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I ate the cat's food, and now my tummy's paying for it.

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#### TO OUR DOG, JAI.

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# ANIMAL NOSES

E DON'T HAVE stuffed animals with noses. Not one. They're not allowed.

The first nose to go belonged to a delightful little Build-A-Bear fellow that our daughter, Maddy, brought home from her eighth birthday party. She had lovingly filled him with white fluff, ceremoniously tucked his little red silk heart inside his soft chest, dressed him in a pink t-shirt, and named him Bamboo.

Bamboo was Maddy's favorite stuffed friend. He could often be seen dangling from her hand or occupying a most favored position amid the pillows on her bed. He was her little buddy.

Yet Bamboo was not alone in Maddy's heart or her home. Across the gulf of Maddy's room, a mind that was to the bear's mind as ours are to those of the beasts that perish, an intellect vast and cool and unsympathetic, regarded Bamboo's nose with envious eyes, and slowly and surely drew his plans against it. And in the early morning hours came the great disillusionment.

Jai, the faithful family canine, became the ender of noses.

Maddy awoke the next morning to find Bamboo noseless, demoralized, and with an expression best described as "shocked." He had lost his sense of smell.

Jai seemed to have calculated his nose-maiming with amazing subtlety and to have carried out his preparations with well-nigh perfect dexterity. Bamboo's shiny little nose was gone, but nothing else was disturbed or otherwise untoward. In fact, Jai's uncanny and meticulous nose-amputation might have gone unrecognized but for the fact that his inner nose-devouring beast could not now be sated. It seams that once you have tasted stuffedanimal nose, there's no going back. And so the carnage began.

Jai didn't stop with Bamboo, you see. Oh no, far from it. Other stuffed critters soon fell victim to Jai's insatiable shiny-black-button-nose desire. A brown bear, a blue monkey, two white bunnies, a giraffe, and a spotted cow—all noseless within a week.

Jai doesn't bother with the eyes—just the nose, as though delighting in the horrified looks he leaves in his wake.

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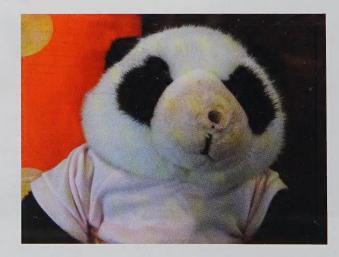


Of course, precautions were taken. Jai was banished from Maddy's room. Stuffed animals were placed on high, out-of-reach shelves. But in the end, Jai prevailed. There are no stuffed animal noses in our house anymore.

Jai now slumbers more peacefully.

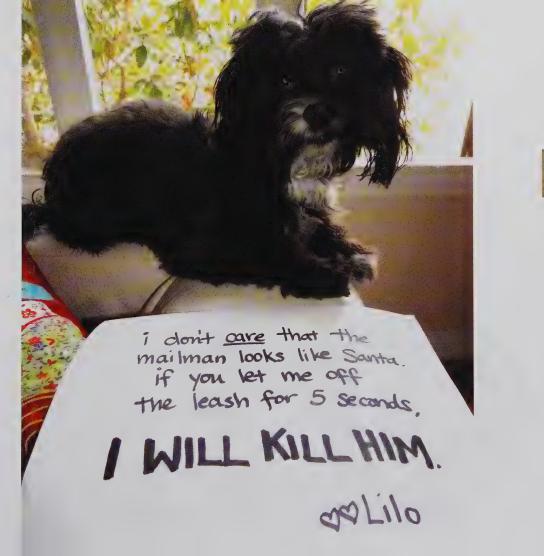
This charming tale of woe from our canine neerdo-well started us sharing some of his antics online, and Dog-Shame.com was born. Now, with 75,000 Facebook Friends and countless submissions from other dog owners, the all-in-good-fun tradition continues on our website and in this book, where we laugh at our dogs' antics. In the end, we're celebrating not only their antics but also our most beloved friends. In the words of John Grogan, "It's just the most amazing thing to love a dog, isn't it? It makes our relationships with people seem as boring as a bowl of oatmeal." (With a tip of the hat to H.G. Wells)





