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Locals posted photos of their precious pooches on the OurSouthBay Facebook page, and we took it to our fans for a vote. But only one can take home the top honor.

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AND THE WINNER IS ...
ENZO



STATS

Loves:

- People watching
- Belly rubs
- Romping with pals
- Road trips
- Television
- Having his picture taken
- Lunch at Nelson's

Hates:

- Skateboards
- Crows

Breed: West Highland White Terrier, aka "Westie"

Age: 6

Hometown: Manhattan Beach

Proud Owners: Jenny Turnbull and Ryan Malizio

According to owners Jenny and Ryan, "Westies don't have owners; they have staff." In addition to his new "Top Dog" title, Enzo is president of Pawsh Pooch Playclub and looks forward to his monthly meet-ups with his favorite furry friends. But it's the Manhattan Beach Pier that truly makes his day. It's the perfect spot to enjoy the ocean view and smells, people watch and dream of a day where there is a small section of sand approved for pooches. Congrats, Enzo! »

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TOP DOG FINALISTS



#2 KODIAK, REDONDO BEACH



#3 JESUS, MANHATTAN BEACH



#4 ZOE, REDONDO BEACH



Patients and Maltese Jackson get better acquainted.

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PETS AS MEDICINE

Dog Therapy Program at Providence Little Company of Mary Hospital

Wagging tails and the patter of dog paws on hospital floors not only delight patients and their families, they also brighten the days of the staff at Providence Little Company of Mary Hospital in Torrance.

Twice a week, a carefully selected cadre of certified dogs and their handlers visit the pediatrics, oncology, cardiology and other hospital wings to spread smiles and joy. If you love dogs, you know that there is no medicine that equals the healing power of their unconditional love. A dog's kind spirit has a magical way of transcending tragedy, sadness and pain and—at least for a while—pausing time long enough to forget that which ails you.

Jill Schultz, director of volunteer services, started the medical center's dog therapy program in 2009 in response to staff requests and numerous calls from people wanting to volunteer their time with their canine companions. "We didn't have our own staff to manage a dog therapy program," she shares. "I contacted other hospitals and was referred to Love on 4 Paws in Palos Verdes. Their dog-assisted therapy program is great, and they handle everything for us."

When asked if there have been any challenges with the visiting pooches, Jill says with a smile, "We have not had any problems at all with the therapy dogs. However, against hospital rules, there was an occasion when a therapy dog entered a room, and a patient's dog that was smuggled in popped out from under a bed sheet!" »

To learn more, visit providence.org and loveon4paws.org.

THE RESCUE THAT RESCUES

Los Angeles County Fire Department,
California Task Force 2

When South Bay firefighter Captain Andy Olvera watched a canine search and rescue demonstration for the first time in 2001, he knew that was his calling. However, he never imagined how much his life would change 10 years later when he was partnered with a Labrador retriever named Stetson, who had been rescued from an animal kill shelter.

Olvera's successful career path took him to other divisions without a dog by his side for many years. Then in 2010, the Los Angeles County Fire Department offered a canine search and rescue opportunity to the entire department. Out of nearly 5,000 people, 100 applied.

After extensive interviews and training, Olvera and three others were selected to receive a national search dog, and Olvera was paired with Stetson. "Stetson was adopted and returned to shelters three times before I got him. Fortunately, the Search Dog Foundation found him, and he tested well for detection work," says Olvera.

The pairing has been so successful that in January 2012, the two became certified with FEMA by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and are now members of the elite California Task Force 2—a worldwide urban search and rescue team. "The potential for shortening the time that someone may suffer and for saving lives with Stetson is a gift. Humans look for the obvious with their eyes, but dogs also see with their noses and their instincts," says Olvera. "With a dog, no one is left behind." »



Captain Andy Olvera and Labrador/partner Stetson



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TOP DOG FINALISTS



#5 BARKLEY, MANHATTAN BEACH



#6 MATTIE, REDONDO BEACH



#7 HOMER, HERMOSA BEACH

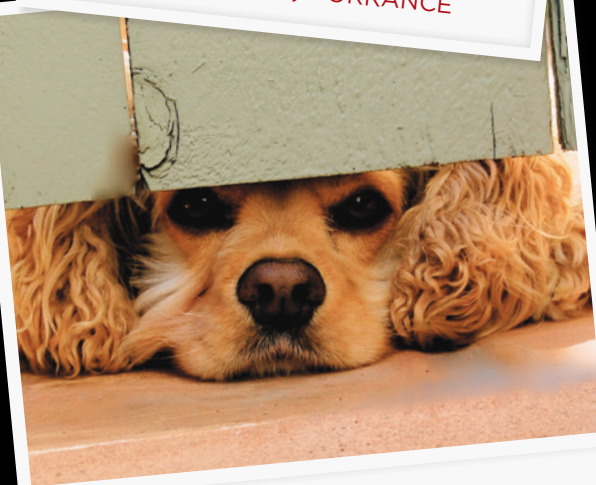
TOP DOG FINALISTS



#8 BEAU, REDONDO BEACH



#9 BENTLEY, TORRANCE



#10 SUNSHINE, REDONDO BEACH

COMFORT AND CARE

Dr. Alice Villalobos, Veterinarian



Bulldog Neo & Bordeaux mastiff Trinity

Renowned veterinarian and Hermosa Beach resident Dr. Alice Villalobos understands the significance of the human-animal bond better than most people—so much so that she travels globally to lecture about the subject.

Dr. Villalobos' expertise on the heartstrings that profoundly connect people and animals stems from a 40-year career as a veterinary oncologist. Before the term "human-animal bond" was universal, it was innately at the core of her passion for animal medicine. In her quest to extend the quality of life for pets and their families, she was the first veterinarian in the U.S. to privately practice veterinary oncology and is a founding member of the Veterinary Cancer Society.

Taking her appreciation for the bond a step further, Dr. Villalobos founded Pawspice—a hospice for companion animals with and without cancer, which she operates alongside her oncology practice. "Quality end-of-life care for animals is very important—just as it is for people. Proper care of their spirits and souls at the end of their lives not only helps the pets but also the families," she says.

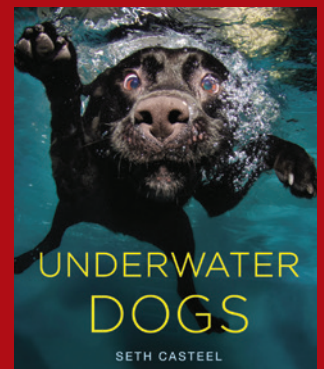
With boundless energy and her sights continually set on making the world a better place for animals, Dr. Villalobos, who is also president of the Society for Veterinary Medical Ethics, says, "The human animal bond enriches our lives. With joyful interactions with our pets, we have the opportunity to provide and receive nurturance, which makes for a beautiful relationship. I just cannot imagine our world without animals." ●

To learn more, visit pawspice.com.

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SPLASH ZONE

In the past month, award-winning photographer Seth Casteel's photos of underwater dogs have stormed the internet, taking over Facebook and Twitter for a combined 150 million views on social media sites. His work has appeared in the *New York Times*, *The Huffington Post*, the *Washington Post* and *The Guardian* to name a few. Releasing October 23, the book *Underwater Dogs* will contain many never-before-seen photographs from Los Angeles-based Casteel. His unique work is a fresh, and oftentimes humorous way of looking at an old friend, the water lending a vibrant kind of energy that you can't look away from.



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