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A Very Unofficial zine sharing some of the Good Pets of University of Virginia Library employees

Pre-pandemic, UVA librarians took over UVA's Snapchat for a day to introduce The Good Dogs of UVA Library (tinyurl.com/GoodDogsUVALibrary2018).



We're back, this time with a zine celebrating all the good pets, not just pups!

If you like our zine, you'll love our library :D

This zine features pets of folks working in some of the Library's many teams, including:

Cataloguing;
Collections Management;
Scholarly Communication;
Arts & Humanities Liaisons;
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"I wish mom would spend less time working and more time snuggling."

Delta



Nickname: Delta Dawn

Kind: beagle mix of undetermined breeding **Faves:** Sleeping, rolling in sun-warmed grass

Human (Library team):

Cecelia (Teaching & Learning)

DIANA

"more work-from-home days for mommy please, so i can be most annoying and sit on her computer while she's working"

Diana



Nickname: Nah-nah

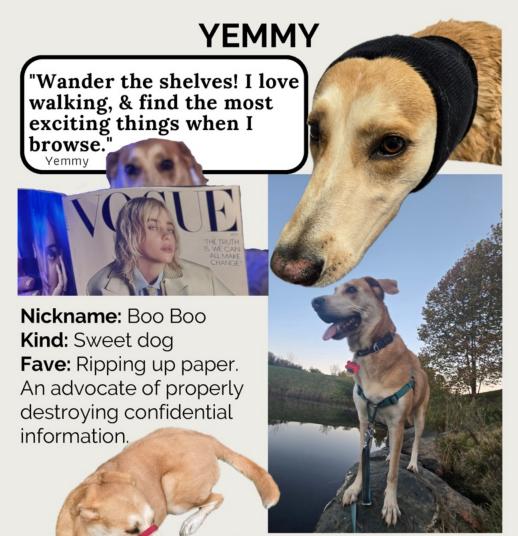
Lore: whenever Diana meows really shrilly and then

zooms away, we joke that she's saying

"smokebomb!" and thinks that she's disappearing like in a magical act

Voted most likely to: master the cat-eye eyeliner **Human (Library team):** Sue (Conservation)

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Voted most likely to: "be involved in a cheese heist" or "join a herd of deer"

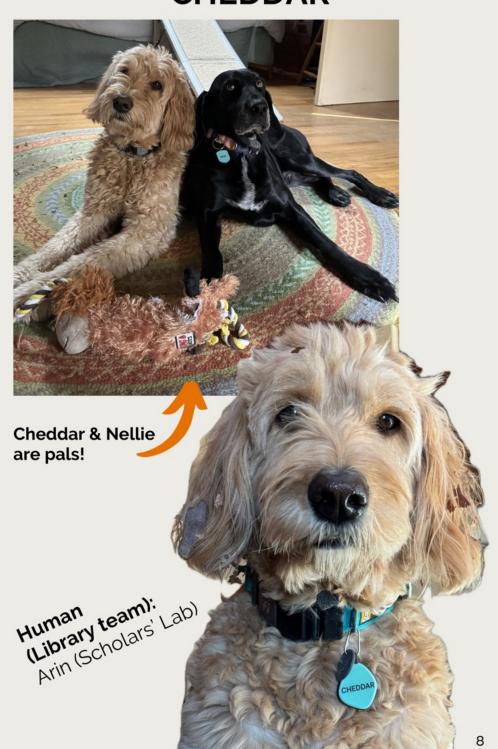
Opinions: Thinks books are a delight to chew and shred—books as an art object that can be physically interpreted in many ways. Upset she cannot work at the library, thinks she could save the university a lot of money with her ripping skills.

NELLIE



Human (Library team): Arin (Scholars' Lab)

CHEDDAR







ATLAS

"Read or study if you absolutely MUST, but at least sit still while you do it--that way, deserving doggos may sit on your lap and try to distract you"

Atlas



Kind: Great Dane

Bookish opinions: While Atlas doesn't enjoy reading himself, he encourages others to read so that he may try to interfere by aggressively snuggling

Faves: Blueberries, unattended pizza, sitting on laps



Lore: Atlas's safe space is the bathtub.

Once, he accidentally shut himself in the bathroom & attempted to escape through the window...



...His exasperated mother had to rush home from work when the neighbor called to let her know that a 160lb dog was halfway on the roof!

