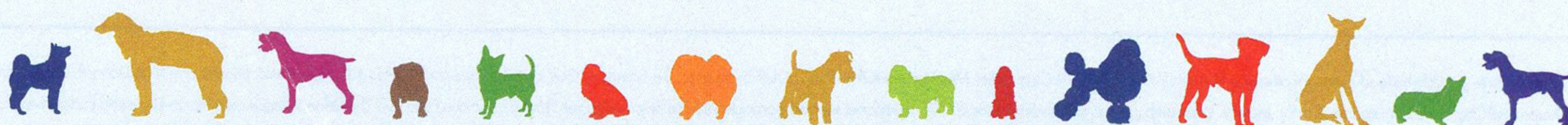


Dogs Rule

There's a reason why they're called man's best friend—though plenty of women are enamored with these lovable canines, as well. Dogs can be hard-working members of society—helping the disabled, sniffing out drugs and bombs, aiding in therapy—and cherished companions whose only job is to greet us with unencumbered enthusiasm the minute we walk in the door. No matter where you live in the world, the language of *woof!* is universal.





Uggie

He stole the show in *The Artist*, is now the face of Nintendo and impressed us with his obedience during this Sky shoot. See page 54 for our exclusive interview with Uggie.

Photographed
by Robert Ascroft
March 19, 2012
Los Angeles

Four-legged Celebrities



Stella, *Modern Family*: The little dog who has captured the heart of stoic Jay Pritchett (and the enmity of his wife, Gloria) is a French bulldog named Brigitte. The dog was abandoned by her adoptive family and returned to a Tennessee breeder before being rescued by trainer Guin Dill and Good Dog Animals, which auditions animals for roles in film and TV.



Toto, *The Wizard of Oz*: Dorothy's feisty friend in the classic movie was played by a female Cairn terrier named Terry, who reportedly made \$125 a week—more than many of the human actors on the set. Toto made 14 movies before she died in 1945. A permanent memorial to Toto was created last year at the Hollywood Forever cemetery in Los Angeles.



Moose was owned and trained by Mathilde De Cagny, who is now the trainer for Arthur, the Jack Russell star of the film *Beginners*.



Eddie, *Frasier*: There's just something about those cute Jack Russell terriers. The role of Eddie was played by Moose, a terrier born in 1990 who graced the cover of *Entertainment Weekly* in 1993 with the headline "He's Hot. He's Sexy. He's Purebred."). Until his death in 2006, Moose lived with his trainer Mathilde De Cagny in Los Angeles.



Rin Tin Tin: Lee Duncan owned four generations of German shepherds named Rin Tin Tin, but the original was born in 1918 in Lorraine, France. Duncan, a young U.S. soldier serving in World War I, discovered the dog in a bombed-out kennel. Rin Tin Tin, or "Rinty," starred in 26 blockbuster films credited with saving Warner Brothers from bankruptcy.





The father of psychoanalysis, Sigmund Freud, was also a pioneer in the use of dogs for therapy. His Chinese chow, Jofi, often sat in during sessions.

If These Dogs Could Talk

Some of the world's most famous people and their beloved canine companions.

► **Paul McCartney** wrote the Beatles song “Martha My Dear” for either his Old English sheepdog, **Martha** 6—or possibly for his inner muse. (Unless his girlfriend Jane Asher was the inspiration.) But it’s clear that he loved his pup, well, dearly. “I remember John [Lennon] being amazed to see me being so loving to an animal,” McCartney told Barry Miles, the author of *Paul McCartney: Many Years from Now*. “He said, ‘I’ve never seen you like that before.’ I’ve since thought, you know, he wouldn’t have. It’s only when you’re cuddling around with a dog that you’re in that mode, and she was a very cuddly dog.”

► **Carole Lombard** 5, who starred in such screwball comedies as *My Man Godfrey* and *To Be or Not To Be*, cheered up Americans in the wake of the Depression and early days of World War II. Lombard’s little dachshund, **Commissioner**, was said to have ignored her husband, Clark

Gable, until 1942, when she was killed in a plane crash at age 33. After that, Commissioner reportedly became Gable’s devoted shadow.

► **Andy Warhol** was the king of pop art cool—and the proud owner of two wiener dogs, **Amos** and **Archie**, whom he acquired at the urging of his partner in



the early 1970s. Archie, his first dachshund, was a constant companion and even something of an alter ego. Warhol was said to deflect questions to Archie when he didn’t want to answer them, and he completed several dachshund paintings in his signature color-soaked style.

► Man’s best friend has also been a presidential best friend throughout U.S. history. From **President Obama’s** Portuguese water dog, **Bo** 1, and **President Bush’s** Scottish terriers, **Barney** and **Miss Beazly** 4, all the way back to **George Washington** and his multiple

dogs, including a black and tan foxhound named **Drunkard**, dogs have been welcome residents in the White House. **Franklin D. Roosevelt’s** dog was a Scottish terrier named **Fala** 2 that went everywhere with him. Responding to negative reports that Roosevelt and his family had accidentally left the dog behind in the Aleutian Islands and sent a destroyer to rescue him, Roosevelt shot back in his dog’s defense: “I don’t resent attacks, and my family doesn’t resent attacks, but Fala does resent them. You know, Fala is Scotch, and being a Scottie . . . his Scotch soul was furious.”

► **Adolf Hitler’s** dog **Blondi** was a German shepherd who played a role in Nazi propaganda that helped depict him as an animal lover. The dog was given to Hitler in 1941 by Martin Bormann, and she kept the Führer company even when he had moved to



an underground bunker in 1945. Blondi reportedly died after Hitler ordered that she be given cyanide capsules to verify their potency.

