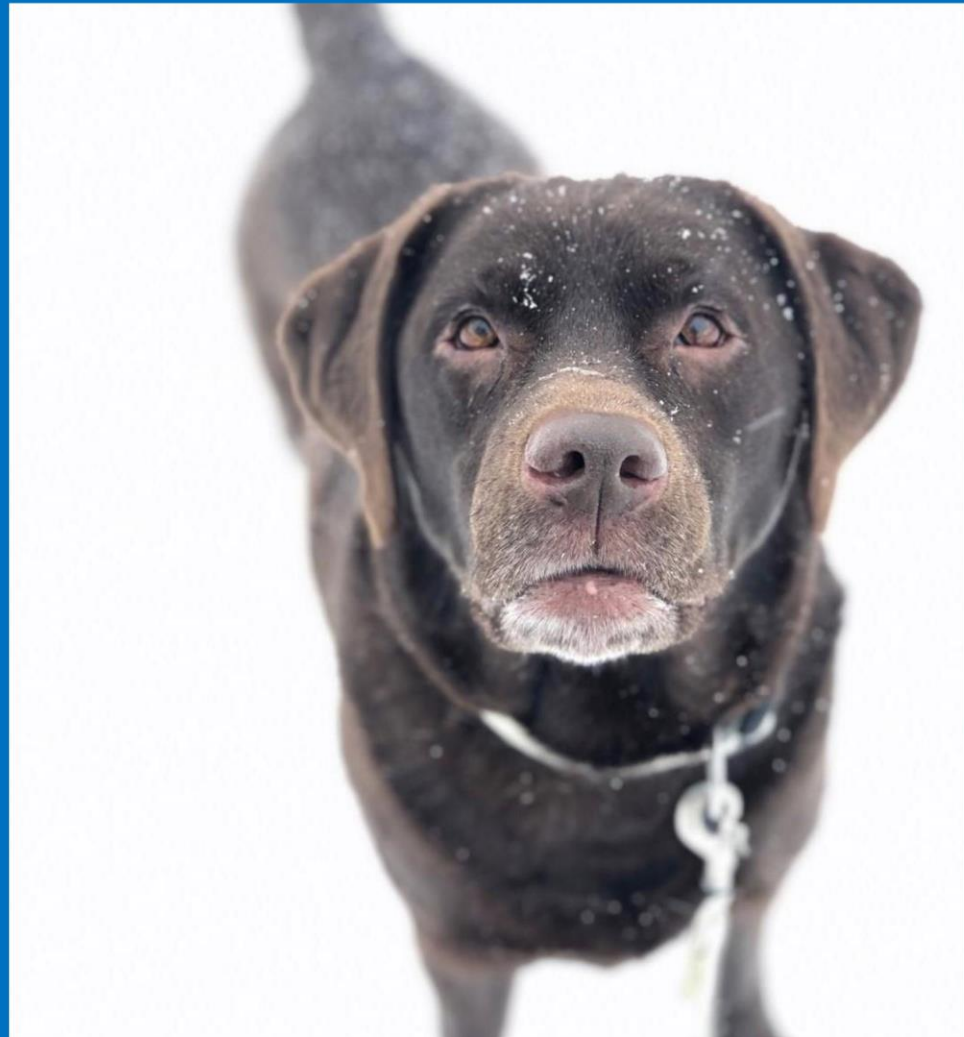
Naughtiest Deed: counter surfing
for food

Proudest Moment: I'm always
proud

Best Friend: Wilhe (Chocolate
Lab)



Charlie



Breed: Keeshond

Age: 5 years

Therapy pet since 2016

PT Colleagues: Molly, Winston,
Aurora, T-Bone

Favourite Food: steak, cheese and
porkchops

Favourite Game: tug of war with
my tug rope

Favourite Pastime: Kong stuffed
with steak and cream cheese

Pet Peeve: squirrels

Strange Habit: dancing on the bed
before going to sleep

Most Embarrassing Moment:
poop frozen to my fur during
winter, started to smell and fell at
senior's feet during therapy visit!

