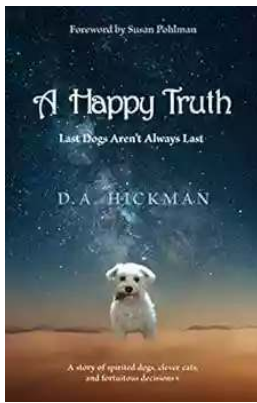


Last Dogs Aren't Always Last



Who doesn't love dogs? They are loyal companions, playful, and are often referred to as "man's best friend." But have you ever wondered why some dogs are labeled as "last dogs"?

The term "last dogs" may give an impression of these dogs being lesser in some way, but in reality, they are far from that. Last dogs are often the dogs that have been waiting the longest in shelters for a forever home. They may have had a difficult past, or they may simply have been overlooked by potential adopters. However, the label of being a "last dog" does not define their worth or their potential as beloved pets.



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Meet Your New Best Friend

Last dogs come in all shapes, sizes, and breeds. From the energetic and playful retrievers to the gentle and calm greyhounds, these dogs have so much love to give. Despite their past circumstances, they are eager to find a family to call their own and bring joy into their lives.



What makes last dogs even more special is their appreciative and resilient nature. They understand the value of a warm bed, a loving touch, and companionship. Adopting a last dog can be a life-changing experience not just for the dog but also for you.

As these dogs have often spent a significant amount of time in shelters, they may have received basic training and socialization that can make the transition to their

new home easier. They may also be more mature and settled than puppies, making them an ideal choice for busy families or individuals who are looking for a dog with a calm temperament.

Busting Myths About Last Dogs

There are several misconceptions regarding last dogs, which often lead potential adopters to overlook their incredible potential. Let's debunk some of these myths:

1. **Myth 1: Last dogs are difficult to train.** On the contrary, last dogs can be just as trainable as any other dog. They are intelligent and eager to please, making them quick learners when given the opportunity and proper guidance.
2. **Myth 2: Last dogs have behavioral issues.** While some last dogs may have experienced trauma or neglect in the past, it doesn't mean they have inherent behavioral problems. With love, patience, and consistent training, these dogs can overcome their past and thrive in a new environment.
3. **Myth 3: Last dogs are not good with children.** Many last dogs have been in contact with various people during their time at the shelter, which can make them well-socialized and comfortable around children and other pets. Proper supervision can help ensure a harmonious bond between the dog and children.

Why Choose a Last Dog?

Now that we have addressed some misconceptions, let's look at the benefits of choosing a last dog as your new furry friend:

- **1. Be a hero:** By adopting a last dog, you are giving them a second chance at happiness and a forever home. You are truly saving a life and making a

meaningful difference.

- **2. Skip the puppy phase:** Puppies require a lot of time, patience, and training. By choosing a last dog, you can skip the sleepless nights, potty training, and teething troubles that come with raising a young pup.
- **3. Love changes everything:** Last dogs have an incredible capacity to love and form deep bonds with their new families. They appreciate the second chance they have been given and will reward you with unwavering loyalty and affection.

How to Find Your Perfect Last Dog

So, you're convinced that a last dog is the right choice for you. Now, where can you find your perfect companion?

Start by visiting local animal shelters or rescue organizations. They often have a variety of last dogs waiting for their forever homes. You can also check online platforms specializing in pet adoption, where you can filter your search based on specific breed, age, and location.

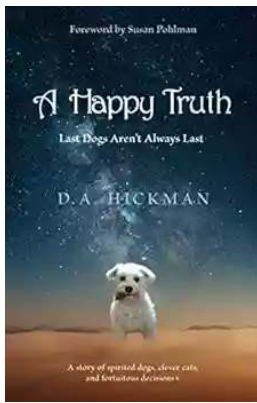


When you find a potential match, take the time to meet and interact with the dog. See how they respond to you and assess if their energy level and temperament align with your lifestyle. Don't rush the process – finding the right fit is essential for both you and the dog.

Last dogs may be labeled as such due to their longer stay in shelters, but they are anything but "last" in terms of their worth, love, and companionship. They deserve a chance to be part of a loving family and share their unique personalities with the world.

So, why not consider opening your heart and home to a last dog? Their wagging tails, soulful eyes, and unconditional love will make every day brighter.

Remember, when it comes to a forever friend, last dogs aren't always last.



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- A poetic dancer on the page, the author leads us back to ourselves once more. —Chloe R. Gallaway, *The Soulful Child*

A delightful new memoir from author and poet Daisy A. Hickman, here's a story that shares many secrets of the human heart. Capturing something special and true and absolutely mysterious, *A Happy Truth* traces the lives of four spirited schnauzers and two clever cats. Despite our doubts and fears, life is all about making decisions that bring us joy. "Pets hold the key to unlocking the human spirit. Watching a sleeping animal, we know our worries are mostly in vain. We know the real story is about love. And that's a very happy truth."

- Hickman is a keen observer of social intelligence and the best sort of human who is grateful for the magic, warmth, and happiness of animals. —
Jacqueline Sheehan, NYT bestselling novelist, author of *Lost and Found*
- A powerful book about life, love, and loss, and how we must embrace all of it. —C. Lee McKenzie

- A beautiful expression of love between animals and humans. — Sherrey Meyer
- The enduring bond between human and animal is captured brilliantly here. — Kelly Iver

WHAT happens when we lose a beloved pet and begin to think about a new one? We hesitate. We wonder if the time is right. We stall. A compelling, sometimes funny, sometimes poignant, memoir, *A HAPPY TRUTH* is a mesmerizing story of old and new, of letting go and serendipitous discoveries, and meeting bright-eyed Hannah and deciding to love again.

Before that, though, the author finds a tiny white kitten clinging to her office window screen, and despite an unexpected snowstorm in late March, Orion, named for the famous constellation, makes it to an emergency vet hospital in a neighboring state. You'll also meet a peaceful "first dog" that inspires the Zen of Noah, all of which brings this endearing book to life. Pets need love and consistent care, and that inspires us; they also nurture and comfort us, even empower our lives in ways that allow us to grow and expand our sense of self. In fact, the dogs and cats we love actually keep us going through the maze of days we call life.

D.A. Hickman knows the only life worth living is one filled with love, even though loss is always part of the calculation. Dogs and cats, with lifespans that nowhere near mirror ours, almost accidentally, teach us about radical acceptance. Hickman's engaging memoir is filled with joy, revelation. While death and loss are byproducts, so are inspiring new beginnings. A loving book from a woman who knows the answer is to take chances, love more, and always, always...get another dog. —Ellen Stimson, author of *Mud Season*



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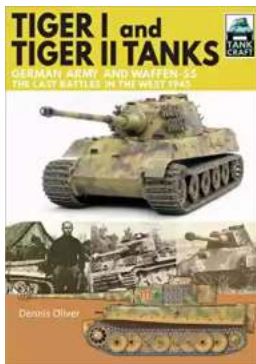
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