

# TOPEL WINE TAILS 2010

Each year, our Topel Wine Tails Calendar project literally tugs at our heart strings. We hear from so many wonderful dog parents who tell us fantastic stories about their beloved “sons and daughters,” who are obviously very important members of their individual families. Since space on the calendar is extremely limited, we are not able to share nearly as much information as we truly would like about each of our star pups. This year we decided to create this special calendar insert so you could get to know each of them a little better. We hope you enjoy these tales about our Wine Tails doggies!

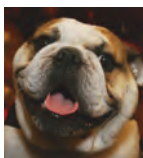
— Mark and Donnis Topel

## CALENDAR COVER GIRL



**Salgal** The lovely Salgal is a mature lady Vizsla (she'll be 17 in February!) who belongs to Jane Baron of Santa Rosa. Salgal loves to travel and hike and has been on excursions in Canada, Austria, Switzerland and across the United States. Her favorite food is a latté, her favorite hiking spot is Lake Tahoe, and she loves to relax in the hot tub. Salgal has a very unique habit. When she gets worried, her teeth start to clack!

## JANUARY



**Bubba** Bubba, an English Bulldog, is just about the happiest guy on planet earth. Bubba belongs to Michael Allen, the general manager of the Marines' Memorial Club and Hotel in San Francisco, who says life for Bubba is “pure joy.” His mantra is “Every day is a holiday, every meal is a banquet.”



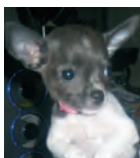
**Lilly** A Boxer, Lilly is quite the trickster. She knows how to “high five,” wave, weave through legs and ring the bell to go outside to potty. Her dad, Jim Bryan of Larkspur, is quite proud of the fact that Lilly graduated first in her puppy class.



## FEBRUARY

**Hondo & Missy** Hondo and Missy are Terriers who keep Sam and Darlene Marcucci on their toes. Hondo is a hound for the “show-off” ring and has a few ribbons under his belt, including a

Best of Show. He loves to swim at the spa and prefers hot dogs to caviar and champagne! His younger “sister” Missy is working on developing her maturity level. Her friends say she’s pretty sharp and may have a future in modeling!



**Zoe** Zoe is a purebred Chihuahua whose mother, Alexis Furkioti, describes as “a princess.” Zoe only weighs four pounds, but has the attitude of a 160-pound dog. Her best friends are a Maltese, a Boxer and a Yellow Lab! In Greek, Zoe means “life.” Alexis assures us that it’s a perfect descriptor for her little gal.

## MARCH



**Betty** Betty is a Schweenie — a mix of Shih Tzu and a long-haired Dachshund. Her mom, Nicola Pape, says she’s very lazy, even though one of her favorite activities is swimming in the Russian River. Her favorite toys are fluffy hedgehogs — and her best friends are horses!



**Neo & Trinity** When Neo and Trinity aren’t out saving the world from the Matrix, they like to sip Corgi Cuvée, made by mom and pop — Betsy and Ed Lott. Neo is famous in Healdsburg. He likes to be dragged across the street on his back with his feet straight up, backing up traffic in both directions and giving lots of people a good laugh!

## APRIL



**Ellie** Ellie’s full name is Ellie Walker Harris and she’s an adorable Boston Terrier. Her favorite food is edible Nylabones and she has her own personal celebration ceremony when she gets a new one! Ellie’s mom and dad, Bridgid and Jeff Harris, say she likes to steal fabric softener sheets (Bounce is her favorite brand) and she’s keen on grabbing dropped grape clusters from the family vineyard.



**Sweet Pi** Sweet Pi is a “Chi Pom,” born to a Chihuahua mom and a Maltese/Pomeranian dad. When Jilliani Zavala first got her, Sweet Pi fit in the palm of her hand! She was raised by two cats — Prince and Jazzy — who dutifully taught her how to become an escape artist. When two stray kittens joined the brood, Sweet Pi took them under her wing and made them into the best dogs possible. When Sweet Pi barks, they meow!



**Raffa** A purebred Havanese, Raffa loves to chase the ball (and sometimes even brings it back) and tease Gentile, a 16-pound cat. Quite a tall order for a fellow who is barely over 12 pounds himself! His dad, Richard Ellers, says Raffa's life philosophy is quite simple: "I wanna go with you guys."