Proudest Moment: walking on
teetertotter in agility class

Best Friends: my sister, Belle
(German Shorthair Pointer) and
my aunt Molly (Woodle)



Lucy





Sheldon



Breed: Sheltie/Collie Mix

Age: 8 years

Therapy pet since 2018 – recently retired

PT Colleagues: Friday, Lilly

Favourite Food: pizza crust

Favourite Toy: squeaky donut

Favourite Game: tug of war with a rope toy

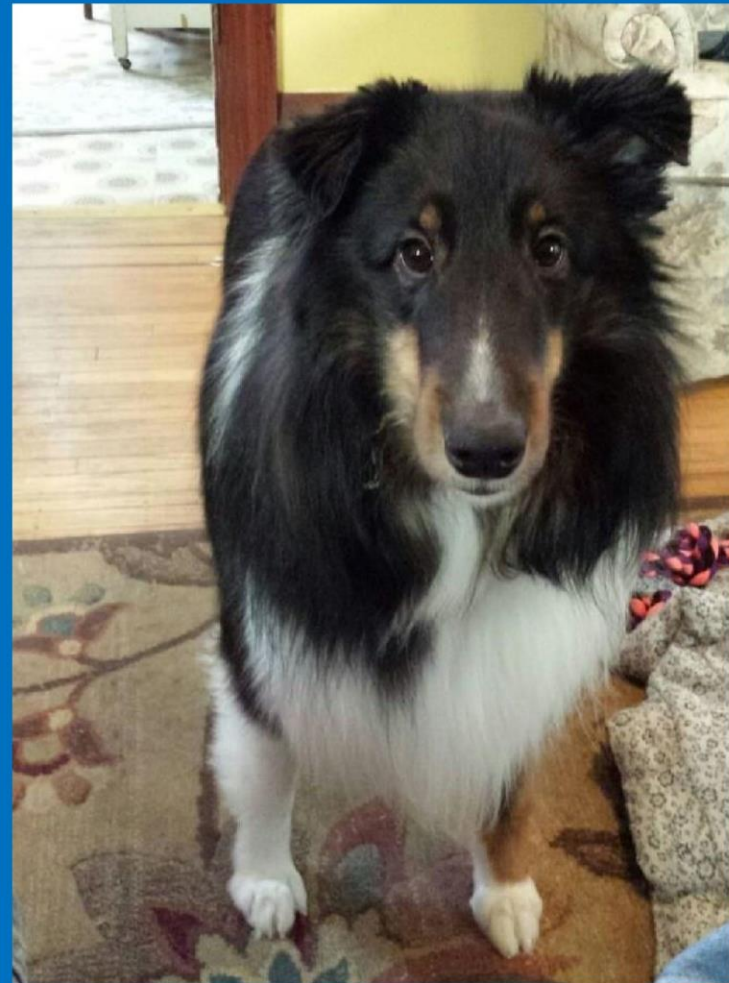
Favourite Pastime: hanging out with my cat sisters and chasing squirrels in the backyard

Pet Peeve: thunderstorms, and when dad goes somewhere without me

Naughtiest Deed: I am honestly NEVER naughty!!!

Proudest Moment: I was made for pet therapy work

Best Friend: Harley (Golden Retriever)





George



Breed: Shih-Tzu

Age: 11 years

Therapy pet since 2016

PT Colleagues: Winston, Ollie, Friday

Favourite Food: cheese

Favourite Toy: Chef gophie

Favourite Pastime: napping

Pet Peeve: grooming

Naughtiest: peed on visiting baby's blanket

Proudest Moment: becoming a therapy dog

Coollest Trick: singing

Strangest Habit: humping Beatrice, a giant stuffed bumblebee

Best Friend: Winston (golden retriever)