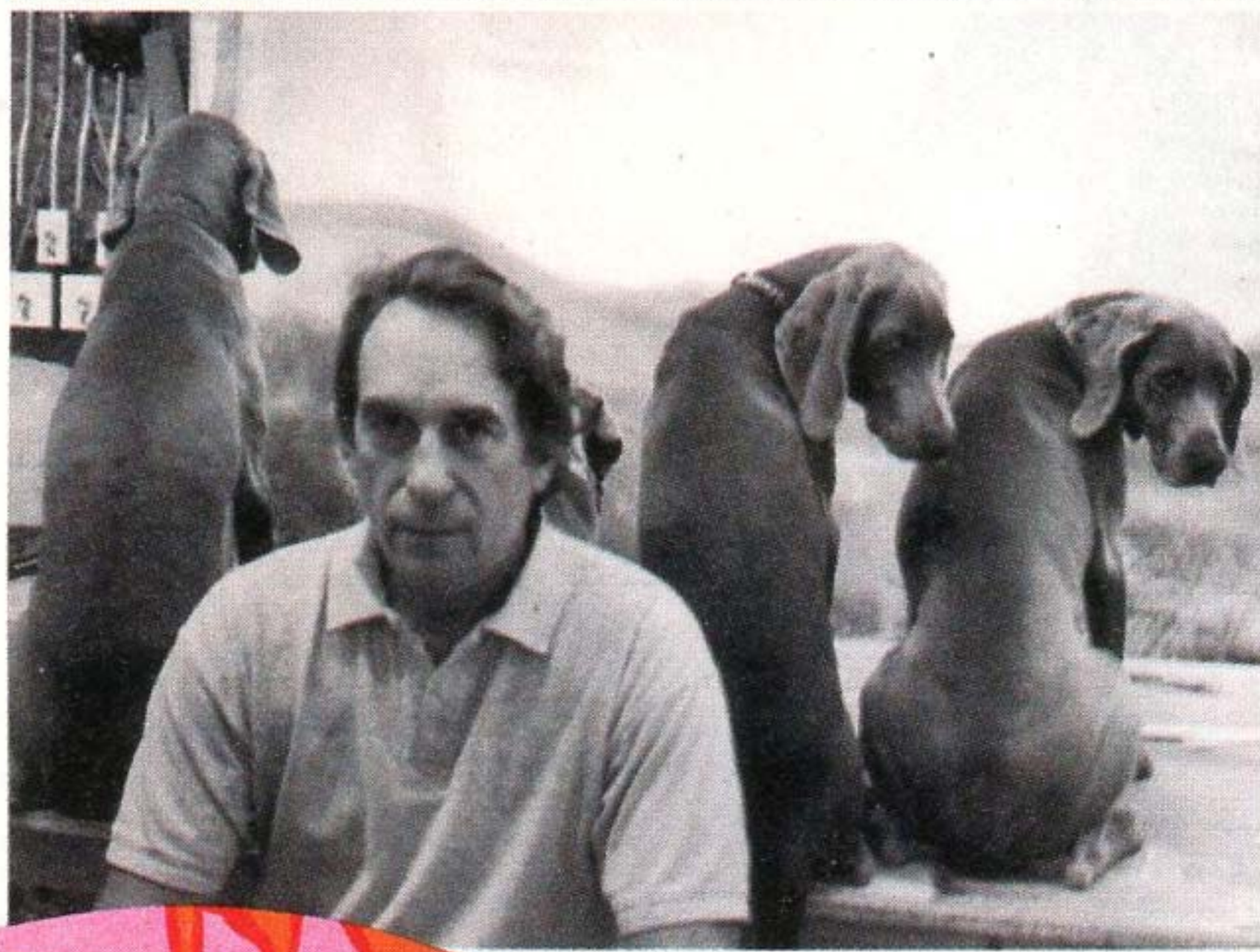
► **Paris Hilton** may be known to spoil her teacup chihuahua, **Tinkerbelle** 3, but **Leona Helmsley** went a step further and bequeathed \$12 million to her Maltese, **Trouble**. A judge later lowered the dog’s inheritance to \$2 million (presumably after Helmsley’s human descendants objected) but still—that was one rich dog.

► **Queen Victoria** became famously attached to her King Charles spaniel, **Dash**, given to the monarch when she was a teenager. When the little dog died, the queen had him buried at Windsor Castle with an epitaph that read: “His attachment was without selfishness; His playfulness without malice; His fidelity without deceit; Reader, if you would be beloved and die regretted, profit by the example of Dash.”





Pop Culture Pups



◀ Wegman

William Wegman may be a respected conceptual artist, but he's also the man who made Weimaraners famous. Wegman has portrayed his dogs—Man Ray, Fay Ray and their progeny—in multiple works, sometimes dressing them in clothing and shooting them in very humanlike situations. While his art has been exhibited at museums around the world, Wegman also has produced children's books starring the dogs as well as video for *Saturday Night Live*, Nickelodeon and *Sesame Street*.



Rodrigue ▲

You probably recognize **George Rodrigue's Blue Dogs** without knowing who painted them. Rodrigue grew up in New Iberia, Louisiana, and studied art in LA before returning home to focus on Cajun art. The Blue Dog was initially inspired by the myth of the *loup-garou*, a werewolf-type animal that Rodrigue painted in 1984 for a book of Cajun ghost stories. Since then, he has incorporated Blue Dog into many works of art.

