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## *The Breakthrough Success Expert*

Senior pups are the best.

Let's face it, when you bring a puppy home, you don't think of them getting old. Everything revolves around training, keeping them out of trouble, and away from your shoes! So it came as a surprise how much I enjoyed my Cairn Terrier, Cali, in her senior years. There was such sweetness and calm about her, and so much unconditional love.

Granted, Cali didn't see or hear the way she used to, and she required lots of medication. There were also more vet visits in the last four years of her life than there were in her entire life. But I wouldn't trade that time together for a minute. If I had the chance to do it again, I would do so in a heartbeat, even for an extra day!

The veterinarians' and my philosophy of taking care of Cali was to keep her happy, healthy, comfortable, and stable. That was our motto.

If you're thinking about bringing a senior pup into your life, be prepared that no matter how much work is required, whether it's medication or vet visits, your senior pup will give you back 100 times what you give and will find a special place in your heart.

Another benefit is that your belongings are safe. Older dogs lose their taste for shoes!

Here are a few suggestions to make life easier with an older dog:

1. Develop a good relationship with your veterinarians. They are your partners in keeping your dog happy, healthy, comfortable, and stable.
2. Sign up for CareCredit and/or pet insurance, so you aren't faced with uncomfortable financial decisions.
3. Find a pet support system as some days taking care of an aging dog can be stressful. You'll want a safe place to talk.
4. If you're able, consider options such as home cooking, acupuncture, laser, physical therapy, and other supplemental treatments to improve the quality of your dog's life.
5. Listen and learn to trust your intuition for decision-making.
6. Take lots of photos and videos and share them on social media.

So, the next time you have an opportunity to bring a senior pup into your life, run, don't walk. Share the love.

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