Voted most likely to: invade personal space **Human (Library team)**:

Zoe (Library Express On-Grounds)

VICTOR, VAX'ILCAT, & FRUMPKIN

"I suggest placing books back on the bookshelf so I can push them back off again."

Vax





Faves: They insist on vying for best position on the heated cat bed.
Victor loves to stare longingly at a breakfast sandwich.

Frumpkin's greatest achievement: catching a bird that flew into my apartment.

Vax wants nothing more than to climb to the

highest spots in a room and knock everything over on the way up.

Human (Library team): Ronja (Cataloguing)

TIM



"Please read books, because when you are reading there is a lap to lay in."

Tim

Nicknames: Timothy, Tim-Tim, Bud

Kind: Brown Mackerel (Striped Tiger w/white belly)

Faves: LOVEs head rubs!!!!, people, & zoom

bombing. He just loves attention. His favorite thing is watching & talking to "his" birds; he has a bird

feeder right outside our window.

Lore: Tim!!! He is a big loving cat (until he doesn't want to be "loved" and the paw comes out). He would try to play with his "sister" kitties & was very gentle to little Kate, sometimes grooming her—to her total dislike. A lap cat & sometimes needs to make lots of biscuits. We love Tim, but his first family did not; he was a CASPCA return.

Human (Library team):

Sherry (Scholarly Communications)





Kind: Tortishell Cat.

Fave: laying on whatever is on the floor, preferably

shoes.

Bio: Cali was a "mute" cat. Her meow was very soft, more a "yak" than meow. Of all our cats, Cali kept to herself. As long as she got food and had a soft place to lay, she was quite content.

Cali lived a long life of 18 years; sadly, we said goodbye to her this past November.

Human (Library team):

Sherry (Scholarly Communications)

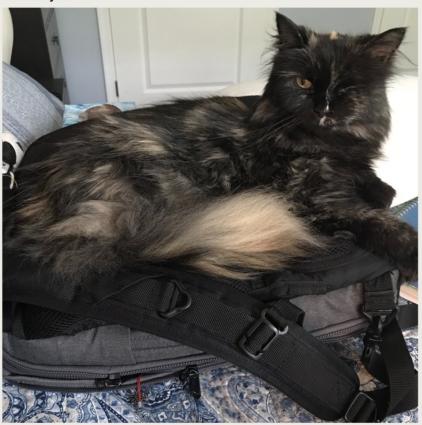


Nickname: Kate Moss (her litter at CASPCA were all named after models)

Kind: One-eyed Tortishell Cat

Faves: Kate loved (or maybe not—because I was leaving for awhile) helping me pack for work trips. Always laying on top, getting in my suitcase. Laying in our open windows (waiting patiently until I placed a towel in the windowsill—for the princess). Doing puzzles (she loved laying in the boxes). All boxes—there was never a box too small for Kate.

Skills: Pretty good at soccer; even with one eye, she was quite the dribbler (a small soccer ball from a kid's toy).



Breakfast queen: Kate was my alarm clock: she would jump on the bed & walk on me, then meow in my ear. She loved scrambled eggs (especially from Bodos) & knew, when an egg had been cracked along with a frying pan taken out of the cabinets, to immediately start her "egg meow" demanding I cook faster.

Kate lived a long life of 14 years; sadly, we said goodbye to her this past October.



HUMAN (Library team):

Sherry (Scholarly Communications)

ELEANOR BUTTER



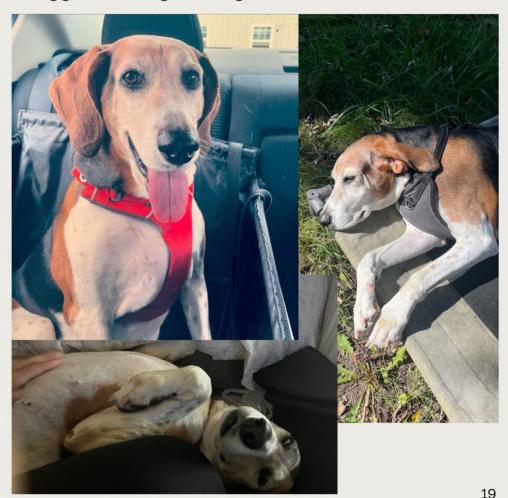
Nickname: Mamaw Butter, for when she's acting

like a cranky old lady. **Kind:** Walker Hound **Opinions:** She thinks the Library has massively overlooked the benefits of a canine liaison assistant program. She's confident that with a small fund to acquire daily dumplings that she could massively increase productivity, learning outcomes, and morale among staff, faculty, and students.

