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Dog Days

OF SUMMER



One of my favorite things about Real Producers is the opportunity to learn about the people behind the business.

This month, we invited our NoCo real estate agents and preferred partners to introduce us to the dogs who share their homes, offices, road trips, walks, Zoom calls, and daily lives. The response was overwhelming, in the best possible way.

As we planned this issue, I expected plenty of adorable photos and cute stories. We certainly received those. I loved getting to know the office supervisors, watchdogs, customer service representatives, and even a few social media influencers. I learned about dogs who howl at trains, steal toilet paper, negotiate aggressively for snacks, monitor meetings from strategic lounging positions, and somehow manage to become the center of every family they join.

What I treasure most, however, are the lessons.

Again and again, I read about patience, loyalty, consistency, resilience, unconditional love, and the importance of slowing down. Many of the professionals in the pages that follow share how their dogs remind them to take walks, clear their minds, stay present, meet people where they are, and focus on what truly matters. In an industry that often moves at a relentless pace, those reminders are powerful.

Here, you'll find stories of rescue dogs overcoming unimaginable circumstances. Dogs who inspire their families through courage and perseverance. Communities rallying around beloved pets during difficult seasons. These stories reveal something bigger than the dogs themselves; they reveal connection.

Dogs have a unique way of bringing people together. They don't care about production numbers, titles, awards, or transactions. They greet us with the same enthusiasm on our best days and our



Rest easy sweet Toby, 6/7/2025-3/14/2026
Stephanie Woodard, Bumblebee Photobooth

hardest ones. They remind us to celebrate the small moments, extend grace, and lead with love.

I hope this special Dog Days of Summer issue makes you smile, chuckle, and maybe even reach down to scratch a furry friend behind the ears. Most of all, I hope it reminds you that some of life's greatest teachers walk beside us on four legs. For those who have lost a beloved pet, our hearts are with you. The love, loyalty, and memories they leave behind become part of us forever.

Enjoy the issue.



Mary Burrell
(and pup Lexi)
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Taiga

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Ready for Anything

Taiga is a long-coated German shepherd. She has a playful and watchful personality. She is always ready for a kiss (and nibble) and loves to be part of whatever is going on.

Walk it Out

Taiga is my partner in keeping my mind straight. She is always ready for a walk to clear my head, and she is definitely a conversation starter with people I meet.

Training for Success

She has taught me (through training her) that without putting consistent effort into my everyday actions, I can't expect quality results.

Big Dog, Soft Heart

Taiga is truly part of our family. She is a gentle soul and wants to meet any and every dog she comes across. While she may look intimidating to some, she is an absolute sweetheart and a pleasure to be around.



Oliver & Dug

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The Golden Boys

Golden retrievers: Oliver (grandpa) and Dug (grandson).

Workday Wingmen

They help watch over Mabel, supervise meetings at my feet, and are my cuddle bugs at night when I'm back on my laptop. They are always by my side when I'm working.

Lead With Love

Oliver and Dug teach me patience and everlasting love, which reminds me that each person has a story and to meet everyone where they are and share an open heart to those before judging.

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From left to right: Foster, Echo, Rye, Newt, Lena

Foster, Echo, Rye, Newt, & Lena

SEAN HUDGENS:
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Roll Call

Foster: Blue heeler mix, age 9. Good-natured and even-keeled. He’s happiest when he’s near me, preferably on a raft or next to a river. He is 100% a fishing dog.

Echo: German shorthaired pointer, age 5. Extremely loving, hardworking, and eager to please. She’s lazy in the house and a star athlete in the field.

Rye: English setter, age 1.5. Goofy, independent, and always ready to run. She loves birds more than life itself.



Newt: English cocker spaniel, age 6. Lovably insane. Always ready to bounce off furniture or run through a brick wall. Newt lives to work. He’s a fast learner, high energy, and would love to cuddle—except he can’t sit still long enough to make it happen.