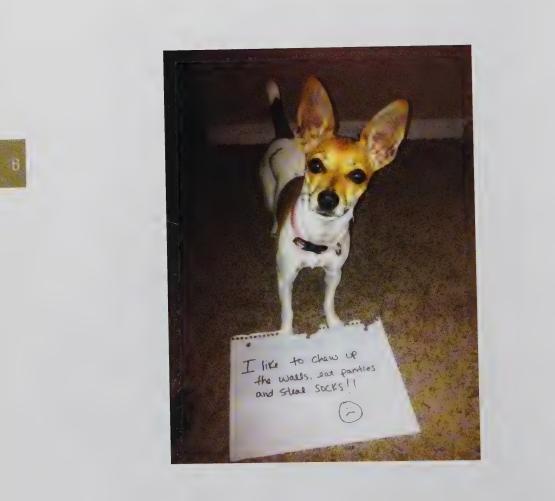


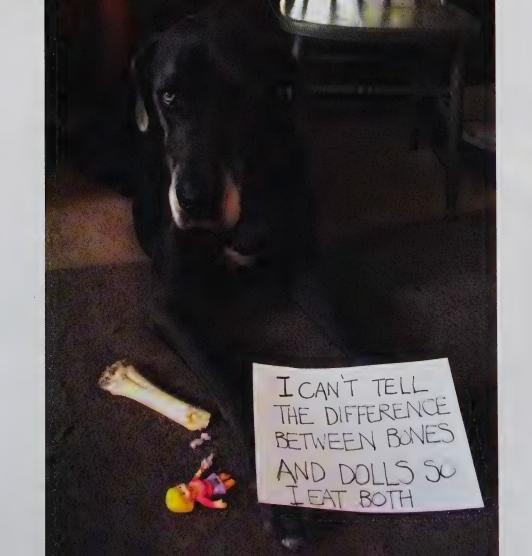






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MY SNOKING 22222 KEEPS MY OWNER AWAKE AT NIGHT!! X













I ate 2 laptop cords, 1 pair of glosses, numerous flip-flops, and the living room Carpeting.











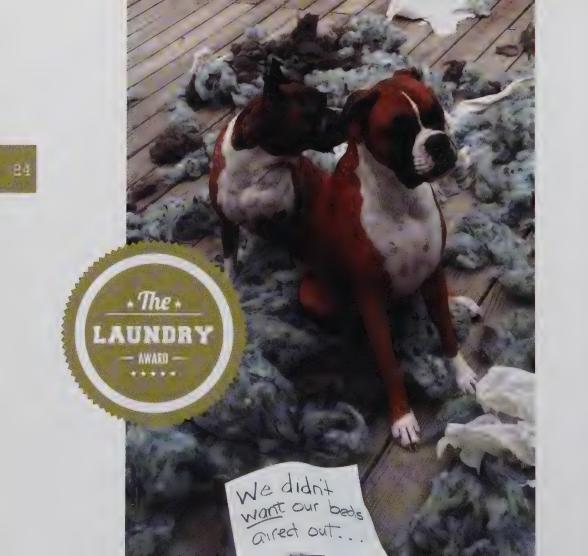
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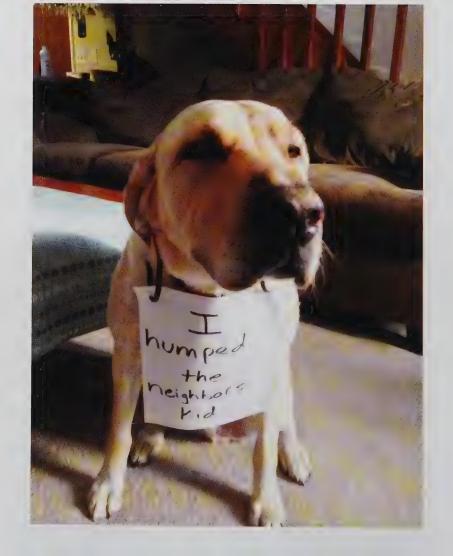


