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EDITOR'S NOTE



MAXIMUS CAESAR HART OFFICIALLY BECAME MY LITTLE BROTHER IN MAY 2001. He was adopted by my parents before my sophomore year of college as part of their manipulative ploy to coerce me into periodically coming home to visit. It worked like a charm—something Max oozed from the very beginning. As an infant, his nose was about half the size of his small, stocky body. Full of youthful energy and sneakiness, Max quickly mastered his craft of stealing socks and shoes. When caught in the act, he was an expert at deflecting anger with his “It wasn’t me, but if it was, could you really blame me?” look.

Previously an only child, it didn’t take me long to become attached to my canine brother. He won me over as I cared for him during his first summer in our Maple Grove home. He was the new kid on the block, and his popularity exploded on the scene. Neighbors and friends jumped at the opportunity to lavish him with attention, but he wasn’t self-absorbed. On the contrary, he was the best wingman a guy could have, using his charm and good looks to help me meet girls during walks in the park. He also kept me athletically inspired with soccer games in the backyard, where his giant nose and stubby legs were his greatest assets.

Max, a miniature schnauzer, is now 10 years old (70 in people years). His geriatric traits are beginning to kick in—sore joints, a bad back and random moments of irritability and crankiness. It’s tough to watch a younger sibling transform into an older one, a transition human relationships don’t have to endure. That’s why pets can be such an important part of a family—a bond is formed through every stage of the pet’s lifecycle, which oftentimes feels far too brief.

To make the most of that fleeting time, I’m a firm advocate of treating your special family member to the best care possible, from veterinary services to grooming to training—which is all available right here in Maple Grove. Read more in our Pet Guide on page 20. Max might be getting old, but I know my family did everything to give him the best life possible. Remember, my brother doesn’t have a selfish bone in his body. He pays us back every day.

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CORRECTION | Price information from our April 2011 calendar entry for “Local Stars on Ice” was inaccurate. Cost to attend the April 16 event ranged from \$5 to \$7; it was only free for children younger than 3. The editorial staff regrets this error.

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