Lena: Pure mutt, age 11. Playful in short bursts, loves people, tolerates other dogs, and would be perfectly content spending the entire day sleeping in bed.

On Duty

The dogs don’t join me en masse, but they take turns accompanying me throughout the workday. They have become regular fixtures at the office, complete with a dedicated bed under my desk. They’re always up for some windshield time and have joined me on many showing tours over the years. Foster even earned special recognition from one client, who praised him as the best cure for home-shopping anxiety after he spent time sitting with her following a particularly busy day of showings. The dogs have appeared in Instagram marketing content, inspired our “Dog Approved” note cards that we leave in listings with exceptional yards, and have starred in property videos. Most recently, Newt served as our “Vanna Black and White” during a raffle drawing for a stand-up paddleboard



giveaway at our 1513 Linden Lake open houses. You can see the full video on The Barefoot Team Instagram page.

Lessons From the Pack

Our dogs have taught me so much, I don’t know where to start. They are the ultimate expression of unconditional love and, as the saying goes, I strive to be the man my dogs think I am. I love working with and training our dogs because the process has helped me become more observant, more patient, and more intentional. Animals are a great mirror for examining how we show up in the world. They pick up on cues and emotions that we may not even be conscious of ourselves. They reflect back the energy we put out, which is something I think about regularly in both life and business.



In real estate, energy and momentum matter. My job is to manage my own energy and meet clients where they are so they feel seen and heard. Then, I help turn anxiety into excitement and fear into confidence. In many ways, those tasks are not all that different from dog training. Both require patience, consistency, trust, and an understanding that progress happens when you create an environment where others feel safe and supported.

Full House

I get asked frequently, “How many dogs do you have again?” to which I usually reply, “Only five.” The reaction is always priceless as people process both the fact that I have five dogs and that I seem to think it’s a relatively small number. I’m under no illusion that having five dogs is normal, but it’s definitely not boring, and life is far too short to be boring.

Having five dogs means they have long since outgrown the status of a side hobby. Each year, my wife and I travel extensively, spending upwards of 40 days bird hunting across as many as seven states with our dogs. Thanks to them, we have experienced incredible parts of the country that most people will never think about, let alone have the opportunity to see. At the end of the day, it is all for them. Getting to watch a bird dog live up to its genetic potential and do the thing it was bred to do is something akin to poetry in motion.

Sage



ADRIEN RUCKLE
Land Title

Sweet With a Side of Sass

Sage is an English shepherd. She's a rescue, 11-ish, sweet, and sassy.

The Home Team

She protects the house while I'm out and about, has gone on walks with clients and their dogs, and occasionally serves as my co-pilot when making deliveries.

Grounded

Sage is more than just a pet; she's my grounding force. Her massive dose of sass and sweetness is exactly what I need amid life's chaos. She reminds me to see the joy in every day with her unconditional love and her playful spark of intelligence.

Ollie

JASON PERCHA
COUNTRY Financial

A Decade of Ollie

Ollie is a 10-year-old morkie (a cross between a Maltese and a Yorkshire terrier, or Yorkie).

Office Security

He's our little gatekeeper at the office.

The Power of a Pause

Ollie teaches me patience and reminds me to take time-outs to be present, play for a few minutes, and get outside midday for some fresh air and to clear my mind.

The Best of Us

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Ruger & Ford

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Ruger is a 4-year-old German shorthaired pointer. He is a down-to-earth good boy with a satiation for birds. Ford is a 13-week-old black lab who loves to terrorize his brother, retrieve ducks, and smash a pup cup.

Support Staff

Ruger helps me keep Ford in line while I'm tied up. They both keep me energized during multiple breaks in the day. Ford helps me occupy title reps while closing loans at our local title companies.

