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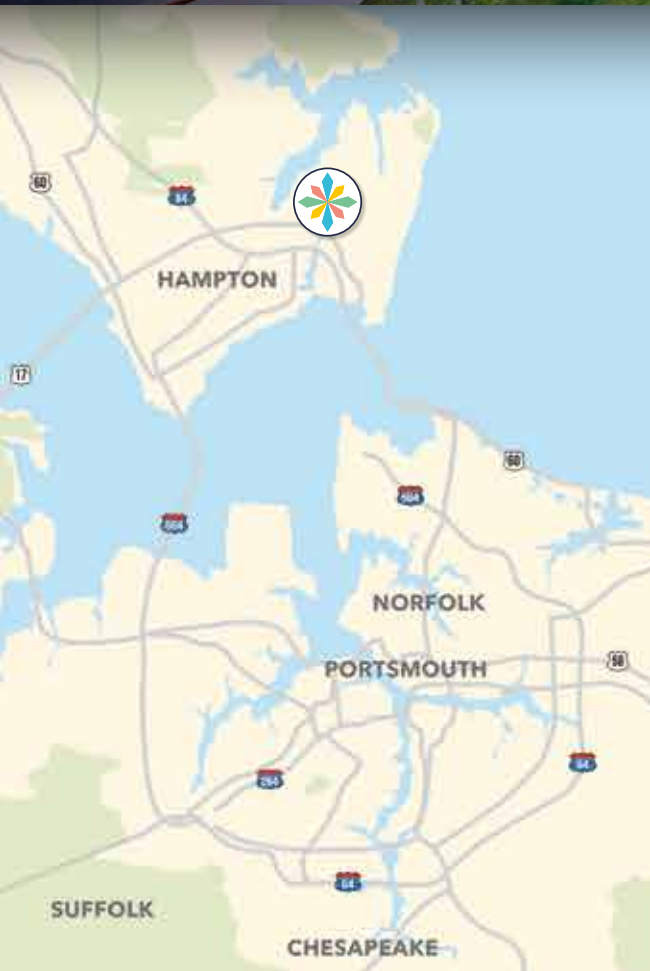


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Dog Days

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 top-producing real estate agents and our 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 loyal companions who ride along to showings, supervise paperwork from nearby dog beds, greet clients, make surprise appearances on Zoom calls, and happily claim the front seat on the way to appointments. Along the way, I met some unforgettable characters—professional snack hunters, squirrel chasers, office supervisors, neighborhood toy smugglers, mandatory break enforcers, and dogs who firmly believe every person they meet is a new best friend.

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 resilient rescue dogs, loyal companions, gentle giants, tiny bosses, and lovable troublemakers. You'll meet dogs who comfort, challenge, entertain, and inspire the people who love them. These stories reveal something powerful; 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 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!