Tulie



Breed: Bichon Frise

Age: 5 years

Therapy pet since 2016

PT Colleagues: Cody, Dash, Molly, Ringer

Favourite Food: tuna, any meat, corn-on-the-cob, beer

Favourite Toy: orange rubber ball

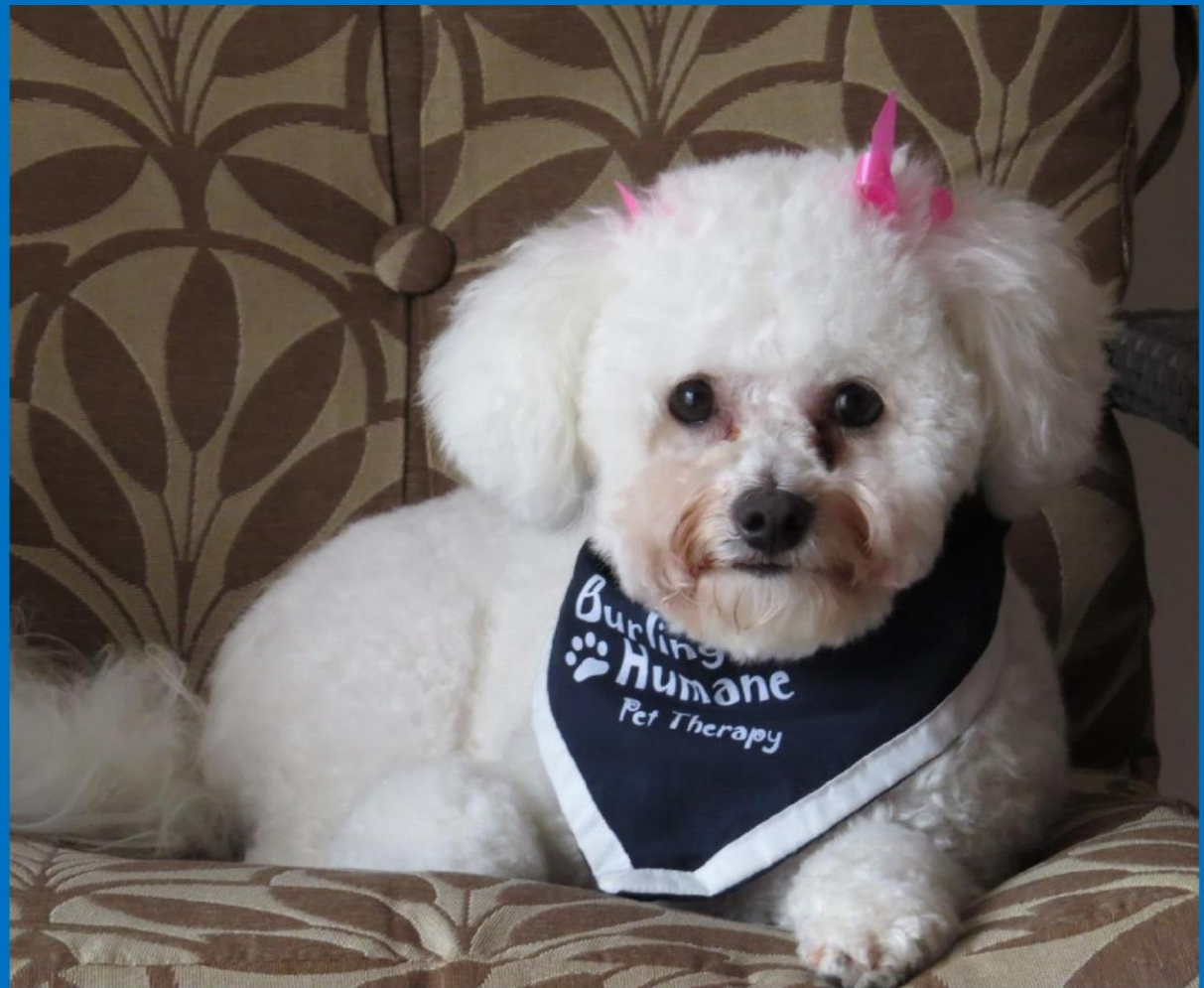
Favourite Game: reverse fetch (throwing the ball down the basement stairs for mom to retrieve)

Favourite Pastime: chasing birds and squirrels in the backyard

Pet Peeve: firecrackers and thunder

Naughtiest Deed: unravelling the toilet paper and chewing up guests' shoes

Proudest Moment: made senior at nursing home stop crying





Theo



Breed: Wheaten Spaniel

Age: 10 years

Therapy pet since 2012

PT Colleagues: I work solo

Favourite Food: meat mixed with kibble, veggies and rice

Favourite Toy: fabric ball, plush fox and a fabric sci-fi toy

Favourite Game: ball chucking

Favourite Pastime: napping, or chasing birds off of the beach

Pet Peeve: loud noises

Naughtiest Deed: eating shoes and pillows when I was a puppy

Strange Habit: sneezing after a meal, and then wiping my face on the sofa

Proudest Moment: going into the water up to my knees



Breed: Ganaraskan

Age: 9 years

Therapy pet since 2016

PT Colleagues: Cody, Tulie, Molly, Ringer

Favourite Food: peanut butter and carrots

Favourite Toy: anybody else's antler

Favourite Game: hide and seek

Favourite Pastime: hiking

Pet Peeve: flying plastic bags

Coollest Trick: double high five

Embarrassing Moment: wearing a T-shirt after being neutered

Naughtiest Deed: eating kitten poop from a ripped open garbage bag during the night