I ATE AN ENTIRE BAG OF SKITTLES

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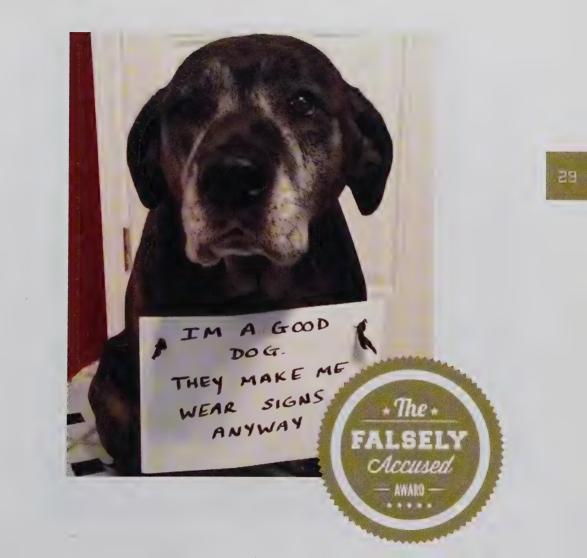












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LUCKILY WE GRUMPY NEIGHBOR MADE IT HOME WITHOUT Called The folice Because SHE Caught us Pool GETTING ARRESTED. HER Hopping Pool







I made my Mama chase me down the street in her nightgown and blanket : (



I EAT TOYS, TEDDY BEARS, DUST BUNNIES, SPIDERS AND CRUMBS. THEN I POOP AND EAT THEM ALL AGAIN ... YOWNER'S CAN NOW SELL THAT DAMN VACUUM! •The• Recycling

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## JAI vs. THE PIZZA DELIVERY GUY

## T TAKES SOME SERIOUS GUTS to ring our doorbell in the dark.

We were having a night in with a payper-view show and decided to order some pizza. When the delivery guy knocked on the front door, Jai (a Bouvier) woke up and decided we were under attack. For those of you who have never pushed our doorbell, it's quite a show; a hundred-pound wrecking ball of dark hair and flashing teeth hits the front door with more force than a Mack truck, accompanied by ferocious barking and deep-chested vocals that are far more than intimidating. (The entire front of the house literally shakes.) The pizza guy was sure that a werewolf had been unleashed and that he was about to be ripped limb from limb. Jeff commanded Jai to stop barking (which he did), but when he turned the doorknob and pulled on the door to open it, he discovered that the delivery guy wasn't so sure that was a good idea. He had a hold on the doorknob on the other side of the door and was pulling on it to keep the door shut. Jeff didn't really understand what was happening, and a few seconds of tug-of-war took place at the front door, Jeff on one side and the pizza guy, his foot on the doorframe for added leverage, on the other. It ended well enough. We got our pizzas. The delivery guy got a 25 percent tip and made off with a little extra cash and a great deal of relief that he was still in possession of all his limbs. Jai, his duty completed, went back to sleep.

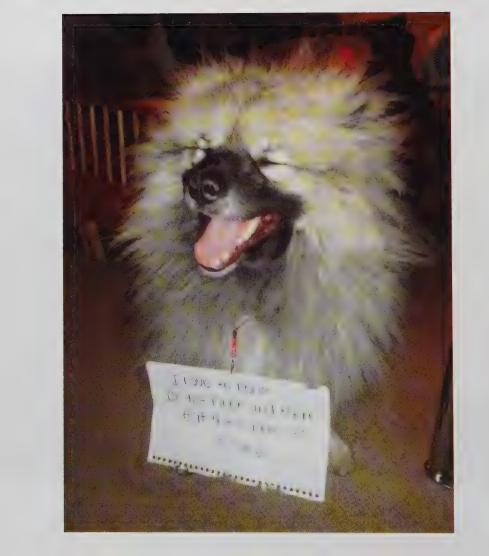


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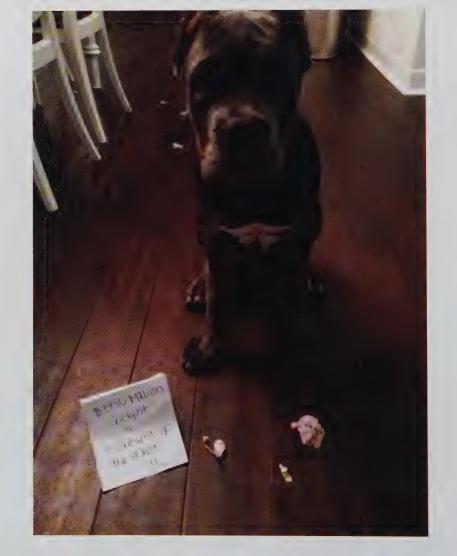


I remorselessly steal sandwiches Off the table, as soon as daddy leaves the room. Plus, the last sandwich was so nice, I ate it twice !!