Faves: The three S's - snacks, snuggles, sniffing **Voted most likely to:** win X factor by eating something disgusting

Human (Library team):

Maggie (Sci+Engineering Liaisons)



RORSCHACH & MO-DEAN



Opinion: Work gets in the way of attention to

scratching their butts.

Faves: Sleeping then barking - repeat

Fact: A group of 1+ Danes is called a "barrier"...

Voted most likely to: block the aisle

Human (Library team): Will (Scholars' Lab)

BEULAH



Nickname: Beulah Lady Bird Butler

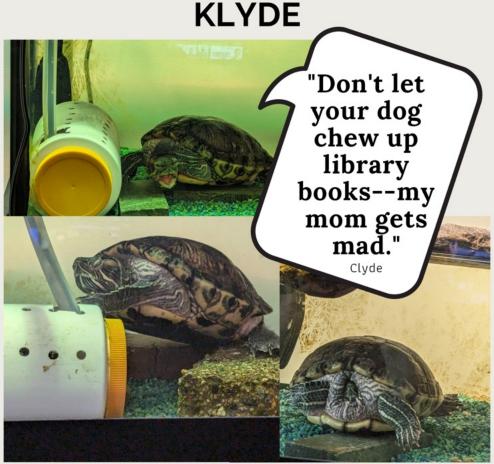
Kind: Wonderpet

Expert opinion: With 7 years of experience counseling creators in fair use matters as well as library/archives exhibition design & management, Beulah is well-qualified to advocate that we close all libraries each Friday to give front line staff pets greater accessibility to more belly rubs.

Faves: Retrieving the toy you threw—and then keeping it, forever. Every walk with Beulah offers occasion to ponder the great question about other animal life forms: meet it or eat it?

Voted: "most likely to nap"

Human (Library team): Holly (Special Collections) 21



Nicknames The Queen, Big Sister/Eldest

Kind: Red eared slider (Terrapin)

Faves: Trying to bite through the electrical cords that keep her warm & clean. More into watching TV than reading.

Lore: Klyde & her younger "sister," a 17-year-old in high school, often fight over who is in charge. Klyde is definitely the eldest (22), but as her younger sister points out, would not be able to get out of the house in a fire without assistance, and therefore should definitely not be in charge.

Voted most likely to: take over the world **HUMAN (Library team):** Kara (Special Collections) 22



"Find a sunny spot and take a nap."

Nickname: Weezy

Kind:

Cat, domestic short hair.

Faves: Getting totally sun drunk on a daily basis, finding the perfect spot

for a glamour pose, then waiting for me to show up with a camera. Lounging in fresh laundry.

Lore: Louisa has an end of the year Insta series she calls "The 12 Days of Louisa," where she features candid & posed glamour shots with a holiday theme.

FACT: She does occasionally lounge on books. She's never been to my work or a library and if she realized that she would give me grief. She doesn't like missing out.

Voted: Class beauty, Most Glamorous, and/or Most Likely to Initiate a Standoff with a Dog.

Human (Library team):

Brenda (Special Collections)

CLOVER

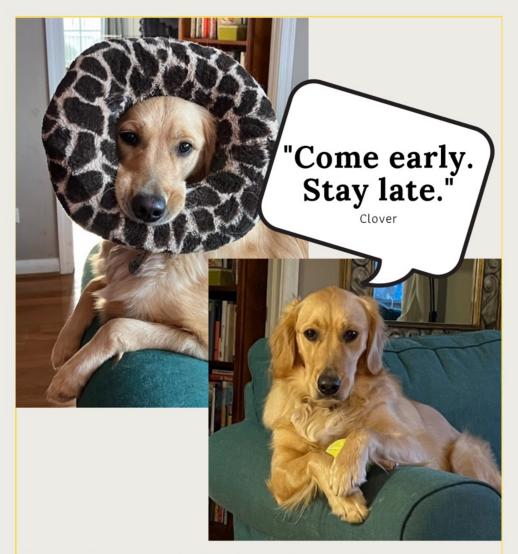


Nickname: Clove; C Love **Kind** Golden Retriever

Librarian in training: Clover is working toward her therapy dog certification and looks forward to hanging out at the library helping students. Clover's love of paper is antithetical to my job as an archivist and someone involved in the preservation of paper in general. To Clover, my job is her social secretary. I arrange play dates.