Proudest Moment: winning second place in BHS's "Arf" mazing Race

Best Friend: Biscuit (Beagle mix)



Dash



Breed: Woodle

Age: 9 years

Therapy pet since 2012

PT Colleagues: Lucy, Cody, Tulie,
Dash, Ringer

Favourite Food: cheese

Favourite Toy: Lambchop (made
famous by Shari Lewis)

Favourite Game: playing fetch
with Lambchop

Cooliest Trick: getting into my
harness while my mom holds it

Favourite Pastime: probaby
sleeping...I'm 9, after all!

Pet Peeve: puppies who think my
ears are chew toys

Strange Habit: eating from soft
surfaces (my bed or carpeting)

Naughtiest Deed: eating chicken
dinner from the kitchen counter at
someone else's house!

Proudest Moment: getting my pet
therapy bandana



Molly





Ringer



Breed: Chocolate Lab

Age: 3 years

Therapy pet since 2019

PT Colleagues: Cody, Tulie, Dash, Molly

Favourite Food: chicken, peanut butter, bananas

Favourite Toy: my stuffed turkey

Favourite Game: being chased when I have a toy

Favourite Pastime: begging because I'm always on the brink of starvation

Coollest Trick: making food disappear

Naughtiest Deed: pulling down and chewing the curtains when I was a puppy

Embarrassing Moment: swimming out to greet a swan in Hamilton Bay

Best Friend: neighbour Mudd
(Chocolate Lab from same breeder)





Eddie



Breed: Tabby

Age: 11 years

Therapy pet since 2019

PT Colleagues: I work solo

Favourite Food: wet and dry cat food combo

Favourite Toy: colourful balls, strings and anything with a feather

Favourite Game: peek-a-boo and high-five

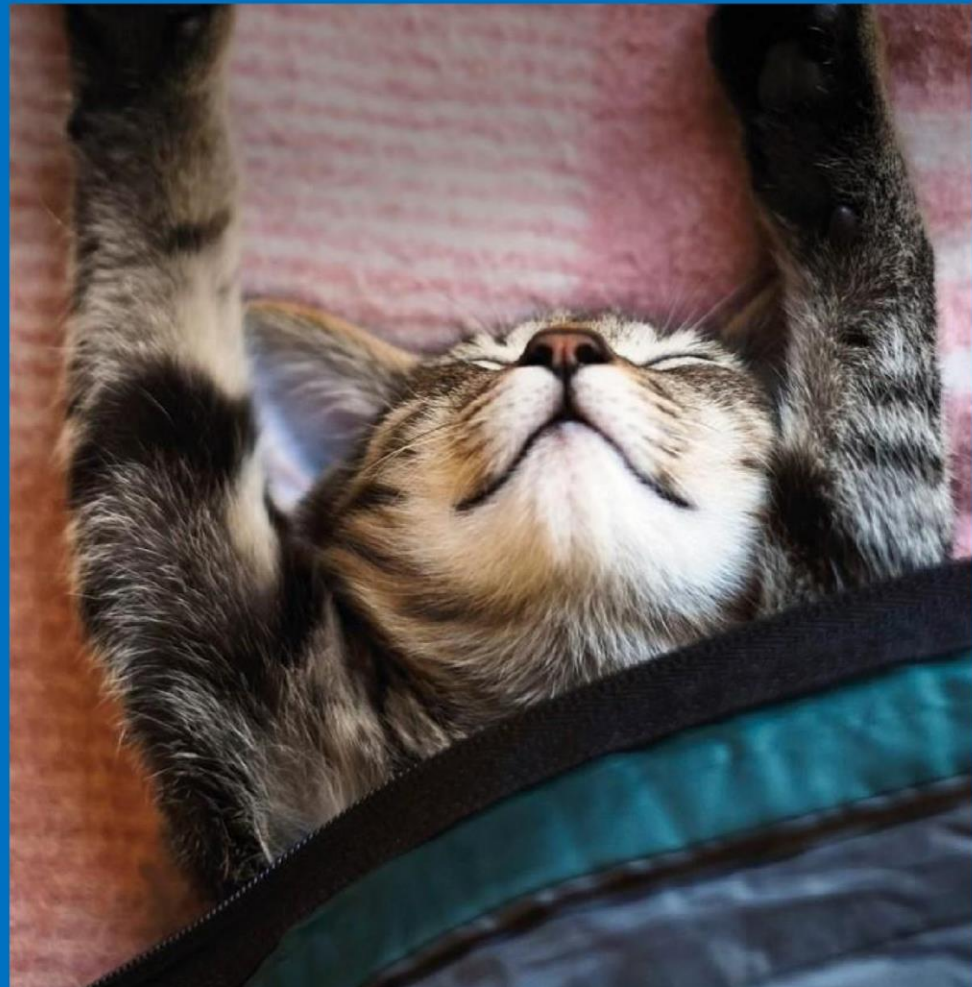
Favourite Pastime: sleeping, or running around the condo hallway if mom doesn't close the door in time