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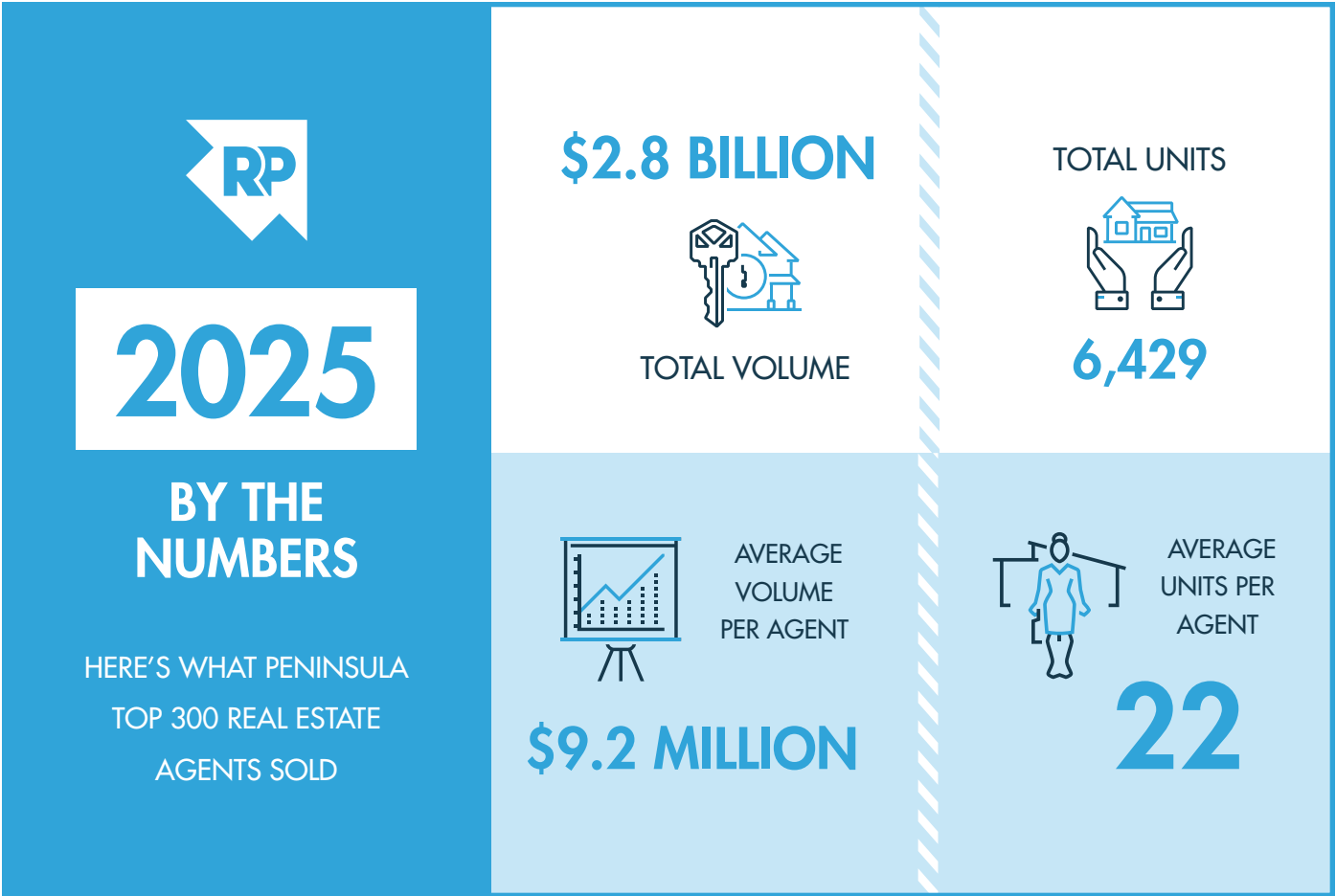
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Piper

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Gentle Giant
Piper is a 10-year-old female yellow Labrador retriever, a gentle giant loved by all.

Head of Household
Piper is my inspiration when I am stressed. She's always cool, calm, and collected. She supervises both my home office and my home and keeps the grandkids from creating havoc in it.

The Light She Shares
Piper is the epitome of gentleness and kindness toward all. She inspires me to be that same beacon of light.

Love Lives Here
People come into my yard every day to greet her and get some of her love that she so freely offers. She's a big girl but as sweet as can be. She makes everyone smile and feel loved.



Holly

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Diva in Residence
Holly is a 6-year-old long-haired mini-dachshund diva.

Nap. Ride. Repeat.
She definitely supervises my home office and loves to nap on the couch while I read. She also enjoys coming to the office and riding along when I visit properties and clients.

Social Butterfly
She loves to talk to people on our walks, inside stores, and when friends come to visit. She is a four-legged doorbell.

Forever in Her Heart
She was raised by Tori, a Ragdoll cat, and Bruno, a white dachshund we rescued from a kill shelter. Both Bruno and Tori have died in past year, and she grieved and misses her pals.

Blooper

Lacey Whitaker
Aweigh Real Estate



Blooper Bio
Blooper is a 1½-year-old mini-goldendoodle with a personality that's equal parts lazy and crazy. He's playful and snuggly.

Clocked In
He's on my lap for every client call, rides shotgun for dropping off and picking up signs, and is always in front of the camera during Zoom calls.