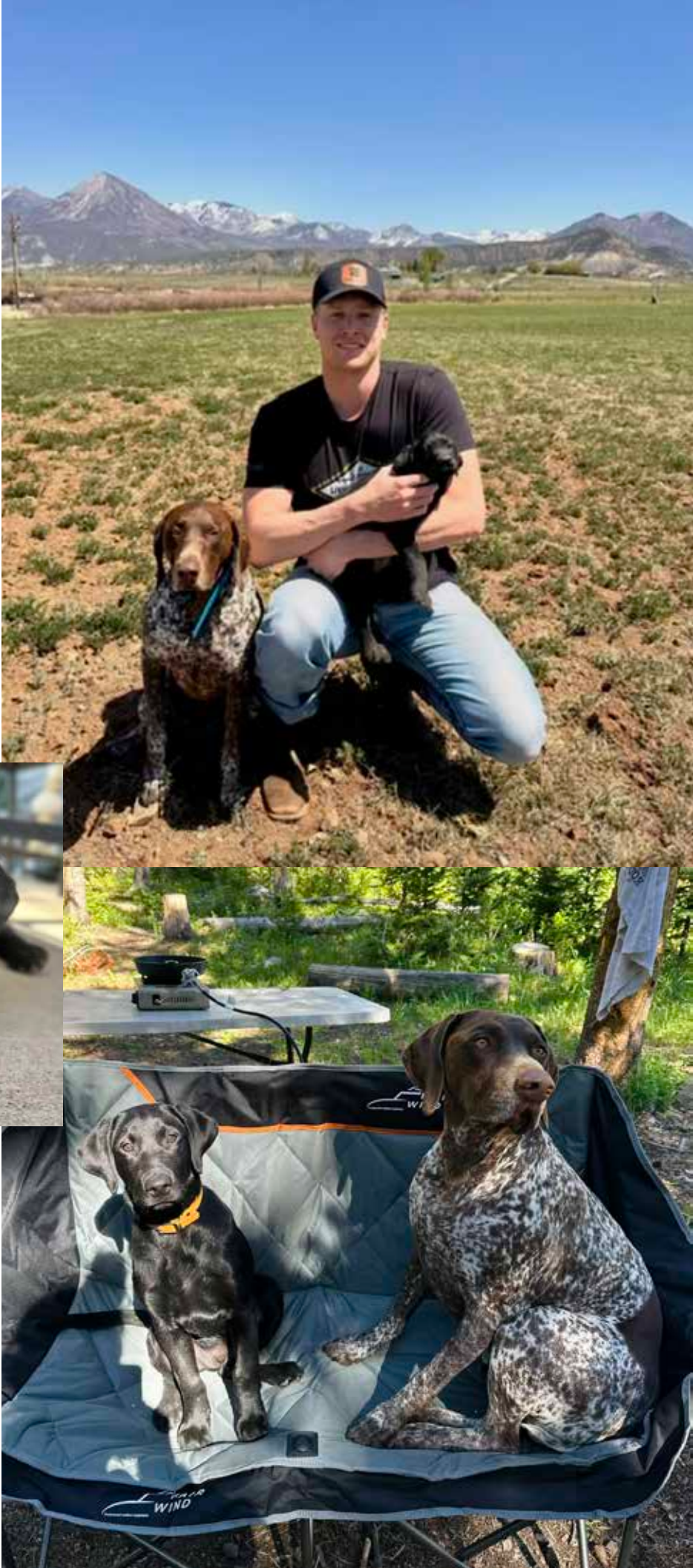


Patience Pays Off

When things aren't smooth and life/business is chaotic, I rely on my foundation of consistency and training to get through the ups and downs—just like Ford and Ruger.

Stronger Together

Ruger and Ford are a testament to having a good team. They are my team here on the ground, keeping me focused and grateful daily, and my loan team at Rural 1st is my team on the loan side, helping provide world-class service.



Lily

BRYAN ZENNER
Inspections
Over Coffee

Meet Lily

Lily is a cocker spaniel/chow chow mix. She is 15 years old and the sweetest and sassiest little girl who knows what she wants (and it's always chicken treats).