**Whiskey** Whiskey Highball Silge is a Pembroke Welsh Corgi whose life focus has been on his favorite activity — eating. His mom and dad, Marty and Ellen Silge, say he will eat anything and do anything for food. It was no accident that he won a prize in the 2007 Healdsburg "Howl-O-Ween" Parade wearing a Hoover canister vacuum costume!

## MAY



**Bumps** A beautiful Black Labrador Retriever, Bumps works part-time as a social therapy dog in a psychotherapy office in Healdsburg, helping children and adults work through difficult life issues. In his free time, he's a ball freak, jumping off high rocks, docks and anything in his way to get to his ball. His mom, Christine Trimble, said he once actually climbed a tree to get to a ball that was stuck on a limb!



**Benny & Casey** Casey and his younger "brother," Benny, are Standard Poodles. Pam and Robert Lerner of Los Altos bought Casey sight unseen on the Internet, while Benny was adopted from the Bay Area Poodle Rescue. Both are active boys who love to chase tennis balls!



**Lilly Lana** Lilly Lana is a Blue Great Dane whose "brother" is a "Reindeer Chihuahua" mix named Leo Leroy. Little Leo is the boss, while big Lilly Lana remains his protector should he get himself into a situation that's over his head. Her biggest loves are off-leash romps through the East Bay hills and early morning games of soccer with her daddy, William Brooks. But as much as she enjoys her exercise, she has no qualms about resting her 140-pound body — preferably on the couch when she thinks mom and dad aren't looking!

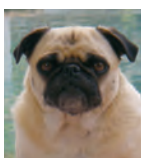


**Lucy** Just a puppy, Lucy does what young Labs do best — she digs. Her mom, Lynne Harris, says she loves to eat dried seaweed and dig in the sand at the beach. And when she gets home, she continues to practice the art of digging by re-landscaping the yard on a regular basis.

## JUNE



**Molly** Miss Molly is an Entlebucher Sennenhund living in Oakland with Joe Pinkowski. She's a Sagittarius and her favorite book is "The Hounds of Baskerville." Her favorite TV show is "Bones" (what else?). She calls Joe her "pet human" and what she likes best about him (other than the fact that he feeds her!) are the long walks they enjoy in the Oakland Hills.



**Phoebe Bouffé** Miss Phoebe Bouffé is a champion Cheerio catcher who owns a colorful collection of rope toys. Her mom, Denise Walsh, says she barks at the animals on TV because they won't come out to play with her! Friends tell Miss Phoebe that she looks like Princess Leia because her tail is curled like a cinnamon bun, just like Princess Leia's hair!

## JULY



**Anjill** Anjill is a Yellow Labrador Retriever who loves the UPS man, and to a lesser extent, the FedEx guy. Anjill's mom, Jill Ridder, says Anjill believes that life is short and should be lived to the utmost, so he spends much of the day running in and out of the dog door to intimidate anyone who drives in the driveway. He's great friends with his housemate, Frost, who is a Jack Russell "Terrorist."



**Maggie** Maggie is the official mascot of Healdsburg's famous Costeaux French Bakery, where she's the taste-testing expert for the Bram's Biscuits Pour Chiens (also known as Dog Bones!). She proudly arrives at the bakery each morning as a third-generation Seppi Family member with vital quality control bakery duties. Her dad, Will Seppi, simply calls her "Dog Bone Diva."

**Raffa** We thought Raffa was so cute, we had to include him twice. *See his bio in April.*

## AUGUST



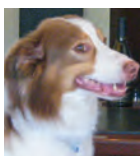
**Annie** Annie is a rescue Miniature GoldenDoodle. Mom and pop — Joe and Carol Vaughan — were told that Annie's father was a Miniature Poodle and her mother was a small Golden Retriever. They are convinced her stubborn streak comes from a Terrier! Poor Annie was returned to the shelter three times before she was six months old. Once a bit of a wild child, Annie is now very well-mannered in

public and enjoys working in the vineyard, greeting guests at any winery, playing ball and collecting fine wines.



**Grady & Sadie** Grady and Sadie are brother and sister and have never been apart. Both enjoy shredding paper and scavenging for fruit — especially tomatoes still on the vine and apples or pears that can double as play balls. Chuck and Donna Hostetter are their parents. Donna says they have had three different breeds of terriers over the past 25 years, but Grady and Sadie, who are Norwich Terriers, are by far the most mischievous.

## SEPTEMBER



**Flash** Flash was rescued from an Aussie Rescue Ranch by William Allen when he was two years old. His temporary caretakers named him Flash because he was the fastest of 14 Aussies and they loved him so much they cried when he was adopted. Although Aussies are known for Frisbee feats, Flash views Frisbee and fetch as far too dog-like. He will generally humor you with two returns, then give you a look that clearly states, “You aren’t doing this and neither am I.”

