

## Suffield Veterinary Hospital July 2016 Pet and Owner of the Month

Suffield Veterinary Hospital again sponsored a "Why My Pet Is Special" essay contest for 3rd & 4th graders at McAlister School. Below, we are proud to present the winning essay from Chase Morello (from Mr. Fontaine's class) about his dog Boomer. This adorable photo was taken by Spotted Love Photography.

**M**y name is Chase Morello and my pet is a male Labrador retriever named Boomer.

Why he is the best pet is because Boomer has protected me from a garter snake once. Boomer also stands out in some special way. What I mean is I have met over 30 dogs but Boomer just shows his loyalty, respect and kindness towards anyone he meets. He has a golden soft coat of fur with brown ears that feel like silk and is normally relaxed. Also he has a long tail and has a soft fluffy chest. Sometimes when I'm alone and sit on my bed Boomer would walk into my room and jump up on my bed with me and put his head on my lap and would look up at me almost like he's saying "I hope you feel better would you like to play?" Boomer has always been there for me and taught me many things. It's almost like he's taught me to communicate to other dogs.

Boomer has always been there for me. Boomer has been very brave and has helped me through my life. When Boomer was little he had a bad sickness from a tick and my parents did not want him but I felt like he was special in a way and because of Boomer I have been studying dogs to see and learn more about dogs and because of him I helped one of my friend's dog Mack.

Every day Boomer always would wait in the house on his bed waiting for my family to come home. We don't have to put him in a crate sometimes because he just waits for me to come home. Boomer's favorite toy is a soccer ball that we would kick around and he would come back with it. In first and second grade I felt like I was trash and useless but when I met Boomer he made me feel like I was meant for something more than just sitting there sad even though I still do sometimes Boomer always was there and still is. Every day I wake up with Boomer by my side and seeing that makes me smile. Boomer is loving. Boomer has helped me through some of my toughest times.



**1st Runner Up:** "Pedro" owned by Rylie Baril (Teacher: Mr. Fontaine)  
**Runner Up:** "Buddy" owned by Sadie Hill (Teacher: Mr. Fontaine)  
**Runner Up:** "Oreo" owned by Jack Carey (Teacher: Ms. Cronin)  
**Honorable Mentions:** "Meatball" owned by Samantha Motta (Teacher: Ms. Cronin)  
"Mavis" owned by Charlie Morello (Teacher: Ms. Consoline)  
"Ozzy" owned by Sarah Swenson (Teacher: Ms. Cronin)  
"Pokey" owned by Felix Everett (Teacher: Mr. Fontaine)

*These essays can be found on our website: [www.suffieldvet.com](http://www.suffieldvet.com).*

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