On the Job

Lily is our home office manager. She snoozes next to us during meetings, is very interested in our inspection equipment (supervises the reorganization of the garage), and is the best companion at the end of a long day in the field.

Lessons in Loyalty

I rescued Lily when she was a year old after a rough start to her life in the streets of Reno, Nevada. She has always been a nervous dog, but she is also bold, loving, trusting, and loyal, and she reminds me to be the same. Fear and doubt are factors for all of us, but if we lead with these qualities in business and in life, we are all better humans.

Lily's Greatest Hits

Lily is 15, so she can't hear anymore, but she used to be quite a singer. If a train passed by, she would howl along, and if I started singing, she would join in—louder and more passionate the more into the song she got.





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Leo

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Pocket-Size Personality

Leo is a 3.2-pound teacup Yorkshire terrier. Two-year-old Baby Leo is a spunky, loving, and friendly pup. He loves everyone he meets. He loves children and the elderly. We are working on his therapy dog license to bring a smile to people's faces. He is very active, enjoys long walks in the park, and is my adventure buddy. He loves to chase moths and grasshoppers in his spare time.

Chief Happiness Officer

Leo is my customer service rep. His job is to create a positive experience during the most stressful times of buying or selling a house. His nurturing energy and sweet soul brighten everyone's day. He helps me run numbers for our



clients' annual reviews and sometimes tags along for meetings. He has been at the closing table and even outside

showings per clients' requests. My clients love him, and he loves them, too.

Slow Down & Smile

My dog has taught me to be patient and present, to slow down, and to enjoy life. Life is beautiful and colorful. Leo pulls me outside for fresh air and lets me meet new people wherever we go. Leo seems to even win over people who don't like dogs.

Local Celebrity

Leo is a staple in Northern Colorado and very well known. He has acquired over 25,000 viewers for his videos thanks to his sweetness and funny personality.

Howard & Harlow

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A Perfect Pair

The Berner's name is Howie (Howard). He is a big, lovable goofball. The goldendoodle is Harlow. She is a typical golden/poodle mix and loves fetch at the dog park.

Fan Favorites

I bring the dogs into the office on occasion. I post funny pics and videos on Facebook, mostly of Howie, and people tell me all the time they love my Howard posts.

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Marley & Otis

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Marley is a sweet girl who is just an overall lover. She is a mix of a whole lot of stuff. Otis is a mini-poodle who is so spunky and smart. He loves belly rubs and lots of love.

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Pug Life
Harley is a 9-year-old fawn pug. She is very much a diva and doesn't know she's a dog. Harley runs the house. She's the sweetest girl. Henry is a 6-year-old black pug. Henry is a momma's boy and is always up for any adventure. He's never met a stranger. He is the happiest boy.

Brand Ambassadors
My logo and sign riders all include a pug. Harley is on all my notepads and can often be found on my lap during Zoom meetings. Henry and Harley have both been office morale support for the Harmony office. Other brokers in the office have posted videos and photos of the pugs on their pages; they're like little

celebrities. Harley has been riding in a stroller during her walks because of her age. My clients and fellow REALTORS® will see us out walking and honk, wave, and call to acknowledge how cute Harley is in her stroller. Anyone who knows me knows the pugs.

Be Like Harley and Henry
They've taught me to find the good in any situation. These dogs are always happy, no matter what is going on. You can't be in a bad mood when they're around. We always joke that we need to be more like Harley and Henry. They've also taught me to slow down and enjoy the small things. We are always rushing, especially in real estate. Slowing

down is almost always beneficial and gives us time to enjoy the process.

The Village
Harley was diagnosed with an autoimmune disease and nearly died last year. I reached out to my community, including fellow REALTORS® and clients, and they rallied, prayed, and checked on us the whole time. Without their support, I don't know what I would have done. My clients continue to check on her and cheer for her. It's a miracle she's alive, and I am forever grateful for my business's support during such a hard time. The fact that people still ask about her is so touching and means the world to me.

