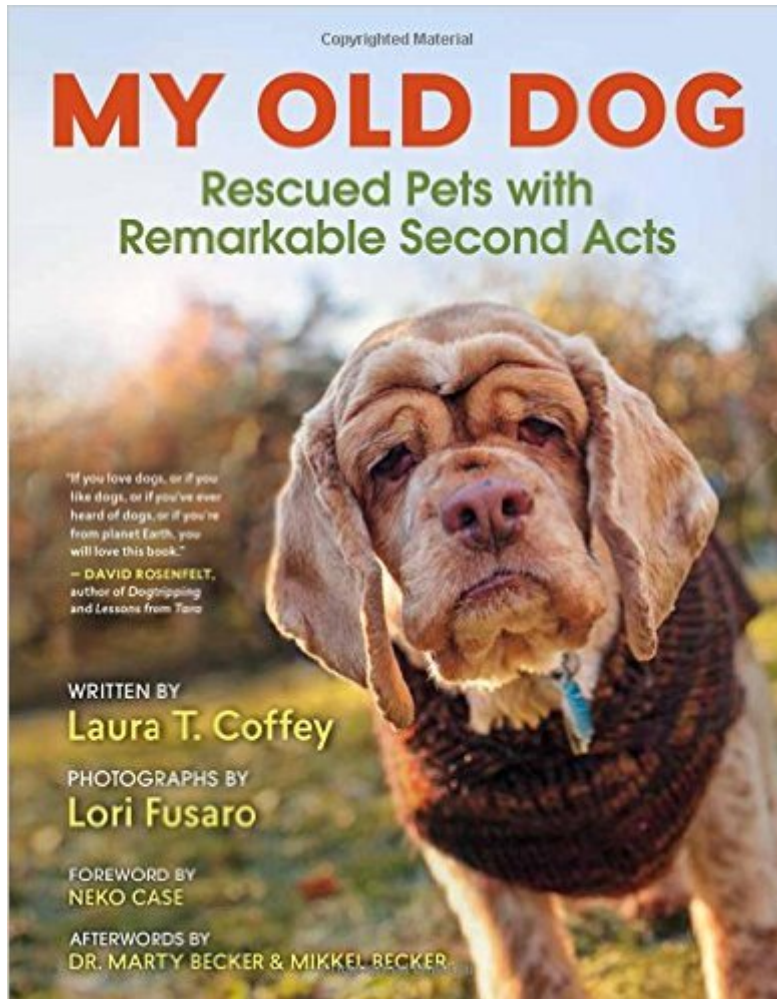


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# My Old Dog: Rescued Pets With Remarkable Second Acts



## Synopsis

National Bestseller&#147;No Dog Should Die Alone" was the attention-grabbing &#151; and heart-stirring &#151; headline of journalist Laura T. Coffeyâ€™s TODAY show website story about photographer Lori Fusaroâ€™s work with senior shelter pets. While generally calm, easy, and already house-trained, these animals often represent the highest-risk population at shelters. With gorgeous, joyful photographs and sweet, funny, true tales of &#147;old dogs learning new tricks,â€• Coffey and Fusaro show that adopting a senior can be even more rewarding than choosing a younger dog. Youâ€™ll meet endearing elders like Marnie, the irresistible shih tzu who has posed for selfies with Tina Fey, James Franco, and Betty White; Remy, a soulful nine-year-old dog adopted by elderly nuns; George Clooneyâ€™s cocker spaniel, Einstein; Susie, the funny little senior dog who got adopted by "Humans of New York" creator Brandon Stanton and "Susie's Senior Dogs" founder Erin Stanton; and Bretagne, the last known surviving search dog from Ground Zero. They may be slower moving and a tad less exuberant than puppies, but these pooches prove that adopting a senior brings immeasurable joy, earnest devotion, and unconditional love.

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A few years ago, I paid a visit to SAINTS â€“ Senior Animals In Need Today Society â€“ a senior animal sanctuary in Mission, British Columbia. I had seen photos on social media of the elderly, abused and/or abandoned dogs, cats, rabbits, horses, cows, sheep, donkeys, chickens and other animals whose one great stroke of luck in unlucky lives was to be rescued and brought to this small,

peaceful farm on the outskirts of Vancouver. I know from having worked in one that hospices are not simply places people go to die but places where dying people go to make the most of the time that remains to themâ€”to savor, as poet Eugene Walter, wrote, the ripened heart of life, and make a luscious pickle of the rind. So do the animals at SAINTS. They are mostly elderly, they are mostly ill, but unlike most humans they make the most of each moment. Yet they approach their mortality and their bodily ills with an awareness that seems human. I will never forget Manny. A large, handsome mastiff in his day, heâ€™d been abandoned in old age, and had landed at SAINTS, where he spent most of his time on a comfortable bed surrounded by canine friends. It would not be long now, yet when I approached him, he wagged his old tail, tried to lift himself to be petted, and with a groan lost control of his bowels. In his eyes was a shame and a regret, an embarrassment and even an anger, like an elderly veteran who believes his dignity compromised by an unretentive bladder. I caressed Mannyâ€™s face and told him whatever happened was all right, that he was a handsome, wonderful dog, that nothing his body might do would make us love him less.

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