Life Lessons
He's taught me patience and routine.

Love Without Limits
Blooper loves everyone, and everyone loves him. He is as dangerous as a lemon. He makes everyone feel like they are his best friend, even if they are strangers. The level of excitement he shows when we are gone for even five minutes and return would make your heart swell.

Saylor & Stormy

Brenda Fisher
BHHS RW Towne Realty

The Crew
Saylor is a 4-year-old silver Labrador retriever, and Stormy is a 2-year-old Labrador retriever.

Super Sidekicks
Stormy and Saylor have taken car rides to check on properties, and they occasionally stop by the office to say hello to the folks there. They are always sitting at my feet or next to me when I'm working from home on my laptop. They are my sweet, crazy, lovable dogs. They love to jump off the dock, and I can't keep them out of the water.

Lessons From the Labs
Patience, loyalty, and trust, as always. Joy is where your people, pets, and memories are. Slow down, enjoy life; we are not promised a tomorrow.

The Excitement Is Real
I post a lot about my dogs on social media. We walk and explore areas around Yorktown and enjoy boat rides. Nothing like coming home to dogs who act like I have been gone for months and are so happy when I walk through that door. Letting go of a crazy, busy day is easier when they are ready for my attention.



Ginger

Caroline White
BHHS RW Towne
Realty



Spice of Life

Ginger is an 11-year-old Bea-Dox (combo beagle and dachshund). She is loving and likes cuddles, chasing squirrels, and best of all—belly rubs.

Mission Control

Ginger supervises my home office every day from her perch—the chair beside me, curled up in her fluffy bed staring at me while I work. If a delivery truck pulls into the driveway, she immediately alerts me. If I need to drop something off to a client, she happily rides shotgun. Otherwise, she faithfully remains my little guard dog and loyal companion. She is equal parts protector, coworker, and loving friend.

The Art of Coming Home

She has taught me the importance of smiling when someone comes home. Every day, she is always genuinely happy to see me and never misses an opportunity to sit beside me wherever I am. She brings comfort, peace, and a gentle reminder to slow down and be present in the moment. She truly is an incredible member of our family.

From Fear to Family

Ginger was a rescue at just a year old. The shelter believed she was ill and showing signs of seizures, but in reality, she was simply terrified and overwhelmed by the shelter environment. The moment she chose me, she climbed right into my lap and stopped shaking. She has absolutely no medical issues at all; she simply needed patience, safety, and love.

Daisy Mae

Lori El Shanti
Coastal Dreams Realty LLC

Love Bug

Daisy Mae is a toy poodle-toy miniature schnauzer, 9.5 years old. She lost her two older brothers over the past nine months. She's spoiled rotten and very playful. She likes to ride in the car with me on quick trips and will even “talk” to me. She loves to snuggle and be petted. If you stop petting her, she taps your hand with her paw to ask you to continue. She's a love bug.

Lap of Luxury

She enjoys accompanying me to showings and visiting her favorite loan officer, and she even once applied for a mortgage for her new doghouse. She enjoys sitting on my lap when we are writing offers and has even been known to go on “pup-bys” to visit clients at their homes.

Never Skip Playtime

Daisy Mae has taught me to make sure I play hard when I work hard. She is always ready to play and go outside when I return home from work.

Meant to Be

When I met her, she belonged to another family. By chance, she was visiting my friend, Kathleen McKone, with her doggy mommy. When I met her, I felt an instant connection and said to her, “You're so cute; you're going be mine!” I put it in the universe, and it became true. I was asked to keep her for three months before the family was moving to Hawaii, but they sold their house super fast (of course they did; Kathleen was their agent), and they were renting a house for three months

and then moving to a different house for three more months that allowed dogs. They picked her up, and a week later, Daisy's mommy called me and asked if I wanted her. They decided to take the two older dogs (they could only take two). Because Daisy had not become too attached yet, she thought it was best to give us Daisy. So I added Mae to her name (my mom's middle name), and that's how she became my first and only girl dog.