Naughtiest Deed: going after his sister Nia

Embarrassing Moment: knowing I'm doing something bad and getting caught in the act

Proudest Moment: just looking at mom lovingly

Strange Habit: kissing, followed by a love bite





Fantom



Breed: Black Labrador

Age: 7 years

Therapy pet since 2016

PT Colleagues: Keltie

Favourite Food: carrots, lettuce,
popcorn

Favourite Toy: red ball Kong with
peanut butter

Favourite Game: wrestling

Favourite Pastime: being brushed,
swimming in the lake at the cottage and
car rides

Cooliest Trick: jumping onto the golf cart

Embarrassing Moment: I sat in blue
paint and had a blue tail for days

Special Talent: I give great hugs!

Proudest Moment: being featured on
CHCH television as a therapy dog -
I looked good!





Keltie



Breed: Yellow Labrador

Age: 6 years

Therapy pet since 2018

PT Colleagues: Fantom

Favourite Food: carrots, popcorn

Favourite Toy: Fantom's ears

Favourite Game: chasing a ball,
tugging a rope

Favourite Pastime: playing fetch,
going for walks, and cruising in the
convertible

Pet Peeve: when I'm not allowed to
eat Fantom's food

Naughtiest Deed: knocked over
mom's tomato plants – oops!

Coollest Trick: I'm uber-talented! I
can open doors, take off hats and
mitts, pick up dropped stuff, pull
laundry out of the dryer...Are you
impressed, or what?



Breed: Shih-Tzu

Age: 11 years

Therapy pet since 2017 – passed away during the Covid-19 pandemic

PT Colleagues: Charlie, Winston, Buttons

Favourite Food: chicken and Milk Bone brushing chews

Favourite Toy: giant stuffed bunny

Favourite Game: chasing tennis balls, and not returning them

Pet Peeve: thunder storms, firecrackers and fire alarms

Naughtiest Deed: tried running all the way home to Burlington from my aunt's house in Mississauga – I almost made it, until Grandpa picked me up

Embarrassing Moment: peeing on a Halloween costume display at PetSmart



Toby





Buttons



Breed: Shih-Tzu

Age: 6 years

Therapy pet since 2020

PT Colleagues: Charlie, Winston, Toby

Work Experience: I've also been a therapy dog with St. John's Ambulance since I was one year old, visiting seniors and assisting in childrens' reading programs

Favourite Food: anything that smells yummy

Favourite Toy: brown moose

Favourite Game: playing fetch with my brown moose

Favourite Pastime: napping or being around people who need me

Naughtiest Deed: I'm perfectly calm, even-tempered, and never get into trouble

Proudest Moment: making people happy and spending time with sweet-talking seniors