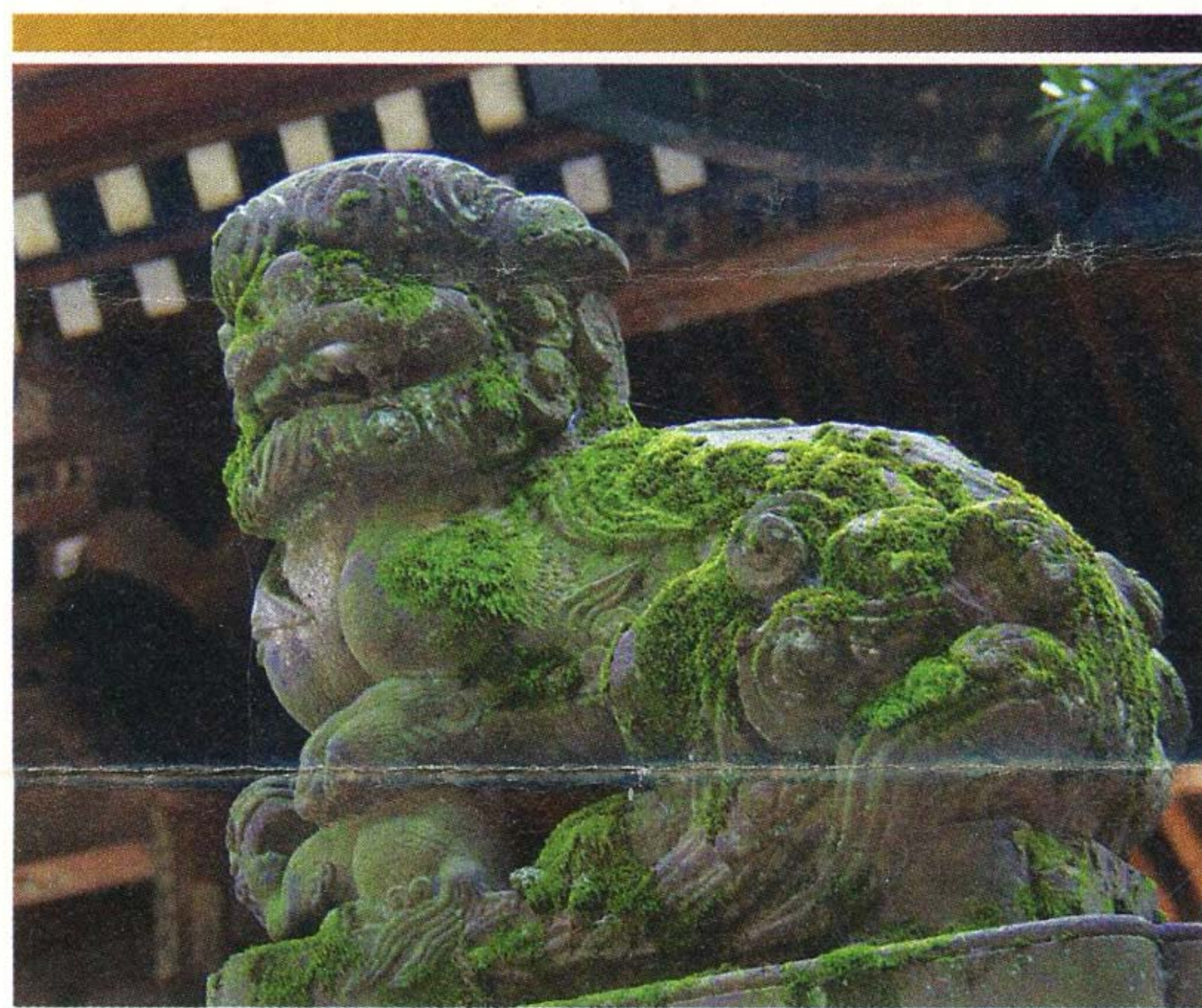
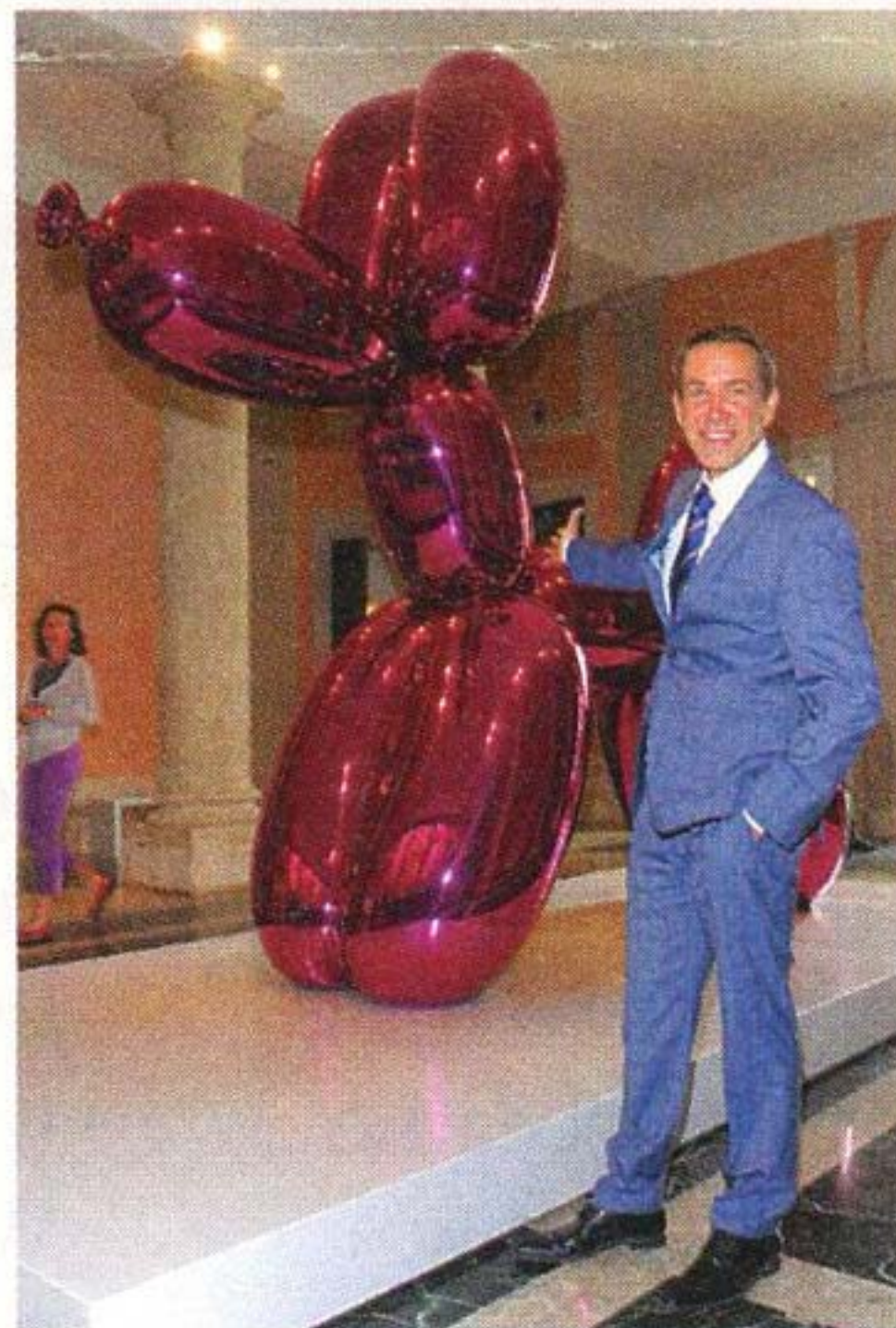


◀ Nipper

If you're visiting Albany, New York, you can't miss the 4-ton, rooftop statue of **Nipper**, the little terrier whose bemused gaze into an old-fashioned gramophone made him an advertising icon. The dog was born in 1884 in Bristol, England, and was originally painted by his owner, Francis Barraud—a painting that inspired the RCA Records label.

Koons ▶

Jeff Koons is the artistic brain behind the 10-foot-tall, stainless steel "**Balloon Dog**" that's been on exhibit everywhere from Versailles to the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The dog has become somewhat iconic—even (arguably) inspiring a pair of bookends at the center of a copyright lawsuit. Koons eventually dropped the suit against the manufacturer and the San Francisco gallery that sold them.



Foo Dogs ▲

In Asia, various statues that resemble a cross between a lion and a dog were used to guard religious temples or important buildings. In China, they are called **shishi**, or guardian lions, and stand sentry outside of Imperial palaces or tombs, temples or government buildings. In Japan, **komainu** are lion-dogs that have stood guard over Shinto shrines, Buddhist temples and even private homes.



◀ Hachikō

Hachikō was an Akita dog so devoted to his owner, a professor at the University of Tokyo, that when the man died in 1925, he continued to show up at their regular meeting spot at Shibuya Station for the next 10 years. A bronze statue was erected in his honor at Shibuya Station in 1934.

Uggie, The Artist

You might think he'd be a prima doggy, but you'd be wrong.

By Steve Marsh

How do you interview the most famous dog in the world?

