

'Rover' is SO Over

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Indiana Jones, Fletcher, Little Boy Skai, Julius and Schroeder doing their daily business at Dog-ma.

So, what's in a (dog's) name? Possibly some confusion, if you happen to be one of several "Emmas" or "Scouts" playing at Dog-ma on the same day. Luckily, we've never had all of them board at the same time – there's over 25 of each, as well as tens of other "clients" sharing the same popular dog names. But after 11 years and thousands of clients, we've seen more than just the usual fare.

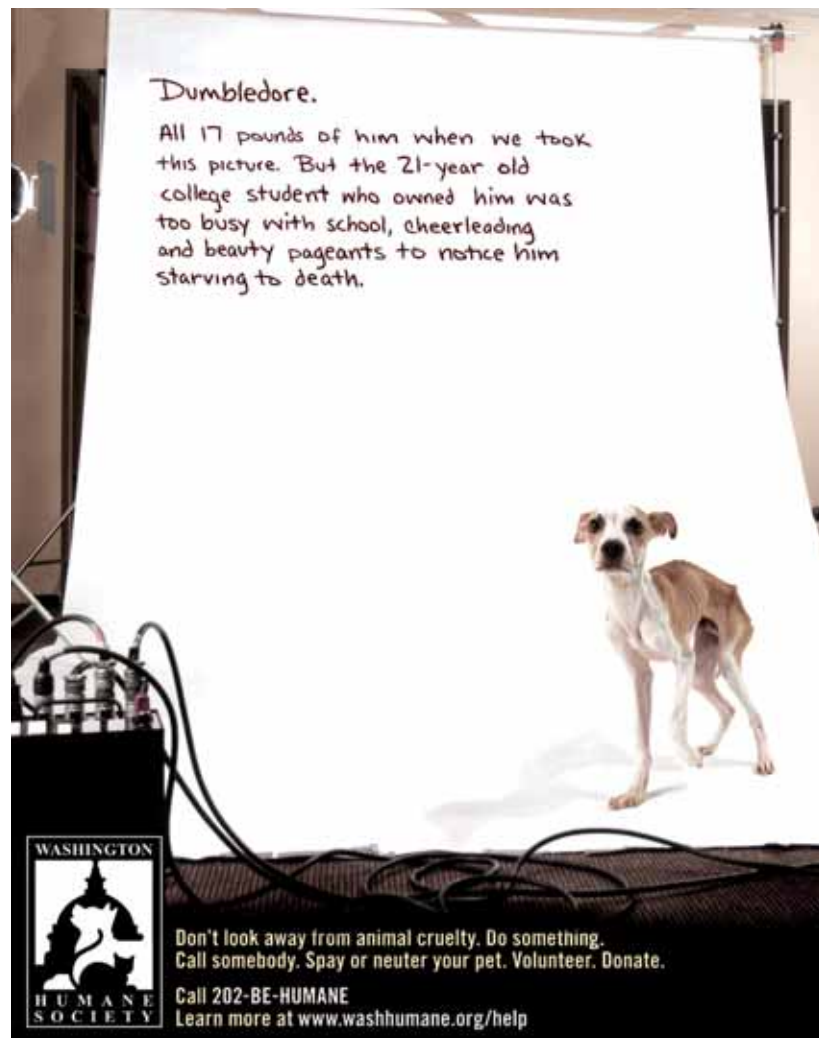
We've had "Sweets" of all kinds. Sugar. Caramel. Toffee. Cookies, Ginger Snaps, Snickers, Nestles, Hersheys, as well as Coconuts. Other appetizing canines include Popcorn, Peanuts, Biscuits, Muffins, and Pancakes – Buckwheat included. Our more savory guests have featured Grits, Beans, CousCous, Potatoes, Pickles, Peppers, and Olives, flavored by "Spices" such as Basil, Nutmeg, Cinnamon and Tabasco. Additionally, I've watched fresh Pumpkins and Mangos and Clementines down Bosco, Latte, Guinness, and Tanqueray – and knock back two Billy Holidays, a Barry

White, several Satchmos, Sammy Davis, Snoop Dogg, Puff Daddy, Coolio, and a whole pack of Elvises. They hail – at least in name – from places around the globe including Brooklyn, Cairo, Carolina, Dakota, Montana, Savannah, Sedona, Pecos and Sydney.

A new trend is what I call the "David Letterman" names – monikers that seem just a bit more ... human. Bob. Larry. Jim. Jeff. Joe. Ed. Fred. Then, of course, there are those with a purely creative streak – Boom Cha, Floop, Zot, Tainted Evidence, Tin Cup, Ampersand, or Skedaddle.

But my favorite, and perhaps the ultimate antidote for that old "chestnut" – of "What's in a Name?", ... Paxil.

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