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Favorite Things
Morning walks, treats, and his beloved Lamby

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Life Lesson
Patience



Kookie

Krystal Montgomery
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Sugar & Spice
Kookie is an 11-year-old shih-poo. She is super sweet and loves attention.

Lap Duty
Kookie is a cuddler and often likes to sit in my lap while I do paperwork and search for homes. She gives me gentle nudges when she wants more attention.

Joy in the Journey
Kookie has taught me how to appreciate and find joy in the simplest things.

Since Day One
I've had Kookie since she was a puppy, and she is the sweetest part of my day.



Mick Jagger

Amy and Jason Kearney
Liz Moore & Associates

Rockstar Pup
Mick Jagger is a 9-month-old Australian labradoodle full of energy. He is sassy and lovable and the perfect addition to our empty nest.

Workday Wingman
Jagger goes with us to check on listings and take part in social media posts. He also supports me (Amy) by lying on my

waking pad behind my feet while I'm on the computer. And when work gets tough, taking him on walks is the best way to relax.

Beyond Ourselves
Jagger has taught us that it isn't all about us. Having to care for him takes the focus off of us and puts it on caring for another being. He treats everyone the

same and just wants to be loved. I think the same is true for everyone.

The Comeback Tour
Jagger has been a true blessing. We got him at a time when I was feeling pretty low. He helped bring much needed joy back in our lives.

Bayliss

Heather Bashlor
Howard Hanna



Anything for her Girl
Bayliss is a 5-year-old Lab with the sweetest soul. She has been my daughter’s bestie her whole life. She lets her paint her nails, put silly outfits on her, and does whatever she says. Bayliss loves the river and could swim all day.

Duty Calls
She is known in the office and is usually my riding buddy or co-host at an open house.

Trust Factor
Loyalty matters more than salesmanship. My dog doesn’t care about my rankings, awards, or transaction count. She trusts me because I’m consistent. Clients are the same way. The relationships I’ve built and the repeat business I get come from trust and showing up every day. Dogs don’t care if yesterday was amazing or terrible. They still need you today. The best agents are the same. Success comes from consistently serving clients, even on the days when deals fall apart or inspections get difficult.

The Mentor
She is also training our new pup, teaching her good behavior, which is super cool to watch.

Baylee



Bridget Brown
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On His Terms
Baylee is a 15½-year-old Yorkie who prefers life on his terms.

Office Supervisor
His daily duties include following me everywhere, monitoring snack activity, and making sure I take breaks to go outside for walks with him.

The View From 15½
Baylee has taught me to be patient, more observant, and more social. Over the past 15½ years, he’s taught me some of life’s most valuable lessons. In his younger days, he spent his time chasing balls, digging in the sand at the beach, and always finding a reason to play. He showed me how to

live in the moment and enjoy every day. Now, his office duties mostly consist of being my shadow and taking naps, but he’s still teaching me. Watching him grow older has reminded me to slow down, appreciate life’s simple moments, cherish the time we have with those we love, and never take a single day for granted.

Bitsy & Buster



Karen Bradley
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The Last Two Standing

Bitsy and Buster, goldendoodles born July 12, 2024. They were the last two, and we decided to keep them together. They are both velcro pups who love to chase squirrels and steal socks, and they think that every visitor in our home has come to see them. Bitsy is an instigator and gets her brother in trouble. Buster loves to chase Bitsy, and when he's tired of the chase, he's a big cuddle bug. They love car rides and lots of treats.

Office Outreach Team

Bitsy and Buster have been on Zoom meetings. They attended our Virginia Peninsula Foodbank event to give out free kisses, too.

The Doodle Doctrine

Bitsy and Buster have taught me a lot about being a REALTOR®—greet people warmly, stay patient when things get messy, and never underestimate the power of loyalty and consistency. The best results usually come from showing

up every day with the right attitude, even when things don't go perfectly.

Toy Story

Bitsy has a brown nose and golden eyes. Buster has a black nose and eyes. They love to take our neighbors' dogs toys. They pass them back and forth under the fence. They have destroyed lots of sunglasses and shoes. Bitsy sleeps on her back with her paws in the air. Buster is our alarm dog and lets us know when our Amazon packages have arrived.