Obviously, a dog doesn't have to be famous to be a challenging interview. Many civilian dogs are treated like stars, but a celebrity dog? Gotta be worse. And Uggie,



Uggie with Jean Dujardin, his human costar in *The Artist*, last year's critically acclaimed silent film.

the star of *The Artist*? When I got the assignment, I assumed this guy was gonna be a bigger prima doggy than Rin Tin

Tin in his prime. In the past few months, Uggie has not only made a black-and-white silent French film

totally watchable, but he wore a custom satin Chopard bow tie to the Academy Awards—and he was invited to dinner with the most powerful dog lover in the world: President Obama.

As the first huge canine star in the Internet era, Uggie's been the subject of countless celeb gossip posts, industry columns and pop culture think pieces. So we're pretty familiar with



PHOTO: UGGIE PHOTOGRAPHED BY ROBERT ASCROFT. SET DESIGN AND PROP STYLING BY DAVID ROSS FOR ARTMIX.

Uggie's facts of life: (A) He lives in Panorama City, California, with his younger Jack Russell buddy, Dash, and their trainer, Omar Von Muller. (B) After *The Artist*, Von Muller decided to retire Uggie from major motion pictures—he is 70 dog-years old, after all. (C) Von Muller got Uggie a new gig as “the official spokesdog of Nintendo,” which means fewer 15-hour days and more public appearances and Internet commercials (he’s been promoting the nintendogs + cats game for the Nintendo 3DS).

Von Muller has been around dogs since he was a 10-year-old back in Barranquilla, Colombia, teaching Kaiser, his trusty German shepherd, tricks he saw Lassie do on TV. Now 50, Von Muller says the reason Uggie is so great in *The Artist* is because he’s pretty much just playing himself.

“We do the exact same thing he did [with Jean Dujardin] in the movie,” Von Muller says. “He’s my best friend, and I take him places to show him off. In the movie, he is Jean’s best friend, and he goes everywhere with him and shows his tricks off to people.”

So everybody’s talked to

Von Muller, and now his dog is a big-shot spokesdog for Nintendo. But here’s the deal: nobody’s spoken to the spokesdog. Until now.

I just needed help. I didn’t have enough time to explore my own ability to talk to dogs, so I called Liz Morrison, an “animal communicator” from Madison, Wisconsin, who owns yourpetwantstotalk.com. She says animal communication can help with behavioral problems, emotional issues and family dynamics with people and other pets. But could she help me interview a movie star?

I arranged a conference call between Morrison, Von Muller, Uggie, myself and Nintendo’s corporate communications:

After a round of introductions, Von Muller asks Uggie if he wants to say hello.

“Bark! Bark! Bark! Bark!” Uggie says.

Morrison thanks Von Muller for allowing her to contact Uggie telepathically over the weekend. And it turns out that Uggie really wanted to talk. “I’ll talk to

some animals and it will be a minute,” she says. “But he went on and on.”

It isn’t surprising that this Jack Russell is kind of a motor mouth: According to Von Muller, Jack Russells are the smartest, most driven dogs around—and the easiest to train. “But they’re crazy,” he says. “They’ll destroy your house and everything you have in it.” So if you don’t have the time to hang out with a Jack Russell and teach him tricks all day, consider another breed. In Uggie’s case, however, it’s apparently not just the breed. “I didn’t get any hint at all that this dog is 10 years old,” Morrison says. “He has such a young spirit.”

She says Uggie says he gets a little nervous on set, because “people are yelling and screaming and calling out and he hears people say, ‘It’s gotta be perfect!’”

Uggie tells her Von Muller does a great job keeping him calm and focused.

Later, Von Muller tells us he doesn’t want to brag, *(Continued on next page)*



Plus...



Dogs Playing Poker, a series of 16 paintings by C. M. Coolidge commissioned around the turn of the last century for Brown & Bigelow, embodies a kitschy kind of cool. Though some think it’s just plain kitschy.

If you’re in Edinburgh, stop by the statue of **Greyfriars Bobby** (at Candlemaker Row and George IV Bridge), a Skye terrier believed to have loyally returned to his master’s grave for 14 years after he died in 1858.

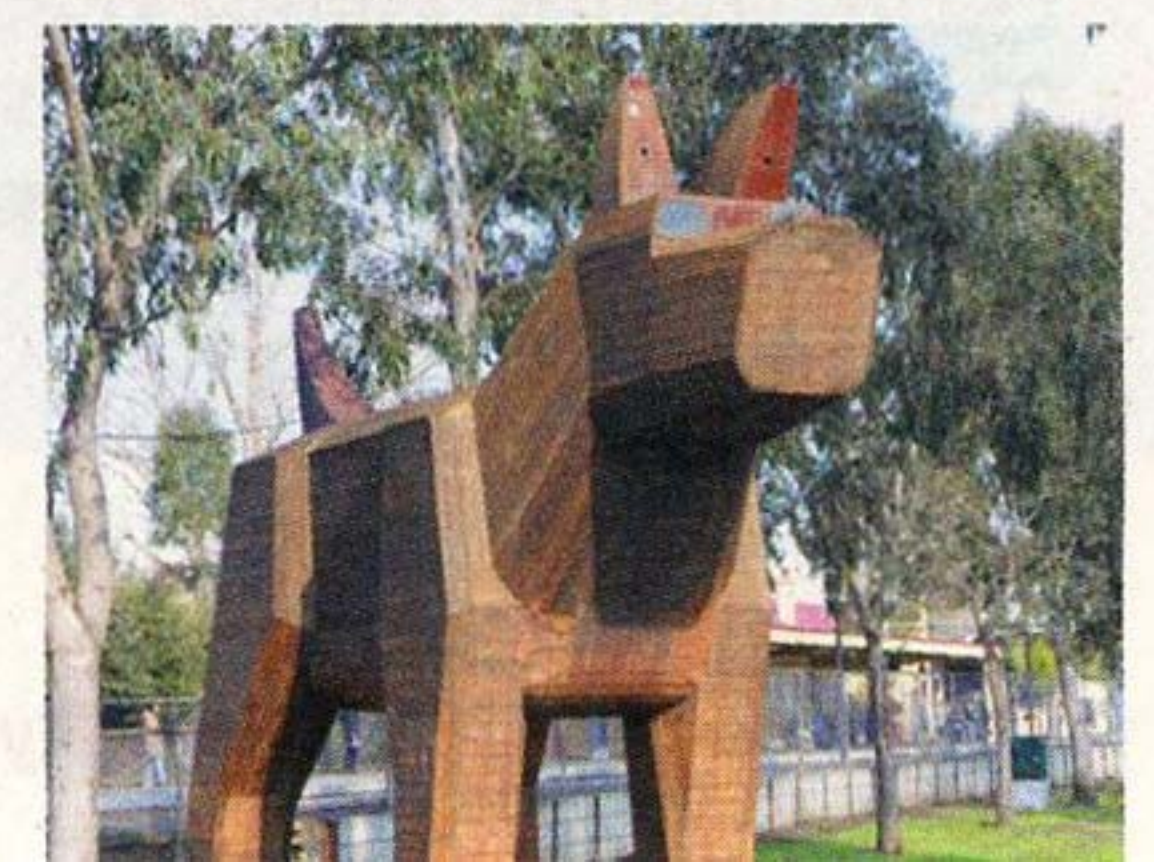


Ever wonder where the world’s largest beagle statue is located? Ponder no longer: It’s at the **Dog Bark Inn** in Cottonwood, Idaho.