Celeb: Clover maintains a diary on social media that her mom helps her with. It's tricky for her to type, so she dictates it to her mom. Her signature sign-off for her entries is "Clover over!"

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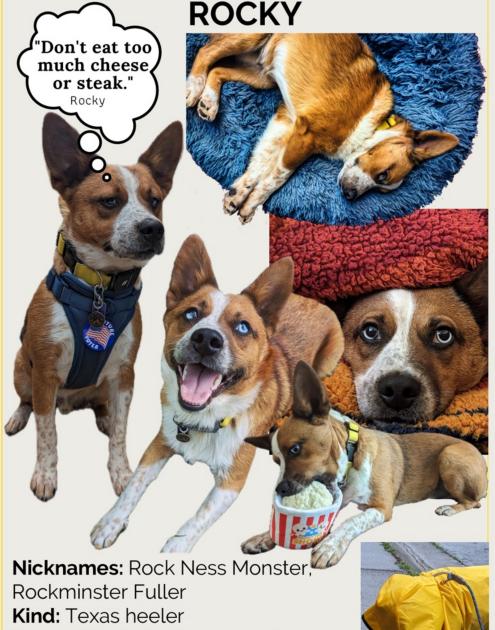


Faves: Freeze-dried salmon & liver - high value treats she'll drop any contraband she has in her mouth for. Toy: anything that squeaks or crinkles, or has food in it, like a Kong. Activites: countersurfing, digging holes, foraging for socks & rags.

Voted: Miss Congeniality; First Place State Champ in Doggy Yoga

Human (Library team):

Brenda, Clover's Social Secretary (Special Collections)



Faves: Physical attachment (strongly

in favor of work from home) **Dislikes:** Scared of everything...

except for loud noises / fireworks ???

Voted most likely to: touch grass

Human (Library team): Shane (Scholars' Lab)

EVANGELINE

"If your colleagues leave any food on their plates, it's fair game."

Eva



Nickname: Eva Kind: Eurasian lynx

Fave: The Hand Game (danger!)

Description: Three-legged, grumpy, really wants to

go outside

Bookish tip: Stacks of books can be useful for

reaching high places

Voted most likely to: haze the freshmen

Human (Library team): Shane (Scholars' Lab)



Nickname: Hecky Kind: Chaos cat

Opinions: Hecky supports free speech and Free

Palestine

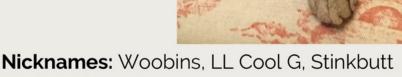
Description: A Picky Princess who only eats the fanciest foods and doesn't even deign to accept treats.

Faves: Babadooking the dog, sniffing feet Voted most likely to: hide under the bed Human (Library team): Shane (Scholars' Lab)

GEORGE CLOONEY

Books are tasty, especially when furless bipeds are trying to read them. Try the science fiction, it's delicious."

George Clooney



Kind: tabby cat

Faves: George Clooney's favorite pastimes are shredding peacock feathers, charming the ladies,

and lap napping.

Voted most likely to: be a movie star!

Human (Library team):

Leigh (Collections Management)

GUMBO



Nicknames: Gumby, Gumbus Rex, Christopher

Eugene Gumbo Kind: Rottweiler

Faves: Peanut butter, French fries, bully sticks. Cuddling, kissing, wrestling. Loves visiting the front

porch of Special Collections & greeting everyone,

but is mad he can't go inside.

Book rec: Gumbo thinks everyone should own a

copy of "Good Dog, Carl" by Alexandra Day.

Pupfluencer: On Instagram <a>@gumbotherottie!

Human (Library team):

Rosalind (Special Collections)

"Wash your paws before handling rare books & archival materials!"

