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SVVERVE Kindred canines at Paws4Ever shelter

By Lauren Farrington Staff Writer

Everyone loves a dog. That's not hyperbole. We recommend visiting Paws4Ever Animal Sanctuary

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in Mebane to find your #KindredCanine. And now I'm wondering why Disney hasn't made a princess movie about a girl and her dog.

Paws4Ever Animal Sanctuary has over 5 acres of land for their dogs and cats to live, and live they do. Paws4Ever is a guaranteedadoption animal shelter, meaning it doesn't practice euthanasia (somewhere out there, Sarah McLachlan is happy). In fact, all dogs at Paws4Ever are rescued from euthanasia-practicing shelters in Burlington, Wake and Chatham counties.

Carolyn Belle, Paws4Ever employee, likes to say that at the Sanctuary, "the animals have a home."

Carolyn introduced me to the dogs at Paws4Ever. First impression: I've never left an interview smiling before now. So, welcome to what is essentially doggiemingle.com. Which dog should be yours?

Creed

If you're the next Michael Phelps, or if you are Michael Phelps, Creed is the dog for you. The 1-year-old terrier/ lab loves to play in kiddie pools and lakes. "He'd be a great dog for water sports," Carolyn said.

Creed, just like you, is a dog lover. If you feel most beautiful when a dog pulls on its leash to say hi to you, rest assured that Creed will make humans and dogs alike feel like George Clooney.

This freely loving pup

would be a great option for a dog owner who wants another dog.

Slinky

Do you like to fight? If yes, can you win a fight? If no, then Slinky can sympathize. The 6-year-old basset hound suffers from Napoleon complex: oblivious to his small size, he enjoys picking fights with others. But hey, confidence is key.

His allergies require a lot of love, as he needs eye drops and special dog food to keep him from nibbling at his skin. For Slinky, it's the little blessings that count: his head in your lap, eating watermelon and being your one-and-only.

Simba

Need a cheap therapist? Adopt Simba! He is a very affectionate 2-year-old, pit bull terrier that ~loves to cuddle~. Simba's sweet smile hardly leaves his face while he listens to all of your problems.

Don't worry, his momma raised him right - he won't interrupt you while you're talking, as he's quiet and attentive.

If you're an activist, adopting Simba is one step closer to relieving the violent stigma surrounding pit bulls. Plus, you can get one of those "I Love my Pit Bull" car stickers, because who cares about seeing out of your back window when your dog is crushing stereotypes?

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One-year-old Creed (top) and two-year-old Stuart (bottom) are only two of several dogs that are available for adoption at Paws4Ever, a guaranteed adoption animal shelter, in Hillsborough.

First-year dorms get a school spirit makeover

Instead of pirate ships, HoJo is now **UNC-themed.**

By Alex Gailey Staff Writer

The UNC Department of Housing and Residential Education has taken a new approach to interior decor. UNC dorms have stepped away from pirate and jungle-

the summer with an intent to connect to student interest by looking for new initiatives that students can latch onto.

"We had a review team that came in from three other universities as a part of that strategic plan and one of the things they noticed was that we don't attach to the Carolina brand that much in our buildings," he said. "We took that to our housing advisory board, which is a student organization. This was really one of the

them feel more connected to the UNC community.

"I wouldn't say it's too overwhelming because I was definitely excited to come," said first-year Nick Colvin, who's living in Hinton James Residence Hall. "I haven't gone to any events yet posted, but I like what they're doing. It got me into dorm life more."

Another first-year, Dorothy Colon, said she thought the change made the overall experience of a first-year move-in to get to from Hinton James. I know where to get to from a certain spot. I just knew Hinton James was my place."

Upperclass students also noticed the transformation in the first-year dorms.

Senior Rachel Hill said it will be good for first-years because it will encourage them to be more active in the UNC community.

Senior Kelsey Levanson said she didn't know a lot about UNC before she came here and

Bradley said that this is only phase one of the four-phase rebranding project, and that the housing department has plans to complete the other three phases by the winter of 2017, including remodeling upperclass student dorms.

'The first-year halls have more energy and are a little more 'Ra Ra' with getting people connected to the Carolina spirit," Bradley said.

"Then as you move into pperclass halls, the design will become a little more sophisticated and mature to sort of show a student's progression through the years here."

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themed halls and are now embracing UNC pride more than ever.

Rick Bradley, associate director of Housing and Residential Education, said the rebranding project began over

things that rose to the top for them as far as interest."

Bradley said that there has been overall positive feedback from first-years and their parents. Many first-years have agreed that it has helped more inclusive.

"I think of back when I was moving in and about to move in — basically everything that I have learned around campus has been centralized around my dorm, like I know where

thinks the rebranding efforts will help first-years adjust.

"I think it can bolster school spirit more, especially as a first-year here because I wasn't a Carolina fan before I came here," Levanson said.

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