Dogs are a tried-and-true mascot for dozens—if not hundreds or thousands—of schools. Case in point: **Uga**, an English bulldog, is the mascot of the University of Georgia. He travels in an air-conditioned dog house and sits on bags of ice during games.

The **FIDO** (Fairfield Industrial Dog Object) recycled hardwood statue in Melbourne, Australia, was built in 2000, and it was the object of much controversy at the time, though we’re not sure why.



(Uggie continued from previous page)

but Uggie is a one-take dog. "Now, we do end up doing 15 or 20 [takes on set]," he says. "But most of the time, it's because the director wants something from one of the other actors, not because of what the dog is doing."

The one thing that does bother Uggie a bit, apparently, is the use of stunt doubles. "He says, 'I love those dogs, we play and we have fun sometimes, but why are they there? I can do everything,'" Morrison translates. "I don't need those dogs to do anything for me."

At this point she asks Von Muller if he has any questions.

"Nope," he says. "Pretty on the money so far."

Evidently, like any actor who gets hired based on his appearance, Uggie does have some body issues. "I love my food and my treats," he says, according to the animal communicator. "But I can't get fat! No getting fat!" Von Muller tells us Uggie is on a raw-food diet that incorporates plenty of broccoli and collard greens, with dried chicken and liver for treats. "And," he adds sheepishly, "the occasional hot dog."

