

THE 2023 HAPPY ENDINGS CALENDAR

2022 will go down in history as one of the most difficult years we've seen in rescue. Shelters overflowed with homeless animals, many unthinkingly bred for profit or abandoned by owners who wanted vacation getaways more than they wanted their dogs. It was a year that demanded more of our rescue heroes than ever and asked rescue organizations to do more than we've been asked to do any time in our history. We are grateful to all those who went above and beyond to help us save as many Pysr as possible. They are the true rescue heroes who will lead us into a better 2023.

★ THE TOP DOGS OF 2023

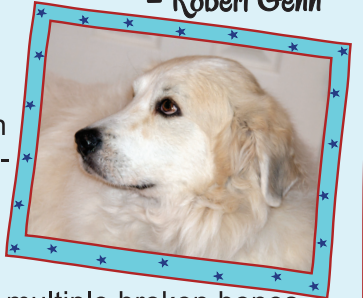
Dogs are more than pets, they can be deep learning experiences if we take the time to listen and learn. Top Dog Sully had that calming effect on Trish. First Runner Up, Winston, went through several surgeries as a pup; he now makes everyone's day better despite everything he went through. Tate and Grace, Second Place, are nature lovers who know how to enjoy every day. Bear and Luna, Third Place, escaped an awful situation to become the kindest, sweetest companions anyone could ask for. Fourth Place Jenny loves her early morning walks in the desert, a beautiful time to commune with nature. Threesome Jake, Olive and Josie bring their family much joy. Lancelot is a natural-born gardener, while Sunny provides the spark and excitement in his family. Thank you to everyone who entered their wonderful dogs and voted in the contest.



Sully ★ Pennsylvania
7,007 VOTES

"Dogs are angels sent from heaven in order to help us to be better people."
- Robert Genn

★ **THERE IS NEVER ENOUGH TIME IN THE WORLD FOR US TO SHARE WITH OUR BELOVED CANINE FRIENDS** It is almost as if they come into our lives with just enough time to teach us the life lessons we need, and they leave us as we become a better version of ourselves. Sully is one of those special ones who continues to teach and inspire us, even after his physical form has left this world.



★ **SULLY SPENT HIS FIRST FIVE YEARS OF HIS LIFE CHAINED TO A TREE**

Starved and abused, he came into rescue emaciated, with multiple broken bones that had not received medical care. Despite all the physical and emotional trauma, Sully was the sweetest and most trusting dog. When Trish met Sully in the parking lot to pick him up, Sully was standing up in the backseat, wagging his tail, staring directly at Trish. It was right then and there that Sully chose to become Trish's canine soulmate.



★ **FROM THAT DAY ON, SULLY AND TRISH WERE JOINED AT THE HIP** Trish even brought Sully to her CancerCare office in Manhattan, much to the delight of her staff and clients. Sully could not have been a more affectionate and loving companion; he adored everyone he met and would not hesitate to ask for belly rubs and head scratches. Perhaps the union of Sully and Trish was meant to be. Not only did Sully offer much-needed comfort to Trish throughout her cancer diagnosis and treatment journey, but he also inspired CancerCare's Pet Assistance & Wellness (PAW) Program, helping people undergoing cancer treatment with the challenges of keeping their beloved furry friends at home.



★ **WHEN TRISH CAME HOME FROM THE CITY ON THE WEEKENDS, SULLY WAS BESIDE HIMSELF WITH JOY**

This big fluffy dog would run around the house, bunny hopping with excitement, and even sing his special "Trish is home!" song to welcome her home. Just like a true guardian dog, Sully took it upon himself to guard the perimeter of the fence, alerting to any potential intruder.

★ **A YEAR LATER, SULLY AND TRISH WELCOMED LONDON, ALSO FROM NGPR, INTO THE FAMILY** Sully immediately took London under his wing and the two of them were inseparable. Sully even trained London on the perimeter guarding duty – when Sully looked left, London would look to the right – making sure that all directions were under their watchful eyes. As Sully's health started to decline as time went on, he delegated the guardian duties to London while he enjoyed retirement life.



★ **SULLY HAS SINCE LEFT US AND CROSSED THE RAINBOW BRIDGE** But he continues to inspire and encourage Trish and many of us, in our capacity not only to bear some of the most challenging times in our lives, but to come out on the other side with more compassion, the ability to trust and not dwell too much in the pain of the past, but rather to look into the eyes of those hoping for your comfort and to comfort you.

Sully will forever be missed, but his story will continue to inspire and encourage us as we strive to become better people, for everyone and every living being that cross our paths.



Ava & Winston ★ New Mexico
4,504 VOTES



Tate & Grace ★ North Carolina
4,157 VOTES



Bear & Luna ★ New York
3,850 VOTES



Olive, Josie, Jake ★ Ohio
3,045 VOTES



Lancelot ★ Maryland
3,000 VOTES



Sunny ★ Maryland
3,000 VOTES



Jenny ★ New Mexico
3,715 VOTES

★ HONOR ROLL OF TOP DOGS

★ OLIVER - MA 2,840 VOTES	★ DAISY - UT 2,000 VOTES	★ MADDY - NC 2,000 VOTES
★ HUEY - PA 1,000 VOTES	★ CALI & DUDLEY - CA 1,000 VOTES	★ OAKLEY - CT 1,000 VOTES
★ CRISTINE - OH 925 VOTES	★ MURPHY - NY 900 VOTES	★ THOR & LOKI - FL 845 VOTES
★ SAMPSON - MA 680 VOTES	★ SANDY - WA 600 VOTES	★ RUMPOLE - MA 585 VOTES
★ LUCY - MA 580 VOTES	★ HULK - OH 580 VOTES	★ REX - OR 560 VOTES