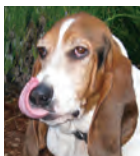


**Frieda** Frieda used to live in a nearby county that’s a four-letter word, but she’s a happy Sonoma pup these days. Sometimes Frieda drinks her mom’s wine before Audrey Darby gets to it, and ends up in Doggie Jail. Her rich and famous boyfriend bails her out and they go strolling in Healdsburg. Frieda says he offers to buy her a fur coat on occasion, but she prefers the one she already has. If you ask her what her philosophy of life is, she replies: “Don’t put a muzzle on happiness, and let life go where it leads.”



**Cabby** Cabby is our very special Mr. September. We know him well, because he stands sentry over the Topel Cabernet Sauvignon grapes that are grown by Craig Battuello at his esteemed vineyard in Napa. We visit with Cabby often as we check the progress of the crop over the growing season. He’s one of our favorite vineyard dogs!

## OCTOBER



**Homer** Homer’s complete name is Homer Ichiro Westreich. His mom, Nancy Westreich, says Homer would be perfect as a maitre’d, because when he goes on walks, he insists on greeting

every person and every dog when they arrive and sees them off when they leave! While Homer has not mastered the art of retrieving thrown balls, he is a great sock stealer and laundry day is his favorite day of the week.



**Sierra** Sierra is an All-American Mutt with definite strains of Boxer, German Shepherd and Shar Pei. Her favorite activities are hiking, running on the beach and lounging in the sun. Her favorite toy is a stuffed frog that has been ripped apart and sewn back together many times. It now only has one eye, three legs and no stuffing, according to Sierra' mom, Rachel Lerman.



**Ms. Mocca** Ms. Mocca's favorite activity is chasing the hose while her mom, Sally Louise Crystal, tries to water her garden. She shares her space with a cat who has no interest in her, even though Ms. Mocca thinks she wants to play. Not! An English Chocolate Labrador Retriever, Ms. Mocca is described as a "sweet, happy puppy who truly loves most people."



**Merlin** Merlin's favorite game is "Find the Carrots." Tom and Sonya Grudkowski hide tiny carrots around the family room and Merlin stays out of sight until he's given the cue. Then he runs around, investigating every crook and nanny of the room until he finds them all! He especially likes car rides and wine-tasting excursions.

## NOVEMBER



**Zak & Maddie** Zak, an American Eskimo mix, and Maddie, a Cocker Spaniel, are "brother and sister," residing with Beverly and Herb Liberman. Beverly is convinced that at some point, Maddie swallowed an alarm clock, because she's front and center, seeking attention and food, every morning at 7 and every evening at 5. The saddest day in Zak's life was when Maddie came to live with him. He can never again eat in peace because Maddie is always right beside him, ready to pounce into Zak's food bowl.



**Bear** Bear is a big fellow, weighing in at 140 pounds. His mom, Judy Edmonds, says Bear loves to ride in the family truck and is a sucker for a belly rub.



**Simba & Daisy** Both Simba and Daisy are rescue dogs. Simba is a Tibetan Spaniel from Eastern Washington, while Daisy is a Husky rescued from an organization in Seattle. Both are described by their mom, Anna Siadek, as “wonderful, loving companions.” They enjoy hiking and exploring in Northern California.



**Frodo** Frodo Wolfgang Bugaieski is a Pug who lives with Ellen and Eric Bugaieski in East Peoria, IL, on property overlooking the Illinois River. He has a little sister named Sophie, who is camera-shy. His favorite pastime is being with his people. Frodo loves all food, but is especially fond of cheese. Ellen and Eric don't let him drink wine, but they bet he'd like it if they did!

## DECEMBER



**Zak** Zak is a Westie whose full name is Zachary Timothy Westwood. His mom, Deborah Flate, says he was the bully of the litter, but with some training, he's come around. Zak is a tennis ball freak, loves agility challenges and is a certified canine good citizen. And you should watch him chase squirrels!



**Sonny** A Bichon Frise, Sonny has his own website at Dogster.com and is a ring leader at the Bichon Lovers' Clubhouse. His mom, Susan Graham Pereira, describes him as “very giving,” providing house guests with one of his toys the minute they step through the door. She's convinced he would bring them a bottle of wine if he could figure out how to carry it!



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