Bruno

Carlyn Menser
RE/MAX Connect

A Big Softie

Bruno is my 4-year-old Newfiedoodle, a gentle giant with a big personality. He's incredibly smart, wonderfully stubborn, and motivated by one thing above all else: food. He knows the rules, understands the commands, and then decides if complying is worth the treat. Loyal, affectionate, and always underfoot, he's equal parts best friend, office supervisor, and professional snack hunter.

Operation Teamwork

Bruno is part of our team. He attends every Zoom call uninvited, supervises paperwork from the nearest dog bed, rides shotgun to appointments, serves as the ultimate food taste-tester, and is the master of enforcing mandatory walk breaks. He spends a lot of time in the office at RE/MAX Connect. Everyone knows and loves Bruno.

All the Small Things

Bruno has taught me that showing up consistently matters more than grand gestures. Every day, he's excited to see me, whether I've had a great day or a terrible one. Clients are the same way—they may not remember every market statistic you shared, but they remember who answered the phone, checked in when things got stressful, and stayed present throughout the process. Relationships are built in the ordinary moments. The daily walk, the greeting at the door, the quiet companionship—those small, consistent acts create loyalty over time. Real estate is much the same. The strongest businesses come from relationships nurtured through hundreds of small moments of care.

Center of Attention

Bruno joined our family as an emotional support companion and ended up being the one who needed emotional support. Now, he travels with whoever will take him and loves coming to the office to make his claim that he doesn't get enough attention at home. Bruno loves to be around people and will typically sit very well for photos as long as food is involved.



Cora Rose Campbell

Rescued & Ready

Cora Rose Campbell was rescued through Animal Aid Society in Hampton. She is a Staffordshire terrier/pit mix; she’s about 6 months old and a “velcro pup,” as I like to call her. She loves to snuggle and be touching her humans at all times.

The Co-Pilot

Cora is my favorite co-pilot. She rides shotgun whenever she gets the chance, whether I’m heading to the office, running lockboxes, or meeting contractors. She’s also a familiar face around our brokerage, and my agents love her. In fact, her first visit after being adopted was to a Connect social to meet everyone. Some of my best thinking happens during sunrise walks along Yorktown Beach with my good friend, Jeana McMurray, and Cora is often with us. Those mornings give me the chance to clear my mind, solve problems, and start each day with a fresh perspective.

No Assumptions

She’s a daily reminder that assumptions rarely tell the whole story. In real estate, every client, every agent, and every situation has a story beneath the surface. Taking the time to listen before making assumptions has made me a better leader, a better agent, and a better person. Trust isn’t built by labels; it’s built through understanding, consistency, and showing up for people, just like it is with a rescue dog.

Second Chances

I’ve had two rescue dogs, and I can honestly say I’m a rescue dog fan for life. We lost our sweet Cami earlier this year, but Cora has brought a whole new adventure to our family. If you’re thinking about adding a dog to your home, don’t overlook the rescues. They have an incredible way of stealing your heart and reminding you that everyone deserves a second chance.

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The Home Team

Bugsby is a 4½-year-old black-and-white Jack Russell terrier mix with a happy-go-lucky, goofy personality. Harley, a 6-year-old brown-and-white Jack Russell terrier, is the confident alpha female. She’s very vocal and makes sure Bugsby always knows his place.

Office Mates

They are with me all the time at home. Harley always has her eye on me and likes to sit in my chair with me at the

desk. If I sit in the living room to work, they both try to get in my lap. They are good office mates.

Walk It Out

They teach me patience and help keep me in shape. We try to walk or go to the dog park as much as we can, which is good for all three of us.

Life With Kids

They are like my children, and I can’t imagine life without them.

Sofie

Patti Parsley

Long & Foster

Sun, Sand, & Sofie

Sofie is a 12-year-old yellow Lab. We have had her since she was a puppy. We live in Deltaville (I have offices in Deltaville and Williamsburg) on the water—her happy place. I have videos of her diving for oyster shells, which is her favorite thing to do. She’s the sweetest girl in the world. I have a million photos of her (she’s very photogenic) with all the kids and on the beach, too.