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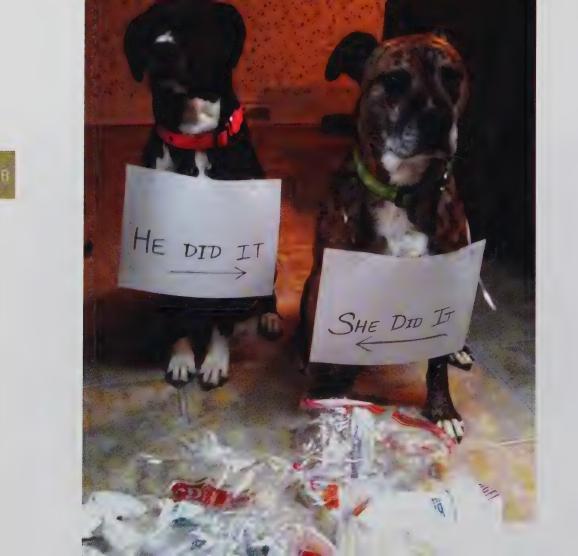
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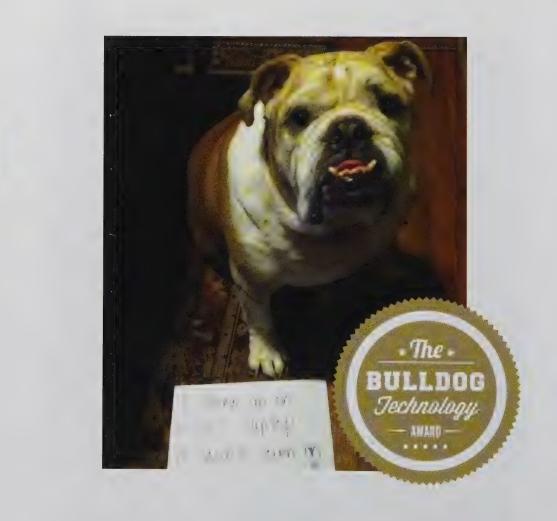


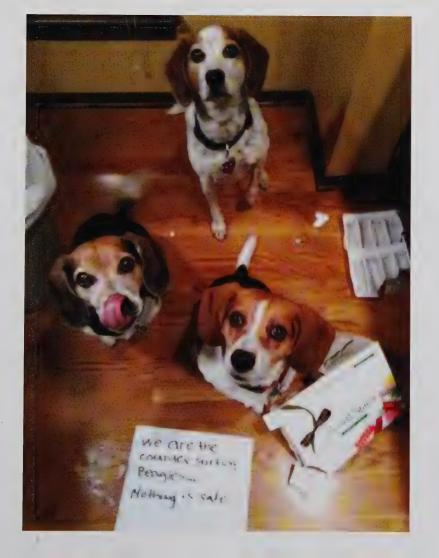
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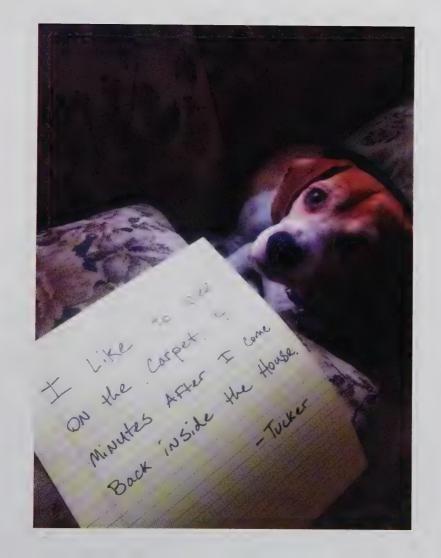
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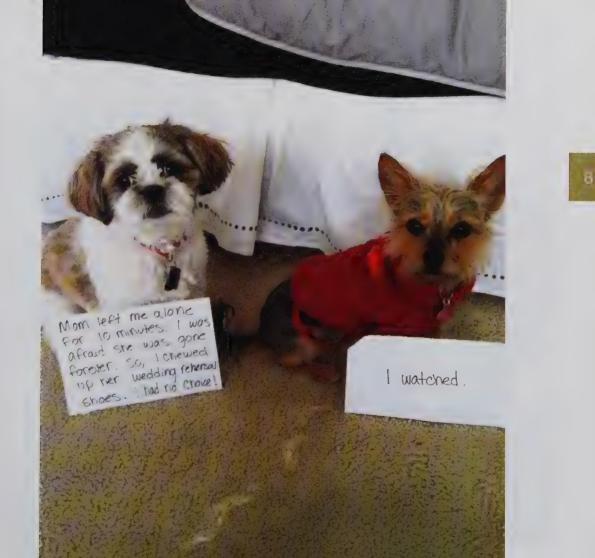














