



COURTESY OF KALSEY HYDER  
Junior Kalsey Hyder poses with her dog Ellie, an 8-month-old fetching Razor's Edge American Bully.

# UNC student's bully puppy wins hearts of all

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There's one creature that can go anywhere on UNC's campus and be welcomed by all — a dog.

Whether it be a teeny-tiny dog, a lap dog or a dog that resembles a small horse, all dogs are welcomed at UNC by those who want to scratch a tail-wagging, paw-popping, adorable pet.

Junior Kalsey Hyder is the proud owner of an 8-month-old fetching Razor's Edge American Bully named Ellie.

But Hyder didn't always envision herself to be the mother this adorable dog.

It was only after some coaxing by Hyder's dad — who wanted to get Hyder a dog for protection after she decided she would be living off-campus without roommates — that Hyder got Ellie, who was four weeks old at the time.

"I didn't really plan on getting a dog, but now I can't imagine that I wanted to live by myself without a dog," Hyder said.

But dogs like Ellie aren't just cute pets to come home to,

play with or cuddle with.

They can also provide protection for the mind, body and soul.

"She is a big stress reliever. She's just so happy, and to her, you're the most important thing in their world, so it's always nice to come home and cuddle whenever I've had a bad day," Hyder said.

Dr. Allen O'Barr, the director of Counseling and Psychological Services at UNC, said dogs can also benefit students' well-being.

"If a person feels comfortable with a companion animal of any type, then that animal can prove a great deal of support to that student during times of loneliness or homesickness or anxiety," O'Barr said.

For some people, dogs and other animals are more than just cute friends — they have an active role in supporting a healthy lifestyle.

"There are some people who are greatly comforted by the companion of an animal, whether it's a dog or cat or



ferret or mouse or whatever," O'Barr said.

"For some people who suffer from psychological conditions, that can be the thing that stabilizes them when they otherwise don't feel stable."

Even for students who don't get to go home and snuggle up with a dog, just seeing one on campus can put a smile on their faces.

When Hyder walks Ellie through campus, she is greeted by lots of students eager to get some puppy love.

"I had someone stop their car in the middle of the street and get out to pet her and then get back in the car and go," she said.

First-year Mary Beth Browne said although she considers herself a cat person, she loves seeing dogs on campus.

"Anything with that much energy and fur always brightens my day," she said. "When I see a dog — even if I don't get to pet the dog — just seeing something that is cute brings happiness to my heart because it reminds me of home."

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# Background checks: an unexpected expense

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University programs that sponsor volunteering with children have encountered an expensive problem.

Many volunteers are required to undergo background checks before they are able to participate in many volunteering opportunities, and background checks cost money — as much as \$50 per person per year.

Juliana Ritter, co-president of the Campus Y, said the cost of the background checks is causing challenges for the Y, where more than half of the committees work with kids.

"Absolutely, to an extent, background checks are necessary and good, but if they really were ... this serious about it, they should front those costs or work with us and not leave it up to us," Ritter said.

Christopher Payne, associate vice chancellor for student affairs, said in an email that while there are occasions when students have to pay for background checks, usually departments try to cover these fees.

"Most all departments and units across the University that sponsor or support activities that require background checks include these expenses in their operating budgets," Payne said.

Payne said if students are required to have a background check, they can contact the sponsoring department or unit to clarify who is responsible for the background check and any associated costs.

The volunteer programs that require background checks are primarily programs involving minors, Payne said.

Protection of Minors Coordinator Starr Barbaro said the current policy requires each volunteer to

have a background check from within the last year in order to work in programs involving children.

The background checks have to go through the University's human resources department, Barbaro said.

Barbaro said they try to work with student organizations on costs.

"Most of the programs pay for the background checks," Barbaro said.

"We've also been working with some organizations, so we've made sure that cost doesn't interfere with students' ability to volunteer."

However, Ritter said the current system still causes

issues — at least for the Campus Y.

"The worst part of the policy is that the only background checks they accept is the \$50 one through the University," Ritter said.

"Other background checks only cost ten dollars. It could help students afford it."

Ritter said the background checks also pose a logistical challenge for the Campus Y.

"It makes it really difficult for us to be dealing with larger systemic issues when we have to deal with the logistics."

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**FAQ: How to vote**

Find out how to fill out an absentee ballot, what kind of ID you need and more. See pg. 3 for story.

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Organizations and the town are working together to help people get identification. See pg. 2 for story.

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## Samson in Stone: New Discoveries in the Ancient Synagogue at Huqoq in Israel's Galilee

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14 Toothpaste tube letters

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16 Honeydew, for one

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21 Nickname for Basketball Hall of Famer Maravich

23 Euler's forte

25 Commencement opening?

26 Online reminders

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33 Attribute to, as blame

34 Fish order

35 "What \_\_ care?"

36 One always looking up

40 Zeta follower

41 Soccer followers?

42 Causes of many Alaskan road accidents

43 High-end neckwear

46 Declines to raise

47 Bard's bedtime

48 Machu Picchu denizen

49 Shield bearers

55 Leave out

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59 Novel surprise ... and a hint to what's hidden in 17-, 21-, 36- and 49-Across

61 Cardinal, e.g.

62 "Friend Like Me" singer in "Aladdin"

63 Author Talese

64 Fire sign

65 Gladiator's milieu

66 Olive shaped like a stick

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2 "People" person

3 She beat out Madeline Kahn, with whom she shared the screen, for Best Supporting Actress

4 Org. that publishes weekly player rankings

5 Lauren et al.

6 Tazo choice

7 Long spans

8 Collector's target

9 Filled, folded fare

10 Sneeze cause

11 Ultimatum word

12 Jicama or ginger

13 Actress Hathaway

18 Stumper?

22 Rowing crew, perhaps

24 St. formed from the Southwest Territory

26 Duel tools

27 "The Untouchables" gangster

28 Hotel reservations

29 View from Lake Geneva

30 Chihuahua "Ciao!"

31 Oater group

32 Locations

34 Sour fruit

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38 Bowie's bride

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44 Hot whistler

45 Plains homes

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49 Cosby of "Inside Edition"

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52 Rolex Player of the Year-awarding org.

53 "The Sopranos" actor Robert

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