Water Dog

She takes boat rides with me to show the waterfront properties around the Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck and is a great swimmer.

Golden Rule

Sofie role models kindness to others.



We lost our beloved dog Sofie just a few short weeks before this issue was published and miss her dearly every day.

Jaxon & Pearl

Cristen Treu
KW Allegiance

The Perfect Pair

Jaxon Kennedy, male, age 15. Boston terrier. Jaxon is my chill senior citizen who lounges all day unless the squirrels are out to chase. Pearl, female, age 13, Boston terrier. Pearl thinks she’s a puppy and wants to play all day or go for a car ride for real estate.

Canine Client Services

My dogs enjoy going for a car ride to put up signs or lockboxes. They love meeting clients, and they frequent yards to make sure they are dog-friendly. Jaxon is my security guard, and Pearl is my cheerleader. They are also in my marketing as my sign riders say “Buy Your Dog This Yard.” So many people buy homes for their dogs now, and I have so much fun incorporating things my clients and I love—our pets. Their favorite thing to do as dog REALTORS® is going to Starbucks to get a coffee for me and a croissant or pup cup for them. Real estate needs caffeine.

Speak Up for Animals

My dogs have made me a better REALTOR® than they probably realize. They’ve taught me patience, consistency, loyalty, and the importance of showing up every day—even when it’s hard. They remind me to slow down, appreciate the little things, and care for people well. The same qualities that make a great dog owner also help make a great real estate professional. Jaxon and Pearl have been the biggest reminders that relationships matter more than transactions. Also,



they have taught me to be a voice for all animals, not just mine. Sometimes in real estate, we see animals not being cared for, and I have made uncomfortable phone calls and had tough conversations. I do a lot to give back to local animal shelters and help when the need arises. I also volunteer at a wildlife rescue, transporting all types of animals. I think my passion for animals comes from the love I have for my dogs and the unconditional love they show me.

Lucky Dogs

They don’t care about my accomplishments, my mistakes, how much money I make, or whether I had a good day. They love me the same on my best days and my worst. In a world that often feels rushed and conditional, they’ve taught me that loyalty, presence, and unconditional love are some of life’s greatest gifts, which is why I work so hard—to give my dogs a better life. My mom always says that she wants to be my dogs in her next life because of the way I spoil them.



Pablo | Weddy Carter

Action Realty

Hi, I’m Pablo!

I’m a 2-year-old dachshund with a big personality, lots of charm, and a love for real estate. I’ll melt your heart the minute we lock eyes. My grandma is the best. She takes me to her office all the time, where I have my very own bed and favorite chair. Life is pretty good. I’m all about my treats, and she’s all about #RealEstate. Together, we make the perfect team.

Employee of the Month

Pablo is my little office assistant and emotional support teammate. He comes to the office with me regularly, supervises from his favorite chair, and keeps me company during long workdays. He’s often my co-host on Zoom calls, my greeter for clients, and

my ride-along buddy when I’m out checking on properties. Pablo brings warmth, comfort, and a little extra charm to my business, and he definitely helps make every day more enjoyable.

Lead Like Pablo

Pablo has taught me the importance of patience, consistency, and being present. Dogs have a way of reminding us to slow down and appreciate the moment, no matter how busy life gets. In my profession, that has translated into being a better listener, staying calm under pressure, and giving people my full attention. He’s also shown me the value of loyalty and unconditional trust, qualities that are just as important in real estate as they are in life.

Because of Pablo, I’m more grounded, compassionate, and intentional in my work and personal relationships.

The Secret Sauce

Pablo has truly become part of my brand and my everyday life. He brings joy to me and everyone he meets—clients stopping by the office, coworkers, or anyone crossing our path. He has a way of making people feel comfortable and welcomed, which is such an important part of what I do in real estate. He reminds me every day that success is about building trust, growing relationships, and making people feel at home. Pablo may be small, but his impact on my life and business has been huge.

