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#### Dear Upstate Real Producers,

As we usher in the blooming beauty of April, we extend our warmest wishes for a Happy Belated Easter! We hope this month brings you renewed joy, prosperity, and a sense of new beginnings.

In the spirit of celebrating not only the season but also the companionship that enriches our lives, this edition of Upstate Real Producers Magazine is dedicated to our beloved furry friends. We're thrilled to showcase the endearing bond between realtors and their pets, as we celebrate National Pets Month.

Our pages come alive with the playful paws and wagging tails of our industry's finest - the pets of our esteemed realtors. In this special feature, we bring you heartwarming tales of companionship, loyalty, and the joy that these four-legged family members bring to their homes.

But the celebration doesn't stop there. Join us in applauding the pets of our exceptional professionals in the real estate realm. From the seasoned Top Producers to the promising Rising Stars, these furry companions have been by their side, offering support and love in every endeavor.

In this edition, we're excited to shine a spotlight on our exceptional Preferred Partners. These businesses embody a commitment to excellence and have proven to be invaluable allies in the real estate landscape. Join us in exploring the diverse offerings of these trusted partners, each contributing to the overall success and satisfaction of our readers. Get to know the businesses that share our dedication to delivering quality services and products, ensuring your real estate journey is both seamless and rewarding.

As you flip through the pages of this edition, may you be inspired by the tales of devotion, resilience, and the joy that pets bring into our lives. From all of us at Upstate Real Producers Magazine, we wish you a month filled with love, laughter, and the delightful company of your cherished pets.

Happy reading!

Warm regards,

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# BIOLOGY SPECIAL PET OF ROBBY BRADY

Robert Brady: A Real Estate Leader and His Furry Companion Rex DeBusk-Brady, the Sheltie Brightening Up Allen Tate Office

In the bustling halls of the Allen Tate office, amidst the whirlwind of real estate transactions and paperwork, there's a furry face that brings joy to everyone he meets. Meet Rex DeBusk-Brady, the nine-month-old Sheltie who is not just a beloved companion to his owner, Robby Brady, but also a cherished member of the Allen Tate family.

Rex's presence is like a ray of sunshine in the office. With his affectionate nature and boundless energy, he effortlessly uplifts the spirits of everyone around him. Whether he's wagging his tail in greeting or offering a paw of friendship, Rex has a special knack for making people feel welcome.

What sets Rex apart is his remarkable disposition. Calm, confident, and well-behaved, he exudes a sense of grace and charm that's truly captivating. He adores the company of other dogs and children, making him a beloved playmate for all.

But Rex's charms extend beyond the office walls. He's a seasoned traveler, always ready for an adventure with his doting owner. From road trips to new destinations to leisurely strolls in the park, Rex approaches life with an infectious enthusiasm that's impossible to resist.





For Robby Brady and the entire team at Allen Tate, Rex isn't just a pet; he's family. His presence enriches their lives in countless ways, reminding them of the simple joys and unconditional love that pets bring into our world.

As we celebrate National Pet Month, let's tip our hats to Rex DeBusk-Brady, the Sheltie with a heart of gold, who exemplifies the bond between humans and their furry companions. In his own special way, Rex reminds us that love knows no bounds, and that every day is brighter with a loyal friend by our side.

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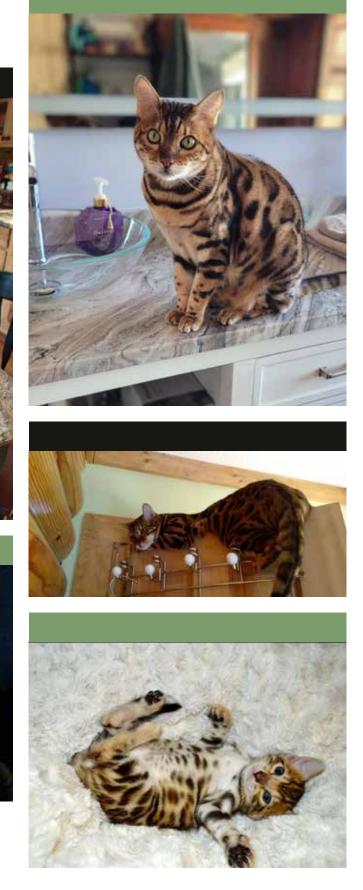
# HEFFNERöö

In the bustling world of real estate, where deals and negotiations reign supreme, Cassie Simpson of Keller Williams Western Upstate finds solace and companionship in the presence of her extraordinary feline friend – the one and only Heffner Simpson.