George & Phoenix

RONDI DUPONT
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Personality Plus
George is a 5-year-old reverse brindle boxer. He is a giant goofball who is obsessed with the ball. Ball is life. Phoenix is a 3-year-old brindle boxer. She is so sassy. She loves to play and talk. She wants everyone's attention—but only on her terms.

Work-Life Balance
They are my break from work. If I am not working, we spend time with our dogs, walking and playing.

First Things First
They come first all the time. We will go home early to make sure they are not alone too long. Their comfort and well-being are always top of mind.

The Bright Side
The joy they bring to our lives is beyond compare. They can always turn a bad day around or make a good day even better. As soon as we walk in the door, they are wiggling and dancing around, bringing a smile to our faces.

Dasher & Piper

KEN SCHMIDT
Altitude Home Mortgage

The Dream Team

Dasher and Piper are the unofficial co-CEOs of our household, and they take their roles seriously—just on their own terms. Dasher, our chocolate lab, is the definition of calm, cool, and collected, until a suspicious “shadow” appears outside, at which point he transforms into a full-time head of security, barking with conviction at what may or may not exist. Otherwise, he’s a soft-natured, low-maintenance guy who prefers peace, personal space, and a good game of fetch. If things get a little too busy for his liking, he doesn’t complain; he simply relocates to the other side



of the room like a true professional. He’s also a highly skilled tail chaser, capable of spinning himself into a full dizzy loop before calling it a day.

Piper, our yellow lab, is his complete opposite—a fluffy, affectionate, high-energy conversationalist. Pet her once, and she turns into a cloud of yellow and white fur. She’s a world-class licker and a constant companion who firmly believes every interaction should be a full dialogue. She doesn’t just bark; she “talks,” and she has opinions about everything. Piper brings the energy, the entertainment, and just enough chaos to keep things interesting.

Together, they share a love for water, travel, and, most importantly, food. They are elite-level moochers with impeccable timing, especially when meals are even slightly delayed.

Running the Show

Dasher serves as the office’s Head of Security and Environmental Monitoring, always alert to any unusual activity, real or imagined. Piper is the Director of Morale and Client Relations, frequently making appearances during calls, offering unsolicited commentary, and ensuring no one takes themselves too seriously. Both are known to “supervise” from strategic lounging positions and are always ready to ride shotgun for meetings.

Leading by Example

They’ve reinforced the importance of consistency, patience, and presence. No matter how busy things get, they remind me to stay grounded, keep routines tight, and make time for what matters. Piper brings energy and enthusiasm to everything, while Dasher models calm and composure, both traits that translate directly into how I show up professionally.

Joint Ventures

They are seasoned travelers, water enthusiasts, and full-time food negotiators. Despite their different personalities, they operate as a team, whether they are guarding the house, chasing a ball, or working every possible angle for a snack. At the end of the day, they’re part of the rhythm of our home and a constant reminder not to take life too seriously.