l told you I cannot be trusted with pretty things. <u>- The -</u> BULLDOZER - AWARD -









## JAI (THE BOUVIER) VS. MECHAGODZILLA (THE PONY)

UR WORLD INCLUDES HORSES. We have three: Keiki, Maverick, and Moon. Jai, our family Bouvier, routinely tags along with us when we go to the barn to ride inside the arena or up the surrounding mountain trails. Jai's been around horses since he was a puppy, and he's well behaved, keeping a close but respectful distance. The horses usually ignore him. He just doesn't pose much of a threat to a 1,200-pound animal wearing steel shoes.

Ponies, on the other hand, are different.

For those of you who don't know about ponies, let me drop some knowledge on you: they are not horses. Ponies are different. They're small, which means that they're often not consistently saddled or ridden, but they're too big to really train in the same way that you would train a dog. Pull on a pony's halter, or leash, and he's likely to pull back twice as hard. This lack of training and discipline means that ponies are usually the terror of the barn. They're almost universally ill-tempered ruffians. They'll charge, bite, kick, and generally go ahead and express themselves in a number of physical ways that result in experienced stable hands keeping one eye open and on them at all times.

MechaGodzilla was a Shetland pony at the barn.

One fine summer day, we were at the barn walking out to the pasture to round up Keiki and Maverick for a trail ride. The birds sang, the bees buzzed, and all was right with the world. Jai, as usual, padded alongside, content in his world of heavenly pasture smells. Softly bounding from thicket to stream and on again, he casually raised his head and locked eyes across the pasture with someone new and interesting.

Staring back at Jai was MechaGodzilla the pony. He stood there, lock-legged, ears back, and tail weaving threats behind him—the very image of short equine scorn and disdain. The only thing separating them was a three-pole wooden fence, a short run of pasture, and the natural order of Jai's universe in which a pony does not challenge him to a duel.

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Now, for those of you who know even less about Bouviers than you do about ponies, here's another knowledge bomb: they don't back down. And Jai, you see, is a Bouvier.

Jai, noting the scorn and not one to be intimidated by any lowly herbivore, wasn't going to let some squat little grass-eater with enlarged molars get the better of him. No, sir. He stopped dead in his tracks, raised every hair on his back, and emitted a low, deep, ghoulish noise that seemed to originate from below the deepest pits of Hades. To call it a mere growl would be to do it a terrible disservice. This utterance was a call to battle as feral and low as that uttered by any beast that ever stalked the dark places of the Earth. It made you believe in werewolves.

Jai, the hundred-pound horse walloper, sized up his newfound nemesis, a rotund little pot-bellied grass-pooper that had the gall to eyeball him and challenge his doghood. This could not possibly be happening.

Jai growled a second time. Time stood still.

MechaGodzilla stamped a mocking hoof . . . and then he snorted . . . and then he lifted his tail and let fall his ultimate insult.

Jai had had enough. A hundred-pound ponywalloping ball of canine fury rocketed toward MechaGodzilla. In two beats of a hummingbird's wings, Jai was at the fence. Burrowing under the bottom pole in an instant, he launched himself at his target. (Clearly the fact that MechaGodzilla outweighed him by a good four hundred pounds was no deterrent.)

Not to be outdone, MechaGodzilla the pony pinned his ears, lowered his head, and charged.