Heffner, a distinguished 9-year-old neutered Registered Bengal, is not your average pet. Born in the golden state of California, this bold and possessive feline skipped the show ring to become Cassie's steadfast companion. Their bond is nothing short of inseparable, with Heffner earning the title of Cassie's velcro and heart.

This regal Bengal, named aptly after the iconic Hugh Hefner, exudes an air of confidence and charisma. His sleek, silky coat with a hint of glitter sets him apart, showcasing the wild traits inherited from his part-Asian Leopard Cat ancestry. Heffner's taste is equally refined, starting and ending each day with a special diet featuring the finest venison.

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What makes Heffner truly special, however, goes beyond his stunning appearance and unique diet. Bengals, unlike their feline counterparts, are more reminiscent of canines. Heffner plays tough, scales doors, and seeks out the highest perches in Cassie's home. Desiring constant contact, he is often found on her lap, nestled on her chest, or snugly positioned between her and the back of a chair, making capturing the perfect photo a delightful challenge.

For Cassie, Heffner is not just a pet; he is a source of joy, companionship, and a welcome respite from the demands of the real estate world. In the heart of National Pet Month, we celebrate Heffner Simpson – a true luminary in the world of real estate and the purrfect example of the extraordinary bond between a dedicated real estate agent and her feline confidant.

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Stephanie Burger: A Top Producer at Coldwell Banker Caine and her sidekick Taco Burger

In the bustling world of real estate, where deals are made, homes are sold, and dreams are realized, there's often a steadfast companion accompanying the agents on their journey. For Stephanie Burger, a top producer at Coldwell Banker Caine, her faithful partner is none other than Taco Burger, the charismatic 50-pound "mini goldendoodle."

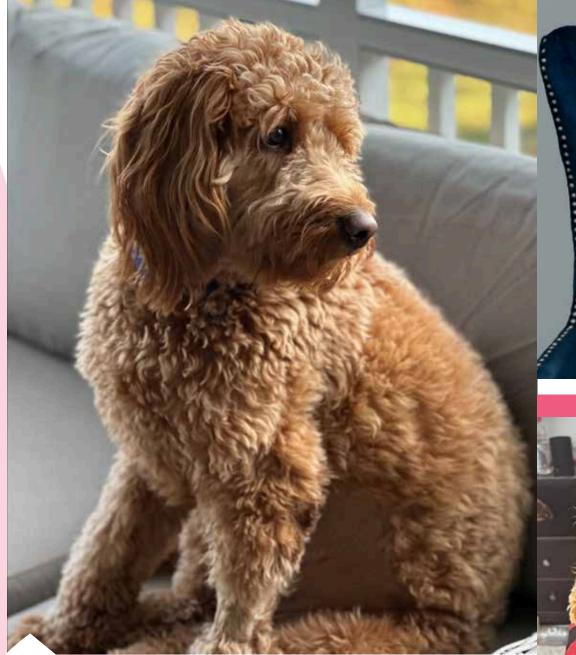
Taco is not your average office dog; he's a bundle of joy with a personality as expansive as the properties Stephanie sells. With his expressive eyes and a wagging tail that can brighten even the most challenging days, Taco has become a beloved figure around the Coldwell Banker Caine offices.

Described as almost human-like, Taco possesses an uncanny ability to understand and respond to words, making him an ideal listening ear for Stephanie after a busy day of negotiations. His snuggly nature and love for treats make him the perfect stress-reliever, creating a positive atmosphere in the workplace.

#### SPECIAL PET OF STEPHANIE BURGER

Stephanie Burger proudly acknowledges Taco's role in her success as a top producer, stating, "Taco is more than a pet; he's a source of comfort, companionship, and endless joy. His presence has a way of transforming the office environment, fostering a sense of camaraderie among the team."