Gumbo was on the Lawn

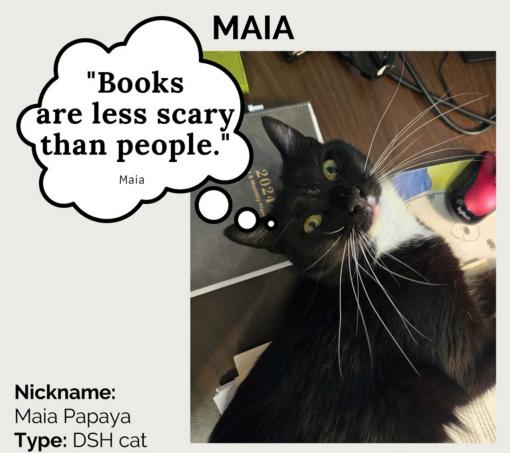
with his dad playing fetch on a beautiful day, when A LOT of people were out enjoying the weather. Gumbo was wearing a long leash (10 ft). Dad threw the ball for him, but didn't know that the leash had wrapped around his ankle several times.

Dad said he threw the ball, looked down, realized what had happened with the leash, looked back up (like he was Wile E. Coyote in an episode of Looney Tunes), & then flew a few feet up in the air completely horizontal and was dragged down the Lawn by 105lbs. of pure muscle, AKA Gumbo, barreling after the ball.

There were dozens of people around who saw & laughed. Gumbo and his dad left the Lawn embarrassed.

(Gumbo, not embarrassed)





Bio: Adopted from the Fluvanna SPCA Fall 2022; beat FIP (Feline Infectious Peritonitis, an often fatal disease) in Spring 2023. She is very afraid of strangers, but if she gets to know you she will let you be her friend.

Faves: Watching falling leaves, playing with mouse toys and Loki. Likes to run around like a racehorse, so I call her a pony. Maia loves working with me at home. She is very helpy with all things computer related.

Voted "Most Likely to Hide under the Bed"

Human (Library team):

Sherri (Arts & Humanities Liaisons)

LOKI



Type: DSH cat

Bio: Loki was adopted from the CSPCA in July

2020. He's a love bug.

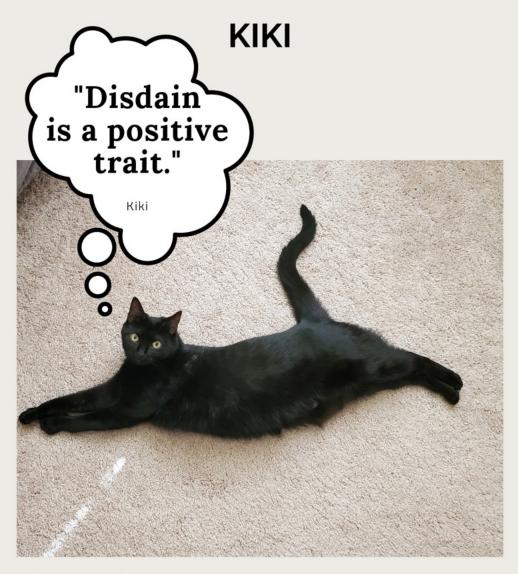
Faves: Cat food, empty boxes, anything he thinks he can fit into (usually can't), snuggling. Thinks

books are good as napping spots.

Voted: a tie between "Friendliest" & "Class Clown"

Human (Library team):

Sherri (Arts & Humanities Liaisons)



Type: DSH cat

Bio: Kiki was adopted from the Fluvanna SPCA in

August 2019.

Faves: sleeping, ribbons and string toys, ruling the

house like a queen

Voted "Most Likely to Look Down upon All Others"

Human (Library team):

Sherri (Arts & Humanities Liaisons)



Aka: Maple Mae Dog, Big Sweeto, Maple Mayo, "the Scholars' Lab*-Hound Mix".

Rescue vets named her "Maple" because she was as sweet as the syrup. We added "Mae" to make it easier to sing rhyming songs about her many fine qualities. Modeled on the less-honorary, kingdom-specific naming scheme for illegitimate children in A Song of Ice & Fire (e.g. "Jon Snow" born in the Kingdom of the North), we decided that rescue pups get the honorary surname "Dog" to indicate their being Extremely Good & Deserving of Treats.

Prospective Friendo: Maple is so friendly that if she even glimpses another person (e.g. someone in a passenger seat of a car passing by who doesn't see her), she gets a "pep" strut of happiness in her step for the next block of her walk.

Breed: Some mix of tree-walker coonhound + lab + some genetic anomaly causing her white fur? She's roughly the size of a beagle on skinny stilts.



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