

## *Letters of Support for "Diva Dog"*

I am an animal lover but I gotta say I am WILD about dogs. I grew up with *Charlie* and later *Cindy*, both rescued corgi mixes -- and as an adult shared 16 wonderful years with my beloved companion *Al Finney*-- (also a rescued corgi.) I have been an animal activist for about 15 years now --- and through my work with PETA, I have become aware of both the subtle and horrifying ways many animals are abused.

When I was on a TV series: *Veronica's Closet* --They had a story line with a cute dog in a wheel chair. The only problem was Buddy was perfectly healthy and the wheels were a comedy prop. Now I have problems with Any animals being subjected to ANY kind of unnatural performing environments... I hate when they have animals in Circuses or on the set of movies and TV in small cages, with hot lights and loud audiences -- handled by people who seem to care but clearly are only in it for the money (Come on did they REALLY think Buddy was enjoying this???) I repeatedly expressed my concern and dismay to the producers and to their credit...they axed the Buddy-in-a-wheelchair story line.

The interesting thing about all this is that the option of care products for disabled animals is something that indeed NEEDS to be out there and brought to animal owners' attention. Too often are disabled pets needlessly put to sleep because their Doctors, owners, and families aren't aware of the life saving and life giving options available to help extend the lives of their animal companions.

I support the efforts of the Diva Dog group in spreading the correct information about options for disabled animals. The goal is to encourage pet owners to become aware of all the possibilities out there to insure our beloved animals have long and healthy lives. Bravo to DIVA DOG!!!

Sincerely,

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