In the competitive world of real estate, where deals are won and lost in the blink of an eye, having Taco Burger by her side sets Stephanie apart. As National Pet Month unfolds, it's clear that Taco is not just a pet but an integral part of the Coldwell Banker Caine family, bringing smiles and tail wags to all who cross his path.







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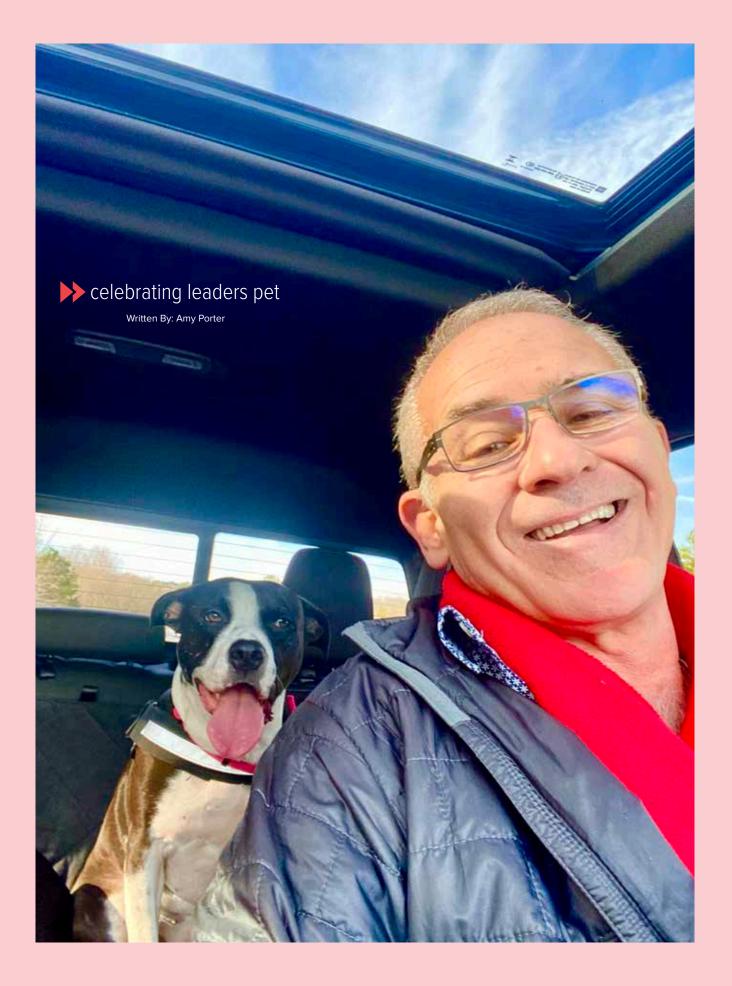


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HERCULES, BO,&ABBY

> Meet Hercules, the four-year-old German Shepherd who, in addition to being Frank's loyal companion, serves as the family's protector. With a heart as big as his imposing presence, Hercules exudes sweetness and a great sense of humor. Always ready to play with his siblings, he forms the cornerstone of the Julian family's joy.

#### Bo - The Pool-Loving Mix Breed

Bo, the charming brown mix breed, adds a touch of playfulness to the household. Though he may prefer being the only child, he graciously tolerates his big brother and sister. Bo's love for swimming is unmatched; in the summer, he becomes an aquatic enthusiast, making a splash in the family pool whenever he can.

#### Abby - From Roadside Rescue to Family Matriarch

Abby's story is one that tugs at the heartstrings. Spotted on the side of the road in need of help, Frank couldn't ignore her plea for assistance. After a heartwarming rescue mission, Abby went from a trash pile to a loving home. Her journey from a roadside discovery to becoming a foster failure is a testament to the compassion and dedication of the Julian family.

#### SPECIAL PET OF FRANK JULIAN

#### Frank Julian: A Real Estate Leader and his Three Canine Companions

In the bustling world of real estate, where deals are made and homes find new owners, one Broker Associate stands out not only for his professional achievements but also for the love he shares with his three furry friends. Frank Julian, a Celebrated Leader in the real estate community, brings a unique warmth to the industry, thanks to his cherished German Shepherd, Hercules, and the delightful duo, Bo and Abby.