We call the moment of their first meeting "The Big Bang." There was an explosion of sorts as pony met dog, and the two transformed into a new element: a rolling ball of flashing hooves, paws, mane, tail, teeth, and dirt.

It ended well enough. After bouncing most of the way across the field, they rolled apart, called a cease-fire, and went their separate ways.

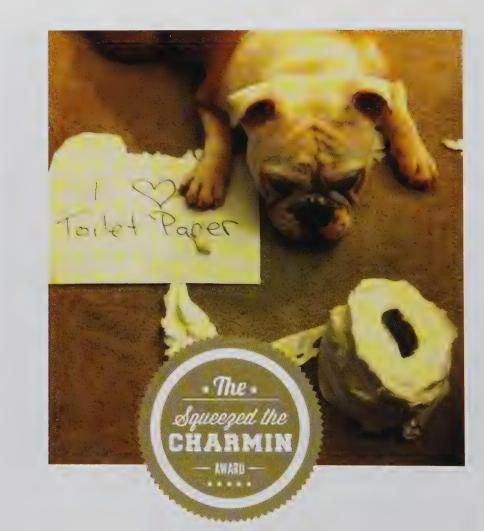
The brouhaha ended and order was restored. Jai 1, MechaGodzilla 0.

Jai still pads past the pony's pasture with a practiced nonchalance and a tongue-lolling smile as he samples the smells on his way to the horses. You probably wouldn't notice, but he walks just a little bit taller along that particular fence line.

For Jai, the universe makes sense again.



I ate the envelope of Income Tax Receipts! They were yummy!











I'm Tess. I ate my Kid Sister's pants. I'll Keep doing it. This, however, is embarrassing.









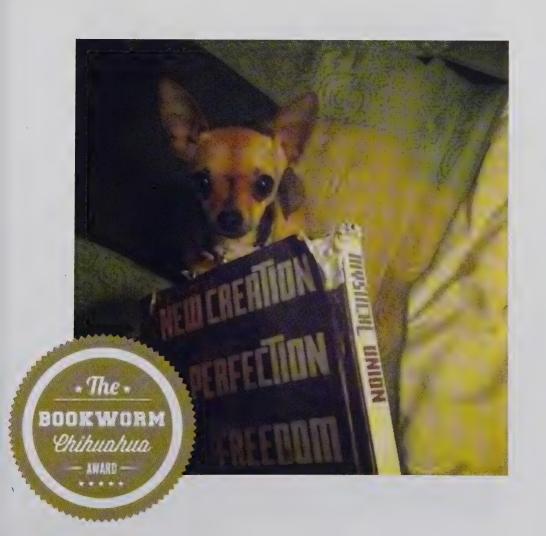
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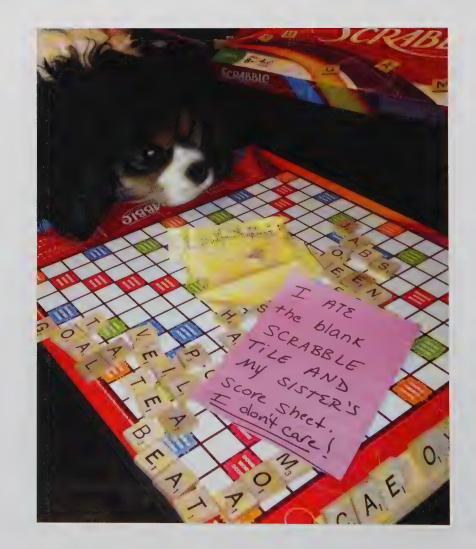




