Friday



Breed: Cockapoo

Age: 8 years

Therapy pet since 2014

PT Colleagues: Sheldon, Winston, George

Favourite Food: whatever is in my mouth at the time

Favourite Toy: squeaky tennis ball

Favourite Game: chasing baseballs in the park

Favourite Pastime: rolling on cool grass

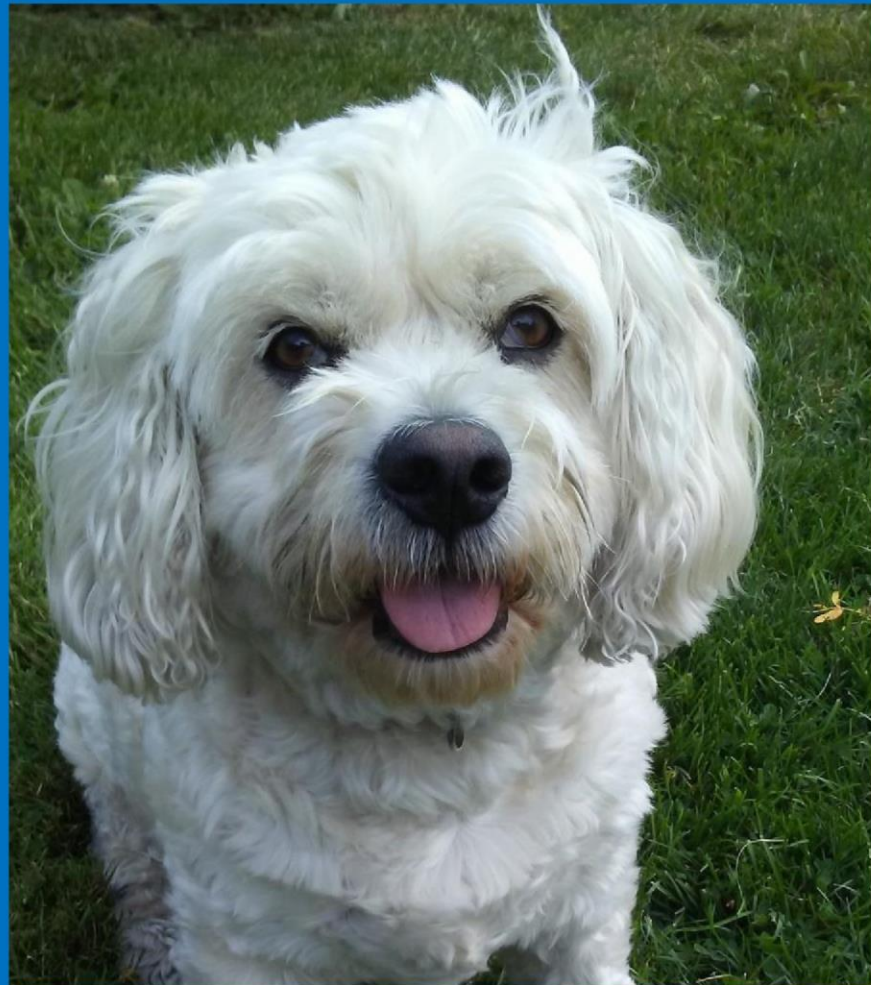
Pet Peeve: young bouncy puppies

Naughtiest Deed: chewing the corner of the sofa when I was a puppy

Coollest Trick: finding baseballs along the creek

Proudest Moment: finding a Tim Horton's cup to take home – a true treasure!

Best Friend: Marlee (Golden Doodle)





Dobby



Breed: Hairless Sphynx Cat

Age: 5 years

Therapy pet since 2019

PT Colleagues: I work solo

Favourite Food: "chicken balls" (Hills Dental Care)

Favourite Toy: Slinkies and straws

Favourite Pastime: being outside, in a tent or on a leash

Pet Peeve: none

Naughtiest Deed: broke the glass jar that held all the straws

Embarrassing Moment: I'm very clumsy and usually miss the mark

Strange Habit: I'm uber-affectionate and LOVE to give hugs

Proudest Moment: joining BHS Pet Therapy!!

Best Friend: Beaners (Rotweiler)





Taz



Breed: Shepherd Rottweiler

Age: unknown (rescued at BHS)

Therapy pet since 2012

PT Colleagues: Wilhe, Charlie, Aurora and Buddy (now retired)