#### Hercules - The Guardian with a Sense of Humor











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This National Pet Month, we

celebrate not only the thriving real estate career of Frank Julian but

also the unconditional love and joy

brought by Hercules, Bo, and Abby. As they play, protect, and swim

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is a reminder that sometimes, the

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In just a short time, Abby has not only found love but also assumed the role of the household boss, keeping both Hercules and Bo in line. She's a sweet addition to the family, and her bond with Hercules is nothing short of heartwarming.

Frank's commitment to his pets extends beyond the home, as he exemplifies responsible pet ownership by ensuring they receive

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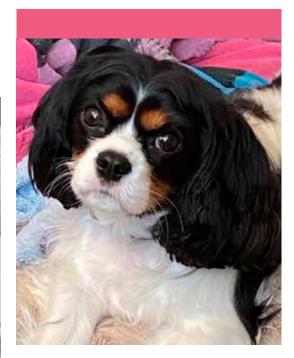
In the bustling world of real estate, where deals are made and homes find their perfect owners, there's a charming companion stealing the spotlight at RE/MAX Executive – none other than Miss Chloe Christopher. The four-legged royalty of Suzette Christopher, a top producer at RE/MAX Executive, Miss Chloe is a three-year-old King Charles Cavalier who adds a touch of playfulness and warmth to the real estate hustle.

With her tri-color coat adorned in black, white, and tan, Miss Chloe is not just a pet; she's a joyous member of the Christopher family. Known for her friendly and outgoing nature, this little charmer has a playful spirit that makes her the life of the party, especially when









meeting new people. Whether it's a flight to Florida or a road trip to Charleston, Miss Chloe is a seasoned traveler who loves adventure, particularly when water is involved.

But what makes Miss Chloe truly special is her heartwarming interactions with the residents at Suzette's mother's assisted living facility. With a tail-wagging welcome and a little turnabout dance that accompanies her happiness, Miss Chloe brightens the days of those she meets, spreading joy and love wherever her paws take her.

One of her endearing quirks is the delightful act of wiping her feet before entering the Christopher home, showcasing both her intelligence and easy trainability. Suzette Christopher proudly describes Miss Chloe as the most friendly, fun, and outgoing pup the family has ever had. She's not just a pet; she's a beloved member of the Christopher clan, bringing immeasurable happiness to family and friends alike.

So, the next time you find yourself at RE/MAX Executive, don't be surprised if you're greeted by the affable Miss Chloe Christopher. With her warm heart and playful demeanor, she's not just a real estate agent's pet – she's a beloved companion, making every day National Pet Month in her own special way.

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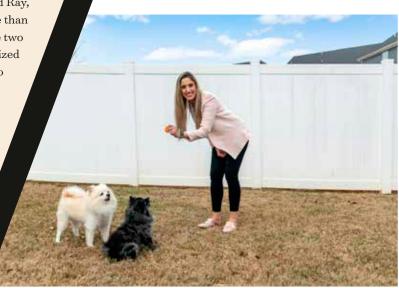
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"Rising Star Pets: Meet Sky and Ray, the Enchanting Pomeranian Duo of Talia Gila, Keller Williams Greenville Central"

In the fast-paced world of real estate, where deals are made and dreams come true, there's a rising star with a pair of four-legged companions stealing the spotlight. Talia Gila, a passionate real estate agent from Keller Williams Greenville Central, has two remarkable sidekicks that bring joy and companionship to her bustling life – Sky and Ray.

Sky, the charming gray Pomeranian, and Ray, the elegant white counterpart, are more than just pets to Talia – they're family. These two male pups, although not your average-sized Pomeranians, have an uncanny ability to melt hearts with their adorable antics.

These beautiful dogs are more than just a delightful sight; they are highly intelligent and love to engage in playful activities and travel adventures. Spoiled and happy, Sky and Ray have found a special place in Talia's heart, bringing an extra layer of warmth and joy to her life. SPECIAL PET OF TALIA GILA



What makes these canine companions truly special is their protective nature and the boundless love they shower on Talia. Their affectionate cuddles and the reassuring feeling of being needed create a unique bond that goes beyond the ordinary. Whether it's at home or out meeting clients, Sky and Ray exude charm and leave a lasting impression on everyone they encounter.

