

Love is Ageless: Grey Muzzle's #WhyWeLoveOldDogs Contest Winners Share Why Adopting a Senior Dog Makes Life Sweeter

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA, USA, November 26, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- From making us smile every day to teaching valuable life lessons, [senior dogs](#) bring love and companionship into our lives, as the winners of [The Grey Muzzle Organization's #WhyWeLoveOldDogs](#) contest confirm.

To encourage more people to give a senior dog a forever home this holiday season, Grey Muzzle asked everyone who adores old dogs to post photos and comments on social media with the hashtag #WhyWeLoveOldDogs.

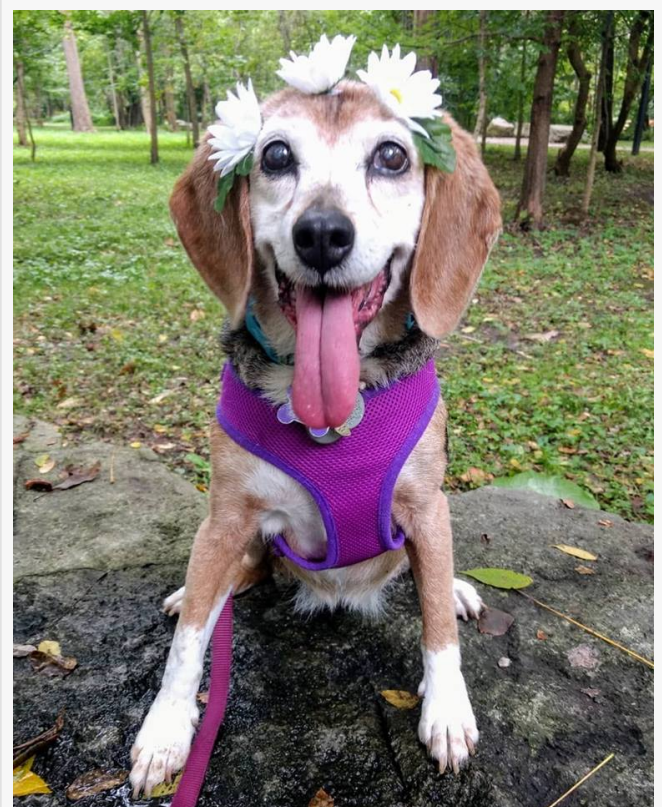
"We hope their heartfelt sentiments and photos of adorable old dogs will be shared far and wide, and inspire more people to open their heart and home to a senior dog who needs a second chance," said Lisa Lunghofer, executive director of The Grey Muzzle Organization, a national nonprofit that provides grants to animal shelters, rescue groups and sanctuaries working to improve and save the lives of at-risk senior dogs in communities across America.

To see all ten winning entries in full, please visit [greymuzzle.org](#). Here are excerpts from some of our favorites which show why old friends are often the best friends:

"When adopting a dog, my husband and I knew we wanted someone who would love to be loved," wrote Krista McMillan. Ten-year-old Nigel's favorite hobby is "to sleep as close to a heartbeat as possible and hold you between his paws. If that's not love, I don't know what is."

Cindy Jane shared her senior dog adoption story: "When I saw Buddy's face online, I knew I had to meet him. He was 12 years old and had been in the shelter for about two years—this completely broke my heart. He deserved to live out his life in a home with a family who would cherish him. A few days later he moved in with us and we bonded immediately."

According to Kimberly May, 12-year-old Bonnie answers the question, "What do you do best?" with "her eyes and every exuberant wag of her tail...It's in the way she gently leans against you and the way she just knows and comforts you when you're sad. 'Love,' she says. 'What I do best is



"My old girl Daisy knows when to take time to stop and smell the flowers. Or you know, wear them," wrote Kristin Rainboes in her winning entry.

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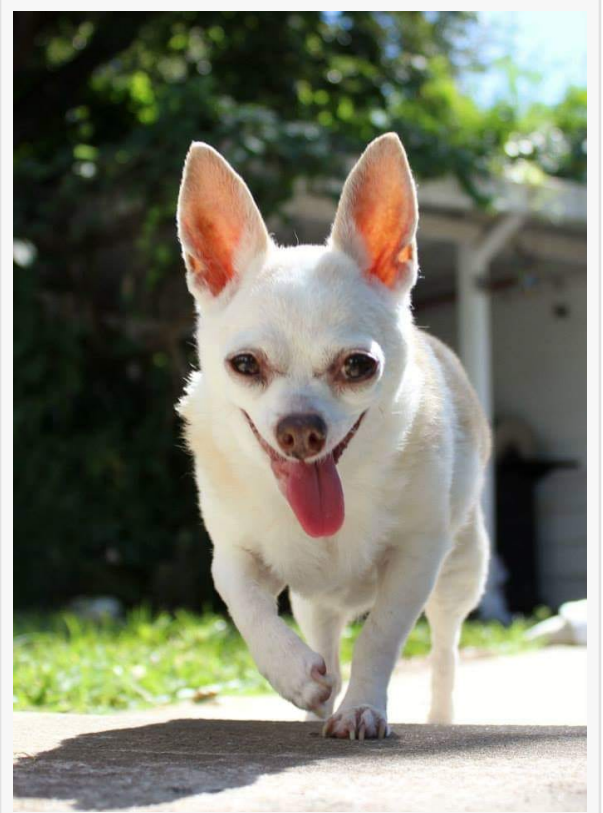
“Because they’re still always up for an adventure,” wrote Melanie Zimmerman Farnon of 14-year-old Burger, who still likes to hike and camp, but now “catches a ride in his dad’s backpack on our longer hikes!”

In her winning entry, Rebecca Genauer summed up why we love old dogs: “Because they emanate pure love and generosity of spirit. They teach us to be kinder and gentler, to be more patient with others and more appreciative of the world around us, and—most of all—they teach us to treasure each moment with those we hold dear.”

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"I didn't meet my beloved Rudy until he was over 12 years old," Adam Grant wrote. "He taught me about the simple joys in life, contentment, and growing old with dignity."

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At 19, Phoebe is "still going strong and enjoying life...This sometimes-cranky old lady makes me smile every day," wrote Lynda Tersigni.

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