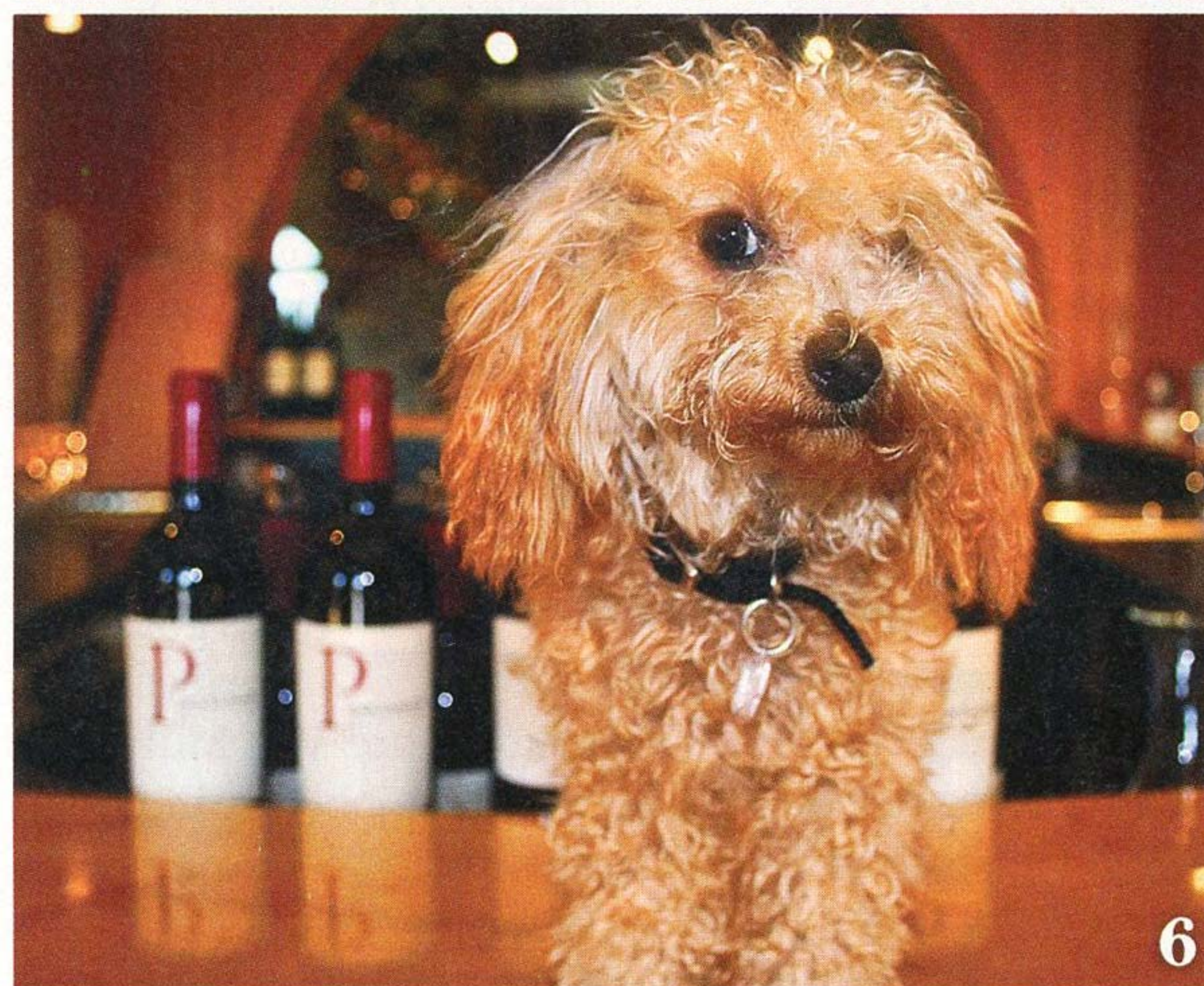
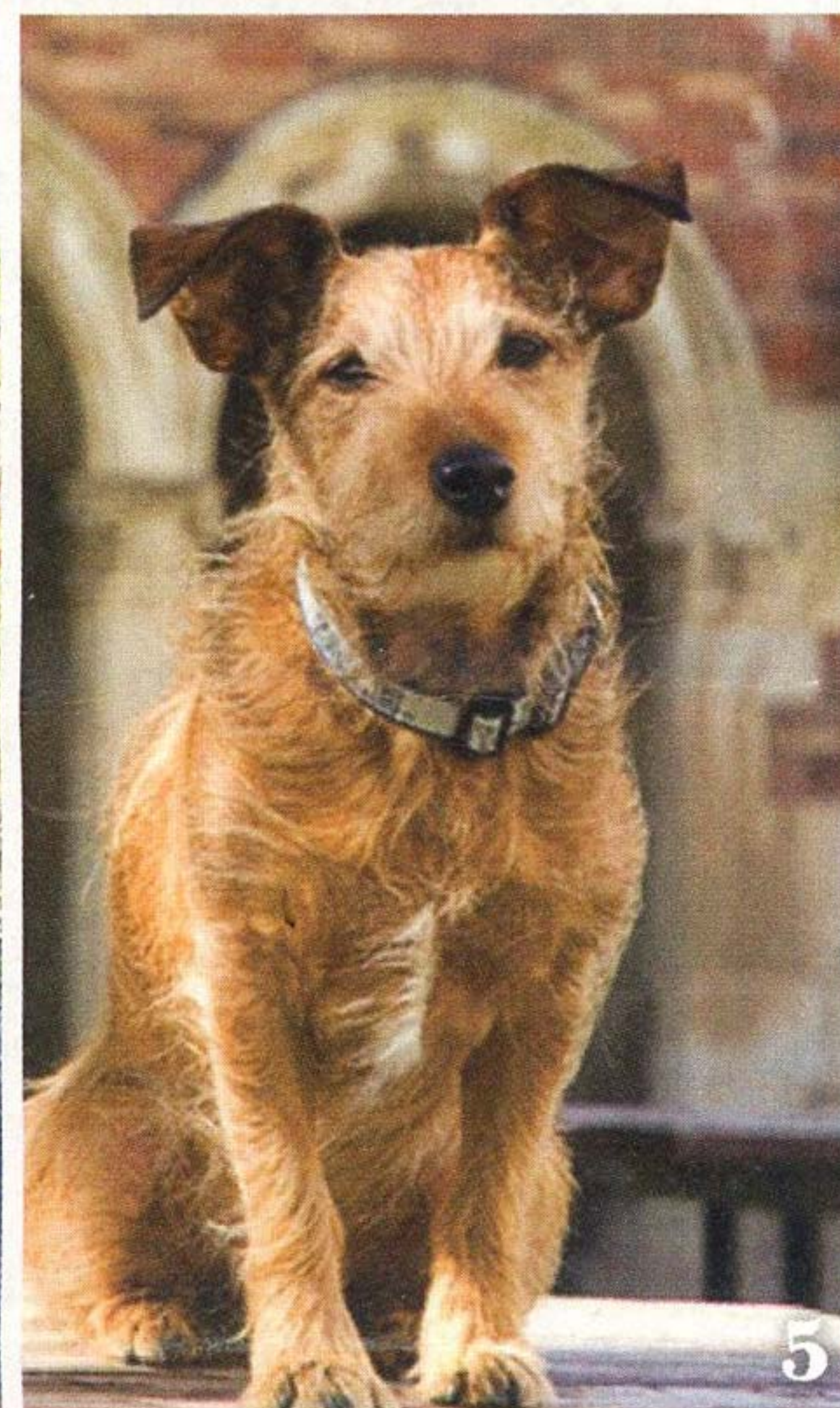
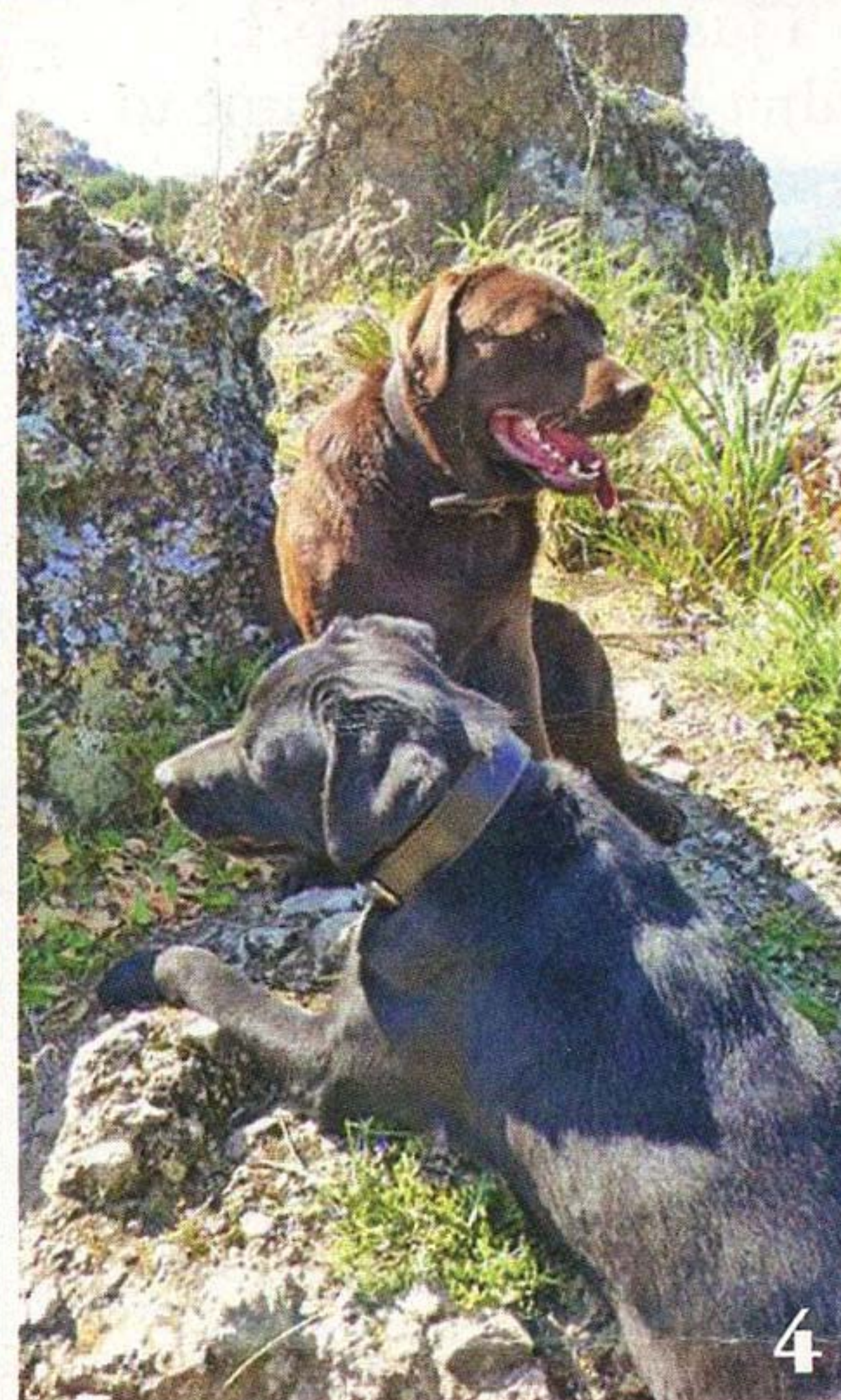