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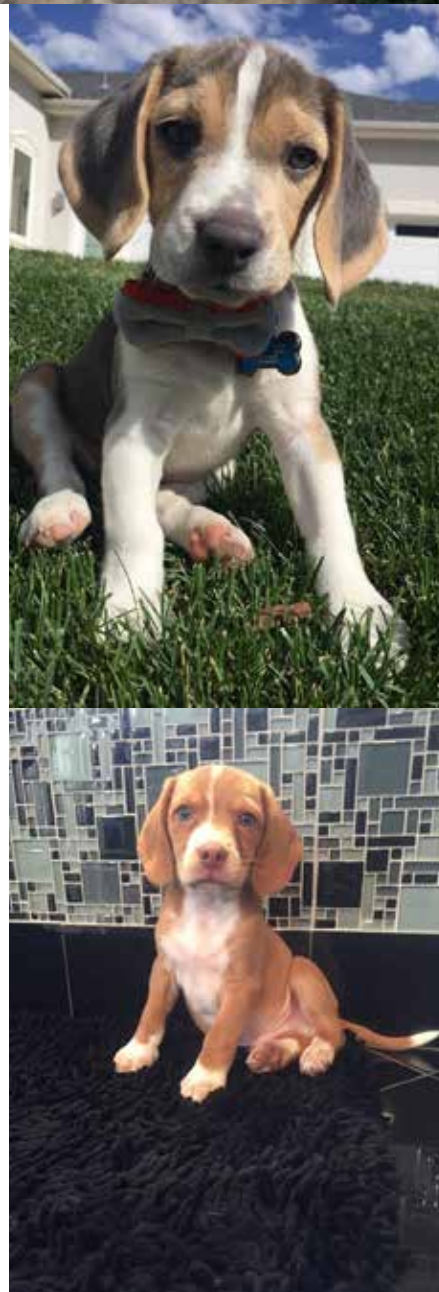


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Meet the Worley Boys

Scrappy Doo Worley is a 13-year-old blue beagle with a big personality and an even bigger appetite. His favorite things in life are hot dogs and spending time with his friends at doggie daycare. Dude Worley is a 12-year-old Cheagle (beagle + chihuahua mix). He's happiest when he's hanging out with his dad and soaking up the sunshine by the pool. These two may be getting older, but they still know how to enjoy life and keep us smiling every day.

The Worley Boys on "Duties"

Scrappy Doo and Dude take their real estate responsibilities very seriously—kind of.

Every morning and every night, they are right there helping Mom and Dad with real estate by doing what they do best:

- Lying by the computer
- Supervising important emails
- Napping through negotiations

- Providing moral support on every deal

Scrappy-Doo and Dude may not write contracts, but they are absolutely part of the team. They wouldn't miss a single showing, listing, or late-night update, especially if a comfy spot is nearby.

Stress Busters

Dogs really are the best stress relievers. No matter how busy the day gets, they always know how to bring things back to what matters most:

- A calm moment on the couch
- A happy tail wag at the door
- A quiet presence right by your side
- Unconditional love every single day

They don't ask for much—just time, attention, and a little love—and in return, they give us peace, joy, and a whole lot of comfort. Life is better (and a lot less stressful) with dogs around.



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Peach

CHRISSY BARKER
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Meet Peach

Peach, a Carolina dog, is almost 2 years old. She is sweet, cuddly, and follows me from room to room. One minute she's sleeping under my desk and the next, she's barking and doing zoomies around the house.

Office Assistant

She is my assistant, attends every Zoom call, supervises my work, lounges under my desk, rolls around on papers, and constantly tries to capture my attention. She also reminds me to take breaks and go for walks, which keeps both of us healthy.

A Daily Reminder

Peach has taught me to rest, go for a walk, play, and be silly.

A True Blessing

I hadn't had a dog since I was a kid. My older children convinced me to adopt Peach from Animal Friends Alliance in Fort Collins, and she has been a blessing ever since. She's certainly added responsibility, but she's also brought unconditional love, joy, and companionship into our lives.



Cord

NATALIE PIERSON
Focal Real Estate Group

Origin Story

Meet Cord, my 2½-year-old half German shepherd, half poodle (though I did not know that at the time I got him), and Chief Running Buddy. I found him in a box in downtown Loveland, where a woman was giving him and his littermates away for free. What started as a spontaneous decision after a margarita (or two) turned out to be one of the best I've ever made.

Family Matters

I have 7½-year-old twins, and Cord is just like one of them, so I guess you could consider them all triplets—only he listens better. He's energetic, goofy, loyal, and always up for an adventure. Whether he's playing with the kids, joining me for a run, or keeping a close eye on everything happening at home, he's happiest when he's with his people.