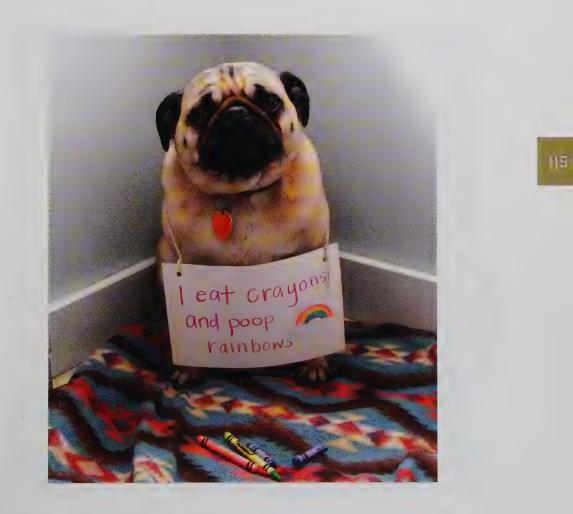








I AM NOT A SMART DOG... Life 15 like a box of chocolates

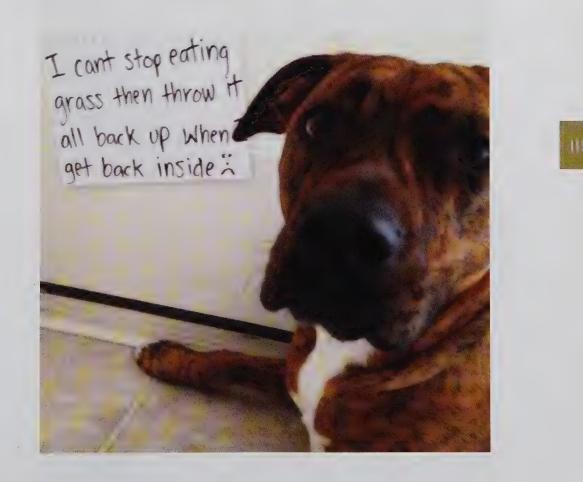








I just ATE the baby's POOPY diaper. Fail!