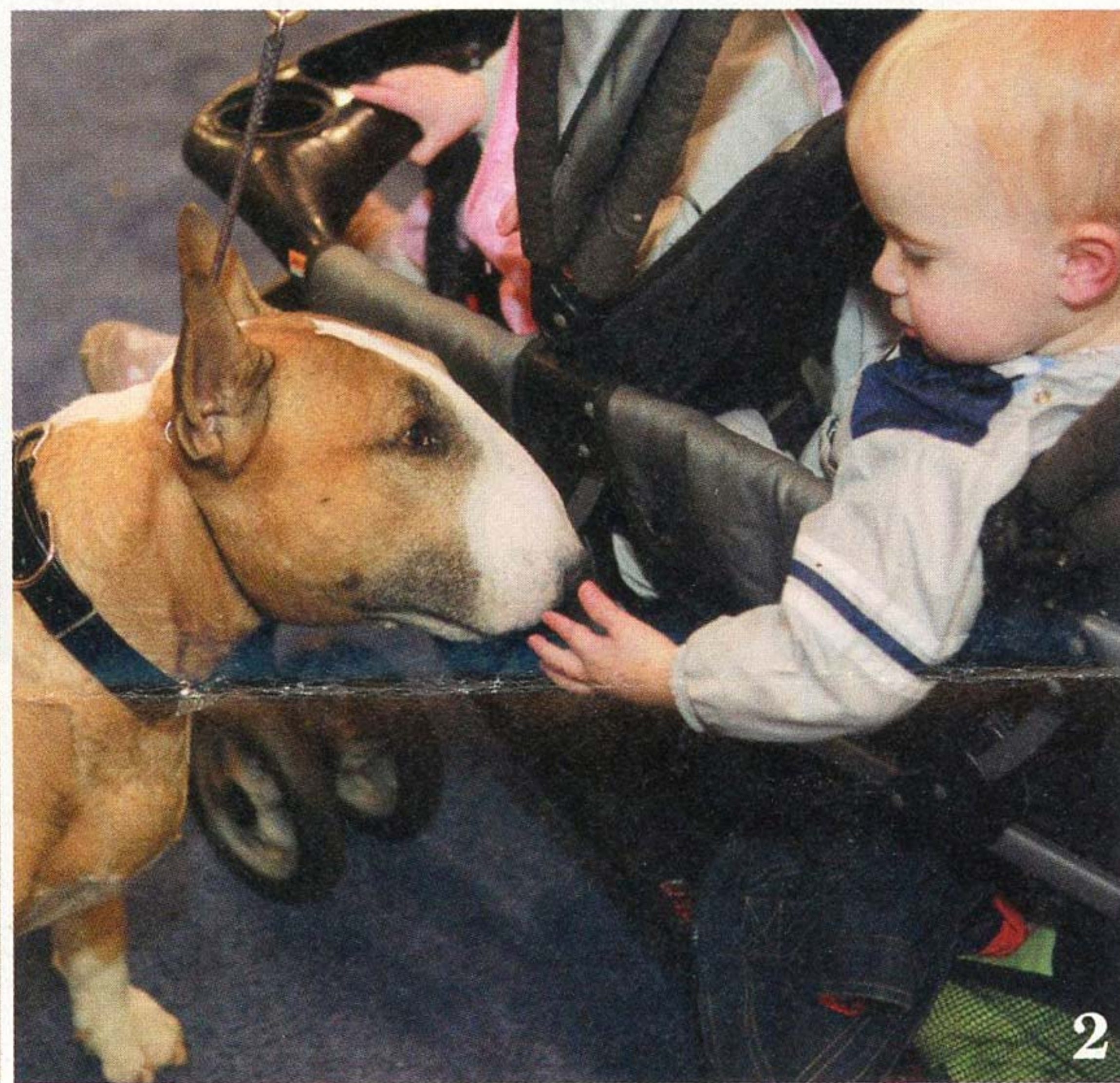
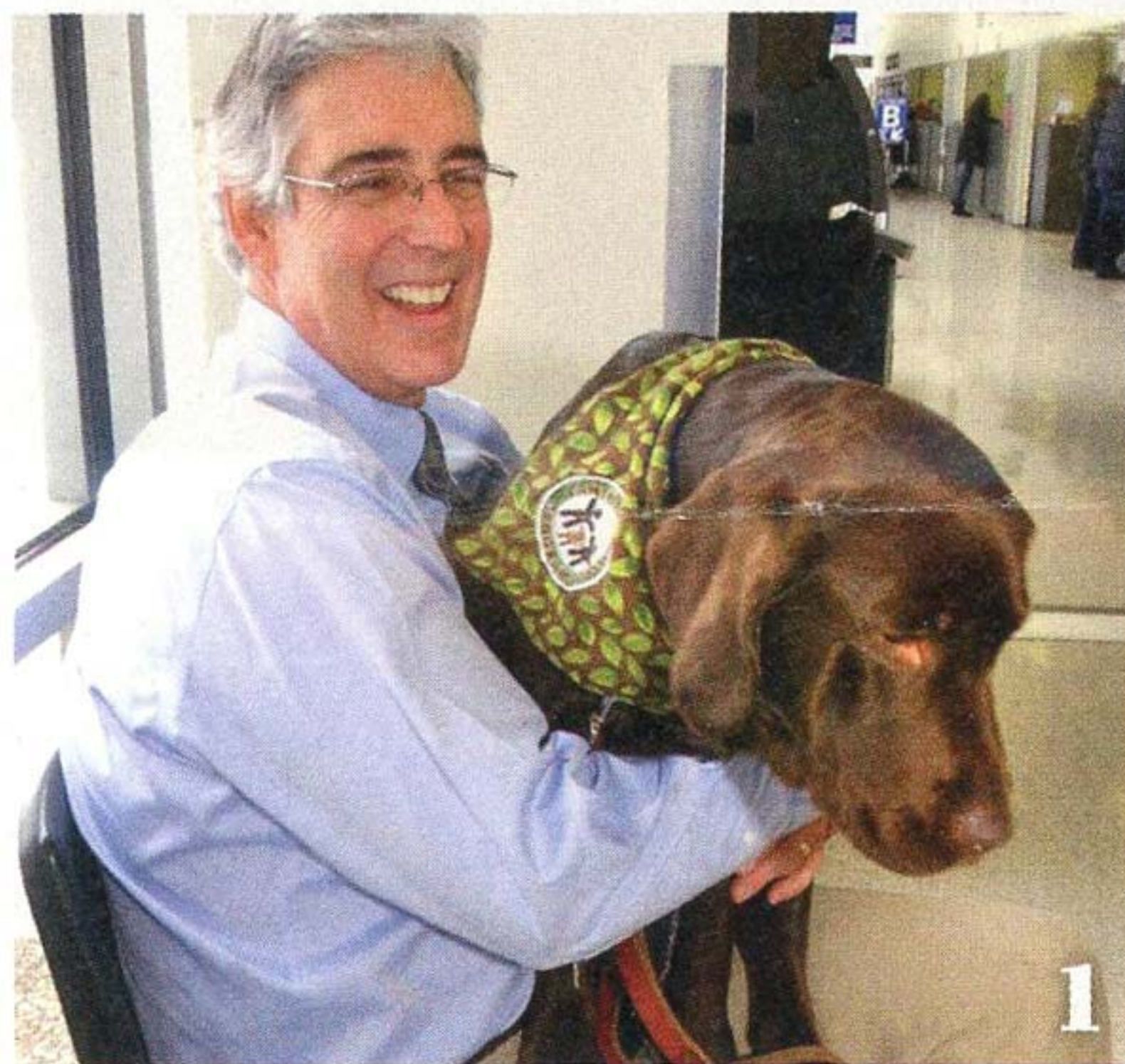