Mowgli

Trez Robinson
Staged2Sell

The Jungle Pup

Mowgli is an 11-year-old, 65-pound rescue dog. We rescued Mowgli in 2018 from the Isle of Wight SPCA. Mowgli is a mix of several breeds, mostly cattle dog, lab, and bulldog. He has a “big” bark, but he’s a sweetheart. He also has a big heart, and his favorite thing to do is play keep-away with his squeaky rubber balls. He “carries” two large balls in his mouth on all his walks. He never leaves home without them and knows exactly where to retrieve them from the wicker basket in the house. On any given day, I can find between five and 10 balls rolling around the house. We named him Mowgli because he was found wandering the back woods of Smithfield, so the kids decided he had been raised by wolves, just like in *The Jungle Book*.

Warehouse Watchdog

Mowgli is our warehouse security dog. He comes to work a couple of times a week when we have a warehouse workday and hangs out with the staging team. Of course, you can find several of Mowgli’s rubber balls in the warehouse, where he loves to chase them through the aisles and into the furniture area. When you pull out a sofa to load for a job, you just might find a squeaky rubber ball hiding underneath it. Then he retreats to the office, where he can hydrate and rest in the AC.

Pawsitive Reinforcement

Mowgli has taught me how to be a better dog owner and mom. When we rescued him, we immediately found an amazing personal dog trainer who worked with Mowgli and me (but mostly me) to correct some behaviors and integrate him into our family. The trainer taught



me a lot about Mowgli’s body language and how to respond in ways that helped him develop better manners and thrive in a safe environment. I learned how to use positive reinforcement to encourage good behavior.

Treats Welcome

Mowgli is such a sweet and patient dog. He is incredibly loyal and loves his pack. He lives for his stomach—keep a treat in your pocket, and he’s your friend for life.

Vienna, Indigo, and Leo

Wendy Truckenbrod
Liz Moore & Associates

The Dream Team

Vienna is a mini-bernedoodle, 2.5 years old. Leo is a Ragdoll cat, age 12. Indigo is Ragdoll cat (smaller with darker face).

Support Staff

Vienna is the doorman. She alerts me if I have a visitor or package being delivered. Indigo has to be where I am. Whether I’m working on the computer or loading the car with staging items, he wants to be by my side. Leo is usually napping somewhere.

Growth Mindset

Playing catch with my dog reminds me that practice does make perfect. Every

throw, every chase, and every return helps her become a little more confident and a little more skilled. Repetition is how we learn, improve, and build trust together. Watching her get better with each throw is a great reminder that consistent effort leads to progress. Leo has taught me you can teach an old cat new tricks. He figured out how to use the doggie door. Indigo decided he didn’t want to miss out, so he also learned to use the doggie door and play fetch.

Fetch Therapy

Vienna is full of life and energy. When work is stressful, taking a quick break to play ball with her eases my mind.



Lily

Lauren Rogers
Liz Moore & Associates

Silly Lily

Lily is a silly and happy 10-month-old chocolate Lab.

Office Assistant

Lily assumes all office roles, attending Zoom calls, supervising the office, riding shotgun for meetings, and more.

The Comeback Pup

She’s had a lot of health issues and is such a special pup. She has overcome so much in her first year. She is a true testament to resilience, patience, and prayer. Lily has a rare congenital disability called an ectopic ureter. I had to take her to DC for a specialized laser surgery when she was a tiny pup. She’s on daily meds now and was doing well—until she swallowed my daughter’s Lego. It got stuck in her sinus somehow and had to be surgically removed in Richmond. She’s here, happy and healthy, but it’s been a journey.



Myla Lauren Cox

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Frenchie Queen

Myla Lauren Cox is a tiny but mighty full-bred French bulldog who has completely taken over our home and our hearts. She turned 2 on July 4, which fits her personality perfectly because she brings her own little sparkle wherever she goes. Spunky, playful, and expressive, Myla is completely convinced she runs the house—and honestly, she probably does. She has never met a stranger, and everyone she meets becomes a friend. She loves playing with balls, guarding her toy collection, and making everyone laugh with her sleepy grunts and signature Frenchie noises. What makes Myla so special is the happiness she brings to our home and my work life. She reminds me every day that life is better when we make room for love, laughter, and a little bit of play. She is not just my dog; she is family, comfort, entertainment, and pure joy wrapped into one precious Frenchie.