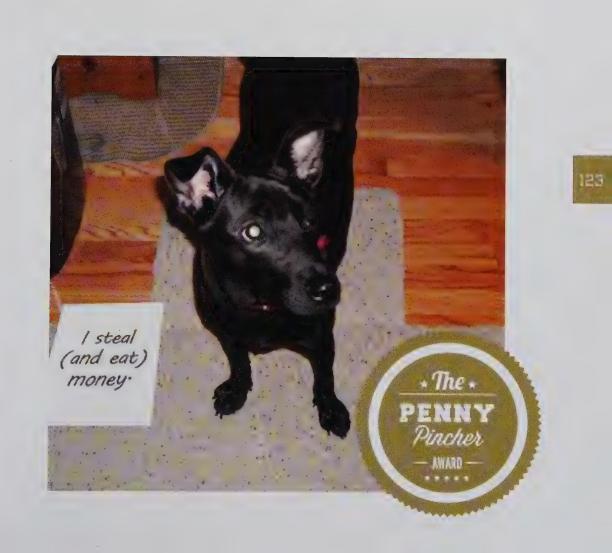


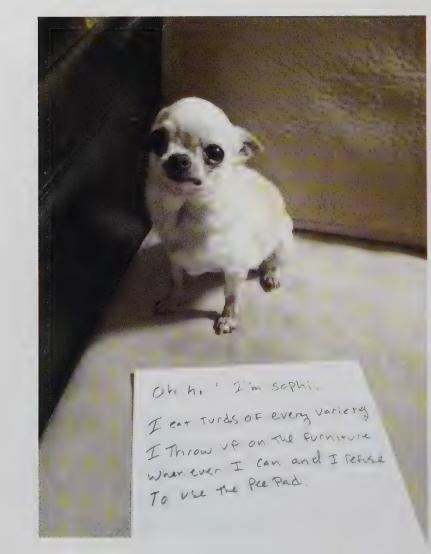








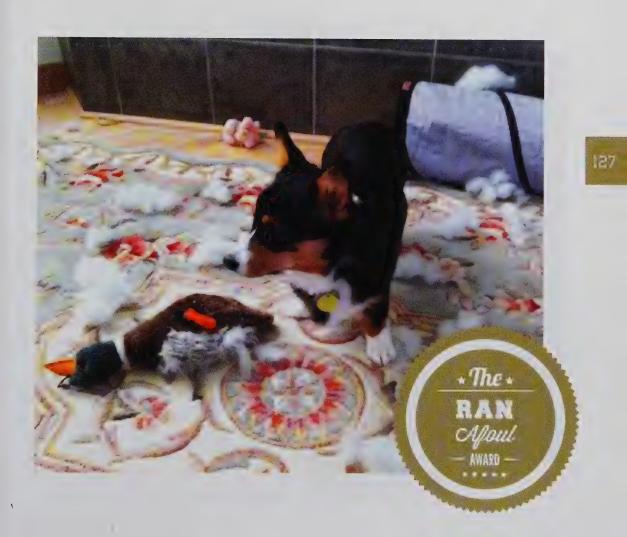




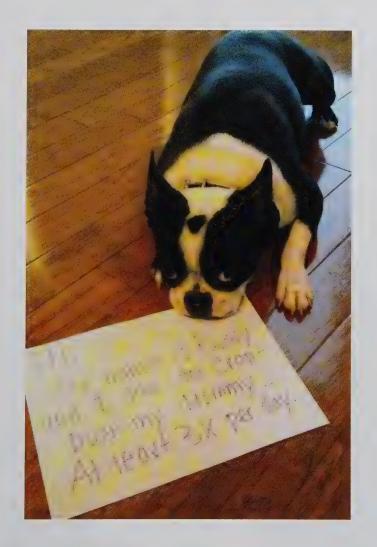
My name is Mr. Tank, I ate cockroach then I lick mommy's face Seems like she luv it.)



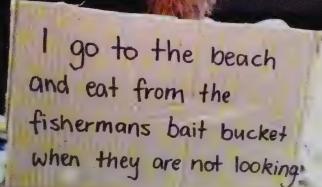
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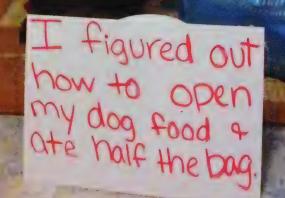




I HOG THE COUCH AND DEFEND IT WITH HOT MUSTARD GAS THAT ODZES FROM MY BUTT. - IGOR

So I thought to myself, "If I can't have balls, neither can you." That's fair, right?





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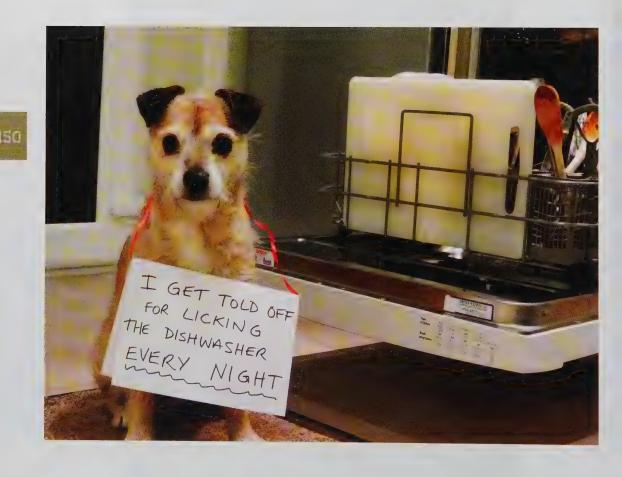
I knocked a \$6000 camera onto the floor and broke it because my owner went to the bathroom. I DON'T LIKE CHANGE!!

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- Kita

### I LIKE TO GO WY DAD'S DIRTY HAMPER and EAT HIS DIRTY UNDERWEAR.













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I bark -and bark, and bark, and bark some more, and bark, and bark, and bark, and stop for a Second or two, and then bark some more, and just keep on barking, until Mommy yells at me!















AFTER A BRIEF SABBATICAL, I'VE ONCE AGAIN RUBBED MYSELF IN POD. (I'M POUTING AFTER MY BATH)















# ABOUT THE AUTHOR

#### SHELLY SCHULTHESS BARSON

Born first in a litter of five, Shelly grew up amid the quaking aspens and tall pines of her grandfather's cattle ranch in Wyoming, riding horses and whispering with dogs. As a little girl she learned to love animals, and it's been said that her first true love was a shaggy giant of a black lab named O'Malley. Her favorite things are feeling the wind between a horse's ears, the word *gobsmacked*, cowboy boots, and puppy breath. She lives in Park City, Utah, with her husband, daughter, three horses, a cockatoo, and the family bouvier, Jai. She spends her time pursuing more of her favorite things (see above).



## MAN'S BEST FRIEND? NOT EXACTLY.



#### SURE, THEY'RE FUN TO PLAY FETCH WITH,

and they're always there when you need them, but every dog lover knows that even the best behaved animal can cause some major mischief. And these canine criminals are the worst offenders!

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