For behind-the-scenes video of our shoot with Uggie, visit Deltaskymag.com/Uggie.



Working Dogs

The work of these loyal service dogs and dogs-in-residence make the world a little brighter. *Canis familiaris* is one smart animal, indeed.



1. Dan Cojanu and **Amos** at the Oakland County Circuit Courthouse in Pontiac, Michigan. Amos helps child victims testify in court. **2.** Ever since winning the Westminster dog show in 2006, **Rufus**, a bull terrier, has visited hospitals and nursing homes and helped raise money for wounded veterans. **3.** **Hunter**, a border collie, was named *Dog Fancy* magazine's Hero Search Dog of the Year in 2011 following the devastating earthquake and tsunami in Japan. **4.** **Lou** and **Ben** help Cathy Bellafronto and Frederic Sola make hotel guests feel welcome at Riad Laaroussa in Fez, Morocco. **5.** **Monty** was enlisted to help Yale Law School students relax at the library. **6.** Meet **Gypsy**, the pup-in-residence at Provenance Vineyards in St. Helena, California.



Good Breeding

A few of the world's iconic breeds and their native homelands.



Newfoundland
Canada



Beagle
Great Britain



Finnish Lapphund
Finland



Vizsla
Hungary



Borzoï
Russia



Dog of the Future
Outer Space



American Cocker Spaniel
USA



Boston Terrier
USA



Jack Russell Terrier
England



Dachshund
Germany



Shih Tzu
China



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South Korea



You say you want a hound? But which kind? In addition to Afghan hounds and greyhounds, there are Austrian black and tan hounds, Ibizan hounds, bloodhounds, Finnish hounds, English foxhounds, Irish wolfhounds, Polish hounds, Scottish deerhounds, English coonhounds ... and the list goes on!



The winner of the 2012 Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show was a Pekingese named Malachy. Pekingese are toy dogs that originated in China 2,000 years ago and were favored by the Chinese imperial family.

Alaskan Malamute
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Great Dane
Germany



Toy Poodle
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Greyhound
Egypt



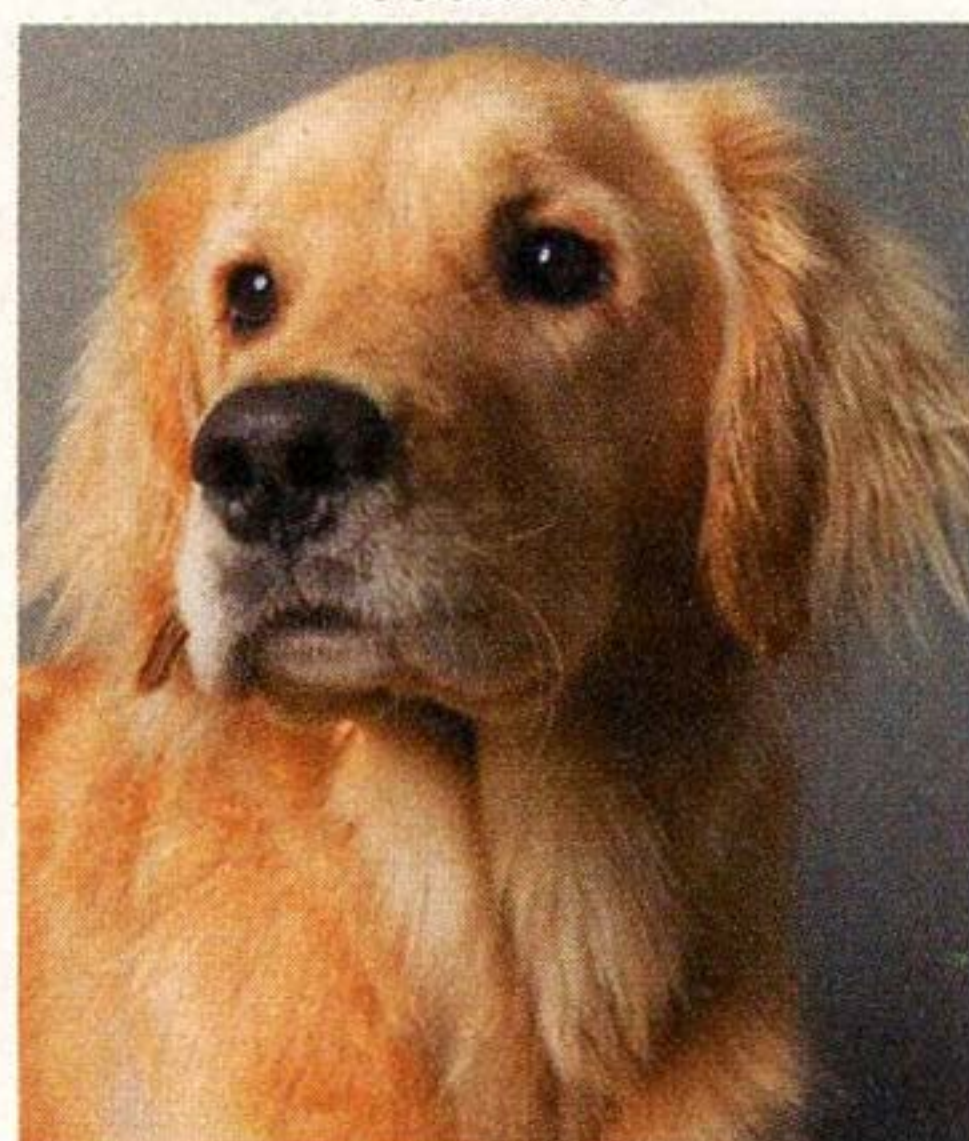
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Peruvian Hairless Dog
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Afghanistan



Australian Cattle Dog
Australia



Despite repeated requests for comment, no cats agreed to be quoted for this story.