Favourite Food: cheese and steak

Favourite Toy: any Kleenex box to chew up

Favourite Game: hide and go seek

Favourite Pastime: going to North Bay with mom

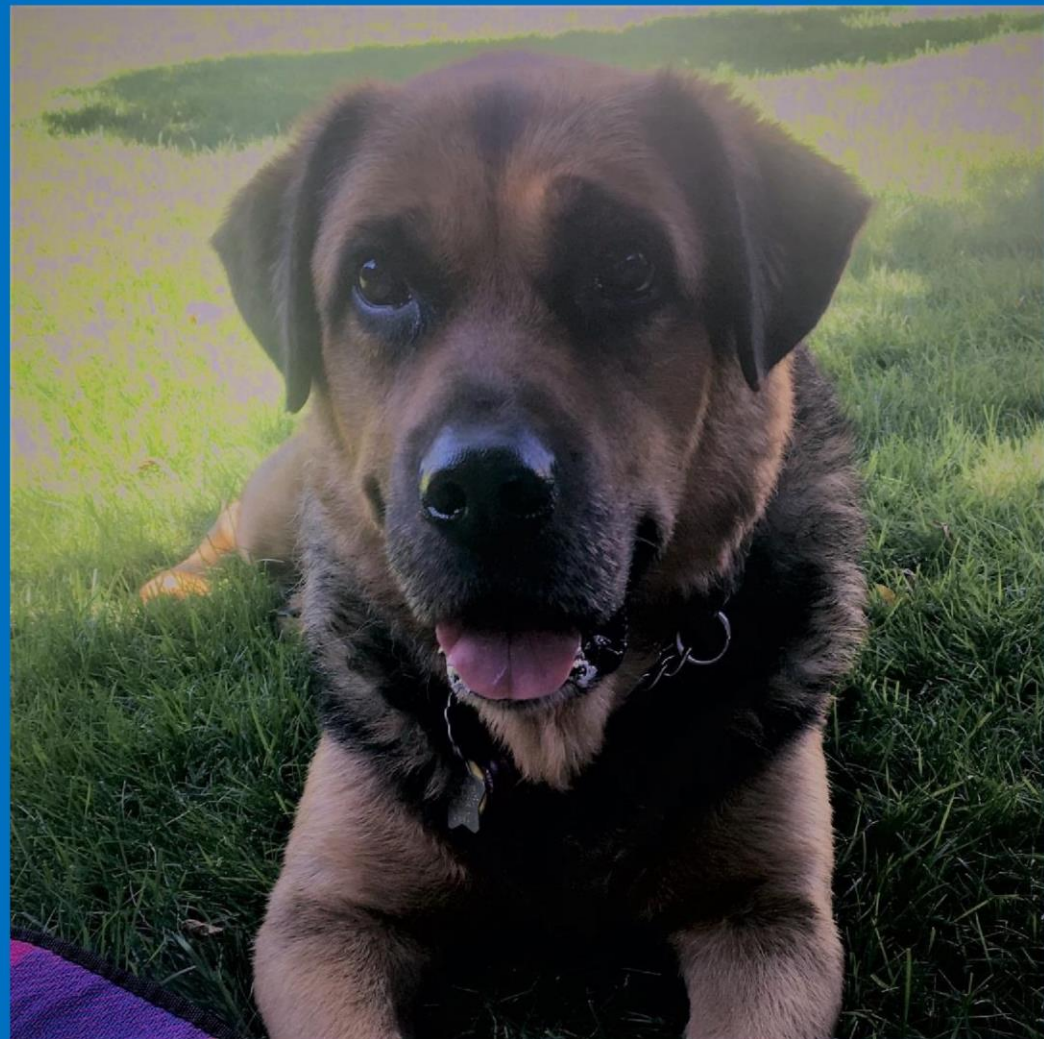
Pet Peeve: the mailman

Coollest Trick: I know doggy sign language

Naughtiest Deed: chewed every baseboard corner, and knocked over the Christmas tree...twice!

Embarrassing Moment: hiding behind mom when a cat hissed at me

Best Friends: Dexter (Doodle) and Angus (Bull Mastiff)





Lilith



Breed: Beagle

Age: 7 years

Therapy pet since 2018

PT Colleagues: I work solo

Favourite Food: any people foods

Favourite Toy: tug of war rope

Favourite Game: chase and wrestle her adopted Beagle buddy brother Cooper

Favourite Pastime: sleeping in the sun

Pet Peeve: not being able to catch those darn squirrels

Coollest Trick: balancing on my hind legs and twirling for treats

Naughtiest Deed: chewed the legs and feet off of my human sister's Barbie doll

Embarrassing Moment: accidentally honking the car horn at the gas station

Proudest Moment: becoming a therapy pet





Mozzie



Breed: Domestic Short Hair

Age: 3 years

Therapy pet since 2018

PT Colleagues: I work solo

Favourite Food: freeze-dried salmon

Favourite Toy: hair elastics

Favourite Game: fetch

Favourite Pastime: chasing bugs

Pet Peeve: when mom sleeps in and makes me wait for breakfast

Embarrassing Moment: running head first into a glass door while chasing a bug

Naughtiest Deed: a few broken lamps, but overall I'm a good boy!

Proudest Moment: my first therapy visit

Best Friend: my sister, Daisy (domestic short hair cat)





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