In the competitive world of real estate, where every agent strives to stand out, Talia Gila has found her secret weapons in Sky and Ray. These adorable, smart, and affectionate Pomeranians not only make every day brighter for Talia but also add an extra touch of warmth to the Keller Williams Greenville Central family. Sky and Ray, the dynamic duo, prove that in the journey of success, having a loyal and loving companion by your side makes all the difference.







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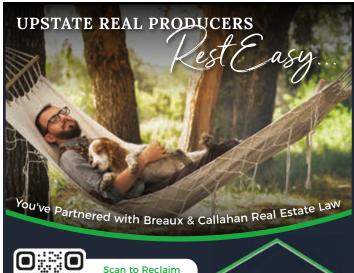
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Nestled in the heart of Seneca, SC, Mac & Morgan Interiors has been transforming homes and hearts since its inception in January 2018. Founded by the dynamic duo, Heather MacCormick and Haley Morgan, the business stands as a beacon of creativity, innovation, and heartfelt design. Celebrating their journey, Heather and Haley share the story of Mac & Morgan Interiors, a place where design dreams meet reality.

#### The Genesis of Mac & Morgan Interiors

The story of Mac & Morgan Interiors began with two last names and a shared vision. Heather MacCormick and Haley Morgan, both seasoned veterans in the design world, decided to merge their talents and last names, creating a brand that speaks volumes through its name and its work. "Choosing the name was easy," Haley shares, "It symbolized our partnership and sounded great together!"

With a storefront at 1448 Blue Ridge Blvd., Suite 200, Seneca, SC, 29672, Mac & Morgan Interiors quickly grew from a dream into a bustling hub of design and creativity. The business also boasts a strong online presence with a website (macandmorgan.com) and dedicated Instagram accounts (@mac\_and\_ morgan for interiors, @mac\_and\_morgan\_ home for retail home goods), allowing clients and design enthusiasts to explore their work and find inspiration.

#### **A Family Foundation**

Behind the scenes, Heather and Haley are more than business partners; they're family-oriented individuals who bring warmth and personal touch to their work. Haley, alongside her husband Joel and their son Ethan, celebrated their 10th anniversary, marking a decade of love, growth, and inspiration. Heather, with her husband Jason and their adopted children, Emmarie and Bryson, brings a story of love, resilience, and the beauty of making a house a home.

#### **Design Services that Transform Spaces**

Mac & Morgan Interiors offers a full spectrum of design services, from selecting the perfect wallpaper to comprehensive design and furnishing of homes from the ground up. "We help with small jobs as simple as picking out wallpaper for one wall up to helping design and furnish homes from the ground up," Haley explains. Their retail store and design center complete the circle, providing clients with a one-stop destination for all their design needs.



#### Community Engagement and Success

Both Heather and Haley attribute their success to hard work, never giving up, and a keen design talent. Their journey has been one of blood, sweat, and tears, but six years in, the rewards are evident. Beyond their business achievements, Mac & Morgan Interiors is deeply committed to the community, partnering with Ripple of One for donations and designing special bedrooms for adopted teens, bringing joy and comfort to those in need.

#### Unique Style and Client Relationships

What sets Mac & Morgan Interiors apart is their unique style and the personal relationships they build with their clients. "Our style and aesthetic is unique to the area," Heather notes, emphasizing their modern and transitional design approach that has filled a void in the region. The most rewarding part of their business is seeing the transformation of spaces and the positive impact it has on their clients' lives.



#### Looking Forward

As Mac & Morgan Interiors continues to grow, Heather and Haley's vision for the future is clear: a business that runs itself, allowing them to focus on design, innovation, and family. Their journey is a testament to the power of hard work, partnership, and the belief that design can transform not just spaces, but lives.

For those in Seneca and beyond, Mac & Morgan Interiors offers not just design services, but a partnership that brings dreams to life. Heather, Haley, and their team invite you to explore what it means to live in a space that truly feels like home.

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