

# The secret life of campus dogs

An inside look into the lives of our campus furry friends.

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It's a sunny day on the Lakefill at the beginning of spring. The birds are chirping and the breeze blows through my fur. I look around and see people talking, going on walks and ... squirrel!

Dogs owned by professors, Northwestern staff members and even President Schill are a common sight around campus. But what is life like for these furry friends? *NBN* investigates the daily lives of the dogs we know and love.

## Bella & Sarah Loeffler



North Area Resident Director Sarah Loeffler moved to Schapiro Hall in September 2021 with her husband and rescue dog Bella. Bella is a mix of breeds, mostly Australian Cattle Dog and black lab. Loeffler adopted her right after the pandemic began in 2020.

This unique living situation allows Loeffler to bring Bella to work.

"I bring her to my weekly office hours and people who miss their dogs from home get to see her," she says. "That really brings a lot of joy to my heart."

Let's see how Bella is enjoying campus living.

**NBN: What is your favorite spot on campus?**

**Bella:** The beach, because I like to drag my parents there even if it's too cold. Sorry, Mom and Dad!

**NBN: What is your favorite food and favorite toy?**

**Bella:** I loooooove playing fetch with my tennis ball. I'm very good at it. I also love playing with my toys and dragging them all over the apartment. I take them out one by one and lay them across the rug. I have so many favorite foods, but Easy Cheese spray is my top choice. It's so yummy and delicious! I also love turkey, especially on Thanksgiving.

**NBN: Describe your social life on campus.**

**Bella:** I'm a bit of an introvert, so I socialize mostly with my parents. I have a small chihuahua mix cousin that I see occasionally. He's OK. My parents will babysit other dogs sometimes, and I tolerate them, but I like being in a one-dog house. The students, on the other hand, I love. They give me so many treats, and they're always so happy to see me.

**NBN: What is your favorite thing about being on campus?**

**Bella:** All the treats and happy people!



## Banksy & Silvia Toledo



Silvia Toledo is the Program Assistant for the Latina and Latino Studies department, and her border collie Banksy frequently visits campus. Banksy is a rescue and is currently taking on therapy dog training.

"She's very smart," Toledo says. "We are waiting for her to offer to do our taxes."

Now, let's hear from Banksy herself.

**NBN: What is your favorite spot on campus?**

**Banksy:** The Lakefill, for sure. Oh, wait,

*Editor's note: Due to the language barrier between dogs and humans, these interviews are based on conversations with their owners.*

*These interviews have been edited and condensed for clarity.*



Bella's pick





I also love the area by the Rock with all of the trees. I go bananas for the squirrels.

**NBN: What are your favorite foods?**

**Banksy:** Chicken! I also really like treats. My favorites are dog ice cream and peanut butter, for sure.

**NBN: Describe your social life on campus.**

**Banksy:** Lots of playdates with my dog and human friends. I have two dog siblings, and I love going running with them. I meet a lot of people and dogs when I run, and it's the best!

**NBN: What is your favorite thing about being on campus?**

**Banksy:** Meeting new people and making them happy!

**Rosie & Jillana Enteen**



Another familiar face on campus is Rosie, a labrador and hound mix belonging to Gender and Sexuality Studies professor Jillana Enteen. Enteen rescued Rosie seven years ago from a local shelter and says she knew right away that she was a perfect match. Having completed emotional support animal training, Rosie attends classes and comforts students dealing with college stress.

"She makes everything in the world more special," Enteen's students say.

Here is what Rosie has to say about her time on campus.

**NBN: What is your favorite spot on campus?**

**Rosie:** I really like the patch of grass in front of Kresge because my mom will let me off of the leash in that area.



**NBN: What does your ideal day look like?**

**Rosie:** I like to run around before I go inside and sit in my mom's office. I love it when people come to the office and pet me and play with me. Then, I like to go to classes. After the day is done, I get more time off-leash before I get into the car and go home. Mom will always give me food, no matter what time it is.

**NBN: What is your favorite food and favorite toy?**

**Rosie:** My favorite food is Bully Sticks. My favorite toy is my hedgehog named Hedgey. My mom calls me a hedge fund manager because I get a new one every six months, but I won't get rid of my old ones.

**NBN: What is your favorite thing about being on campus?**

**Rosie:** My favorite part is getting to meet students. I love when they come to the office, when I'm invited to their classroom, when I see them when I'm walking around on campus or when I can comfort them. The best thing about Northwestern is all of the dog-loving students!

**Max & Michael Schill**



Last, but certainly not least, is President Michael Schill's dog Max. The two enjoy going on walks and seeing students along the way. Max is a mix of breeds, including Pomeranian and Cavalier King Charles Spaniel. Schill adopted him from a shelter during COVID-19.

Let's see how Max enjoys campus life.

**NBN: What is your favorite spot on campus?**

**Max:** There's a rock on the walk between Lincoln and Deering. I go there all the time and sniff it. It's a very nice rock.

**NBN: What does your ideal day look like?**

**Max:** Seeing lots of students and having my tummy rubbed.

**NBN: Describe your social life on campus.**

**Max:** I've met a lot of students, and I like them. I'm more of a people person than a dog person.

**NBN: What is your favorite thing about being on campus?**

**Max:** The students! I also love chasing after squirrels, but unfortunately, I haven't caught any yet.

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