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27 sample pages of the 192-page book.

*Look at them squirming and rolling and leaping and laughing  
and let them do what dogs do best: give us an effervescent dose of  
wordless euphoria.*

—Ann Patchett, from the Foreword

“What an uplifting, beautiful, funny and tremendously cute  
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next best thing!”

—Margaret Cho, Comedian

“Dogs know the secret to happiness, and *DogJoy* proves it—  
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reasons we love our little guys.”

—Patrick McDonnell, Creator of MUTTS

“There is nothing more instantly appealing than a book full of  
smiling dogs. It’s the kind of book Doestoevsky would have written,  
if he’d had the guts.”

—Merrill Markoe, *Nose Up, Eyes Down*, a book about dogs

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The Happiest  
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Seek



Maddie



Philip



Apple



Roxie

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# Smiling DOGS



Naboo

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## INTRODUCTION



A few years ago, a reader sent us a snapshot of her smiling dog, Peppy, and suggested that we include it in our magazine, *The Bark*, and launch a Smiling Dog contest. We thought it was a great idea, and did just that. Since then, we've published thousands of photos—both in the magazine and online—of dogs displaying their boundless enthusiasm for life. Each time I open my email, I'm greeted by a batch of new entries—I ooh and aah over the sweetest of puppies, romp with the pack, take adventure-filled trips or am moved by the sincere seniors. I feel that I must have the best job in the world. Not only do I get to befriend these joyous dogs, but I'm also able to introduce them to the readers of my magazine and now to you, the readers of this book.

Smiling, the purest form of communication, is indeed universal—we do it, dogs do it. Want proof? You'll find it here. Dig in, delight awaits ... here come the smiling dogs!

—Claudia Kawczynska  
Editor-in-chief, *The Bark*

# YOU'RE HOME

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Only gone for a day. A few hours.

For a quart of milk. And there they are, their bright, tongue-waggy faces at the window, at the door as it opens, their furry feet pawing at our pant legs in happy reunion. Luggage dropped. Laptop laid down. Milk set on counter. We're on the ground, they're in our arms. We're theirs. They're ours. We're home.



**FRANKIE** stands proud on his porch. He smiles into the sun and watches the white cat across the street.



Sammy

Sammy loved to hunt for lizards, which were abundant in our backyard on Iberville Street in New Orleans, where we lived before Hurricane Katrina. But he didn't have much luck catching them. So on this day when his daddy arrived home from work with a lizard for him, Sammy was beside himself with joy.



**SOPHIE** is an exuberant little dog with a passion for life, biscuits and walks in the woods.



Baxter

Mackenzie

Both dogs are Save a Sato rescues from Puerto Rico and now serve as the welcoming committee, greeting visitors to our home with their smiles.

# SWEETIES

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Hail the sweeties, the pups who melt into a puddle at your feet with the first touch or scratch. The ones who offer those soft, warm nuzzles that invariably bring on the giggles, the ones who magically spark any moment with a smile that says, without a doubt, “Guess what? I love you!”

BLUE's photo was taken on his first day in his forever home. It captures the joy and innocence of this newly weaned rescue pup and reaffirms that life is good, people can be kind and strangers can make a difference.



Rascal was lying on Mom's side, basking in the sun as we cruised around the lake in our pontoon boat.

Rascal



Maeby

As a baby, Maeby had the habit of falling quickly asleep the moment she stepped on grass, almost as if she had been hypnotized. I took this picture on the first day she realized the green stuff wasn't just for snoring—it was also the place we threw a blue squishy thing called a ball. She was simply delighted.

Mercury



**Look at those eyes: dark little pools of pure sweetness. When he's not sleeping on your feet, surfing the counters for a snack or herding squirrels, Mercury is smiling with those eyes ....**



# SINCERE

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Sincerity is a virtue, it's said, and is anything more sincere than a canine smile? Reflections of dogs' honest hearts and capacity for joy, these smiles remind us that reveling in the moment and sharing that pleasure with our companions are surefire ways to happiness.

In 2002 we adopted this little guy from a woman who had 80 rescued dogs on the outskirts of Dallas. We named him Mr. Tuvok after the lieutenant commander from Star Trek Voyager, since he was to become our security officer. He had a big heart, bum leg and bad teeth, but we fixed him up. And he took good care of our hearts after that.



Mr. Tuvok

Sincerity is the dog's gift to us.



Millie



Molson



Fenway



Elmo



Max



Sophie



Arnie



Jasmine



Logan



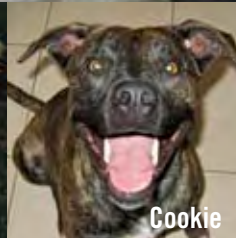
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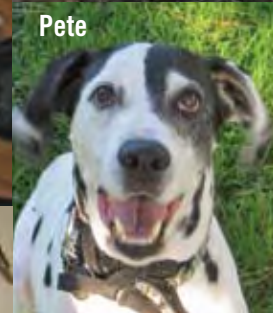
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Daisy Doo



Cookie



Pete

# FIRST FRIENDS

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When dogs find their soul mates, kindred spirits, matches for their hearts, they just want to spend every minute rolling/running/pawing/playing together. That the kindred spirits are smaller and sillier and sweeter than the big people is a plus. That they'll get down on the ground and giggle is a double plus.



**REBECCA & TONALA**  
Happy to be with  
my very best pal  
(and the feeling  
is mutual).

### Kayla & Chewie

Chewie is excited when Kayla returns home from school.



### Buddy & Owen

Buddy has been a great source of entertainment for five-month-old Owen, who lights up whenever he sees him. If I say, "Where's the doggie?" Owen will look down to see where he is.



### Pierson & Max

Max welcomes a "back rub" from his favorite girl.



### Twister & Chloe



We celebrated the arrival of our adopted niece, Chloe, from China. The photo was taken on Chloe's first visit to my house. Twister usually wears a very somber expression, but that day, he must have felt the joy as Chloe made us all smile.

# AT PLAY

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There are the reach-for-the-sky leaps, the tug-tug-tugs with a holey sock, the squirm-on-the-back moments, the you-can't-catch-me dashes around the yard. But no matter what the playtime inclination, the “this-is-a-blast” ear-to-ear beaming is a happy constant.



**SCOTCH**  
This leaper knows no bounds.



**BAILEY & EMMA**  
Dog vacation to the  
vast, sandy beaches  
of the Oregon Coast.  
Pure bliss!



**YOGI**  
Absolute glee for  
both Yogi and all  
those who watch him  
joyously running.



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