Office Royalty

Myla proudly serves as my unofficial Director of Joy, Office Supervisor, and Chief Mood Booster. She may not be licensed in real estate, but she definitely knows how to work a room. Whether I'm making calls, planning events, reviewing marketing materials, or handling the day-to-day of running a brokerage, she's usually close by. In true Frenchie fashion, she supervises everything from her favorite spot, occasionally chiming in with a perfectly timed snort or grunt. She brings warmth, humor, and personality to every workday, reminding me to pause, smile, and enjoy the moment. Real estate can be fast-paced and emotional, but Myla keeps the energy grounded and joyful. She reminds me that home is about love, comfort, personality, and the little things that make life beautiful.

Heart Behind the Hustle

Myla has taught me to slow down, be present, and appreciate the joy in the little moments. In real estate, it's easy to move from one call, contract, negotiation, and deadline to the next, but she reminds me that energy matters. The way we show up, make people feel, and create comfort can make all the difference. She has also taught me patience, loyalty, consistency, and unconditional love. No matter how busy my day has been, she simply wants connection, attention, and love—a beautiful reminder of how I want to serve people in my business. Myla has made me a better professional by reminding me that home is personal. It's where we are loved most, feel safe, and live our everyday lives. She keeps me connected to the heart of what I do.

Corgi Life

I have two Pembroke Welsh corgis. Their names are Chewie (age 7) and Wicket (age 6). I have had both of them since they were puppies, and as my husband and I don't have children, they are our babies. Like most corgis, my boys have an overabundance of personality. Every person they meet is their new best friend, especially if they have treats. They love competing in barn-hunt and scent-work competitions and snuggling on the couch.

On the Job

My boys are the supervisors for all home office activities. They are also highly involved in marketing to my clients and at our team events. I typically use their image or a version of them for cards to clients, and everyone loves having their photocards. Their favorite way to help is to come along with me for showings, and they are happy to be paid for their services with pup cups or treats along the way.

Comfort Zone

My dogs have taught me that getting out and meeting new people is a fun and exciting adventure. You never know who you will encounter or if they might have yummy treats to share. They force me to step out of my comfort zone and talk to new people because we've never been in public without someone commenting on them or asking to pet them. I understand why. Wicket is so fluffy and adorable. Who wouldn't want to pet him? Because of my dogs, I have met so many incredible people. I moved to the Hampton Roads area from Washington State in 2021 and only knew a handful of people, so I started joining some corgi meet-up groups and taking training lessons. If not for my boys, I would not have met some of the best friends I have today.

Race Day

They competed in the corgi races at Colonial Downs on June 27.

Chewie & Wicket



Kimber and Max

Kathleen McKone
KW Allegiance

A Lifetime of Loyalty

Kimber and Max are German shepherds. Max was 12, and Kimber is 9. Kimber is a gentle giant who always wants to hold your hand. He'll randomly walk up, place his paw on me, and stay there as if to remind me he's close by. Max was incredibly loyal and impeccably off-leash trained. His whole world revolved around his mom. Sadly, he passed away on June 24, 2025.

The Home Team

My dogs are my children. We have three German shepherds and one super mutt who somehow snuck under the radar. They attend all of my Zoom meetings from home and love tagging along on our field

Walking Through Life Together

My dogs have taught me the importance of making time for what matters. They need daily walks and exercise, which helps keep me grounded, too. We love getting outside, spotting bald eagles overhead and bunnies hopping across our path. Those walks are some of my favorite moments of the day. They've also taught me loyalty and the importance of protecting my mental health. No matter how difficult the day has been, they're always excited to see us. We are their entire world.

A Lifelong Bond

I've had German shepherds my entire life. My first came into my life when I turned 1 year old after my grandfather brought home the runt of a litter from the local police department. Those dogs helped shape my K-9 career in the military and inspired my passion for supporting local German Shepherd rescue groups—which explains why there are four dogs in my house today.



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