Work Mode

If I'm working from home, he's usually nearby supervising calls and emails, and he's a great excuse to get outside and unplug between appointments. He's happiest when we're on the move, which fits pretty well with life in real estate.

Right Where He Belongs

For a dog that came from a cardboard box in Downtown Loveland, he's done a pretty good job of working his way into the center of everything we do.



Miss

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Meet Miss

Miss is 13 years old and came to us through Big Bones Canine Rescue in Windsor. We adopted her about five years ago. A genetic test revealed she's part cocker spaniel, Lhasa apso, and shih tzu. Sweet, gentle, and wonderful with our young children, Miss is truly remarkable, especially because she is both blind and deaf.

Shotgun Rider

When the weather is cool enough, Miss rides in my truck and refuses to leave my lap. She loves sticking her head out the window, taking in the world through smell and touch, her two remaining



senses after a coyote attack left her blind and deaf before her rescue.

An Inspiring Spirit

Miss has taught us the power of confidence, resilience, and a positive attitude. Despite the physical challenges and hardships she endured before joining our family, she runs with me, plays with the kids, and approaches life like any other happy dog. She truly inspires us with the way she lives every day.

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Genesis 101

Genesis: Labradoodle, 7 years old. High-energy. Loves life and people. Total snuggle-bug. Too smart for her own good.

Best Part of the Day

Genesis is the best part of a long day. She greets me at the door as soon as I come home, wagging her tail and demanding pets and attention. She also keeps me active after a long day in the car and on the computer. She loves going for walks and playing fetch.

Patience in Practice

Genesis has always had a lot of energy and can be high-maintenance at times. My wife and I often have to stand at the front door with her leash in hand, taking deep breaths, while she runs back and forth and does circles around us because she is so excited to go walking. Getting out the door can be quite the process. She reminds me that chaos is temporary, and I can see through it. Every time we come back home from a walk, she is so happy. She

is also the best cuddle-companion. If a transaction is getting stressful, she can sense that my mood has shifted and will crawl onto my lap or lean against my legs. Genesis is the definition of love.

Toilet Paper Bandit

Genesis has a real love for a fresh roll of toilet paper. She is so sneaky. If we leave the bathroom doors cracked open, she will slip in there and start snacking on sheets of toilet paper. Does she realize how expensive that stuff is?

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When is the “best” time to refinance? *And when should you wait?*

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For most, the answer can be found in a simple two-part test, which can be taken after a quick conversation with any competent lender: (1) Can you reduce your rate enough to save a meaningful amount of money per month? and (2) Can you do so with no or minimal closing costs? For example, if a homeowner with a \$600,000 loan balance can save just .25% on his rate, with 100% of the fees covered by his lender, then he could save over \$120/mo in interest at no actual cost, aside from his time. Conversely, if a homeowner with a \$200,000 loan balance can save a full 1% on her rate for \$5,000, then she would need 2.5 years to break even, and she may want to wait.

A simple analysis like this makes the decision easy: If both answers are “yes,” then now is the time. If either answer is “no,” then you might take a little more thought, or maybe a bit more time, before pulling the trigger.

And sometimes, a homeowner will be in a position where they can lower their rate, but they decide to wait, in

anticipation for even lower rates. This is a classic trap of believing that “past performance is indicative of future results,” just as a gambler will believe that a winning streak somehow increases his odds, and he’ll almost always play until he loses. But with mortgage debt, the odds actually get worse. After all, if the balance is already owed, then delaying a refinance will continue to cost more, the longer the wait: If a lower rate is already available, then rates don’t just have to go lower to save more money – They have to keep getting lower, just to save back the missed savings from not refinancing sooner. It’s a losing game.

So in short, while everyone has their own “rule of thumb,” I feel it’s worth every homeowner’s time to take this quick and simple two-part test. After all, they’ve already been waiting ... But they may not need to be.



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