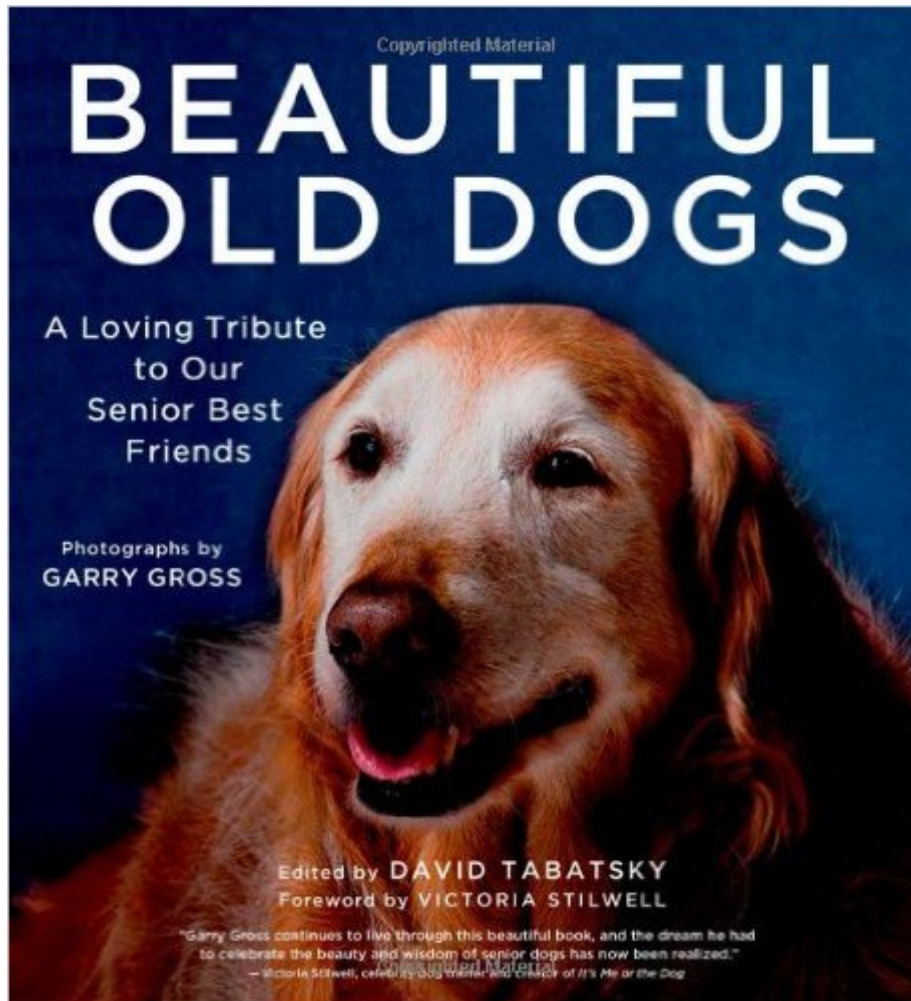


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# Beautiful Old Dogs: A Loving Tribute To Our Senior Best Friends



## Synopsis

A charming, delightfully photographed tribute to the older dog, with essays and poetry. Gandhi once said, "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way that its animals are treated." How people regard older animals is especially revealing. Beautiful Old Dogs is a heartfelt, emotional, passionate tribute to old dogs. It will inspire many readers to get involved in senior dog rescue and adoption, as it honors our senior best friends and explores their current state of care and custody in an informative appendix. This book features the exquisite photography of the late Garry Gross, a noted fashion photographer during the 60s, 70s and 80s who, after becoming a highly successful dog trainer in New York City, turned his camera lens towards dogs. Gross, along with Victoria Stilwell from Animal Planet's It's Me or the Dog, founded Dog Trainers of New York in 2002, and became devoted to highlighting the plight and value of senior dogs. "The older the better," Gross said. "Dogs with soul in their eyes." David Tabatsky has collected Gross's photographs here, and carefully curated an accompanying selection of moving, insightful, funny, and uplifting essays and short pieces by a range of writers, with contributions from Anna Quindlen, Ally Sheedy, Christopher Durang, Doris Day, Dean Koontz, Marlo Thomas, and many more.

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## Customer Reviews

I absolutely love this book. Stunning photos and beautiful tributes to senior dogs. Wonderful essays that are so touching. If you have ever loved an animal, the following words of Suzanne Clothier (p.56) will have profound meaning for you: "There is a cycle of love and death that shapes the lives

of those who choose to travel in the company of animals. It is a cycle unlike any other. To those who have never lived through its turnings or walked its rocky path, our willingness to give our hearts with full knowledge that they will be broken seems incomprehensible. Only we know how small a price we pay for what we receive; our grief, no matter how powerful it may be, is an insufficient measure of the joy we have been given."This book is a must for any dog lover.

right now I have two senior doggies. they are both 14 years young. before these babies came to me .my four footed baby left me at 15.i still miss him.soon I will have to say goodbye again.1 am 82 years old but when these babies leave me I will not go on alone.i will find a senior doggies who needs a home I will need him or her more.

i recently lost Frankie, my fourteen year old schnauzer. Frankie was loyal and true, and to the end of his life, he was happiest sleeping under the dining room table at my feet. this book was the perfect salve for my heart, which has been broken since Frankie's death. the photographs by Garry Gross were absolutely stunning, and the essays were touching, and beautifully curated by author, David Tabatsky. i'm going to be buying this book as a christmas present for all of my friends who love dogs.

As I sat down with my copy of "Beautiful Old Dogs" there was something perfectly poetic that a white-faced 13 year old rescued pitbull lay snoring against my side. I have to admit my first thought was "I, of all people, need no reminding how beautiful and amazing senior dogs are" but from the pages poured such passion for this demographic of animals that I began to appreciate my old girl even more-something I didn't know was possible. I was most touched by the photographs taken by late fashion photographer and dog trainer Garry Gross, who sought "dogs with soul in their eyes." His mission to capture all that he saw in these dogs in order to advocate on their behalf is certainly fulfilled by this book with the support of the personal, poignant, and at times humorous anecdotes by a cast of merry dog-lovers including renown singer/actress Doris Day, novelist Dean Koontz, and playwright Eugene O'Neil.The last pages of this book are devoted to resources to aid those less fortunate animals, perhaps simply discarded because people can be blind to the aged beauty that Gross fought so hard to share. From "Adopt A Senior Pet" to "The White Muzzle Fund" this information turns "Beautiful Old Dogs" into much more than just a touching collection of words and images. In fact, I think it truly supports Gross's vision by using art to awaken our hearts and then providing the information so we can do something about it. It's pretty easy to start by simply sharing

this book, you never know what a difference it will make in the life of an old dog.

This is a beautiful and touching tribute to senior dogs. I bought the book as a present for my wife after reading a positive review in a magazine. My wife loves it. And yes, we have an old dog and she is beautiful. This is a great read for dog lovers. Highly recommend.

Beautifully edited, well designed with high-quality printing, these portraits of life-long companions and family members at the epilogue of their lives is stunning. And deeply moving. We all like pictures of puppies, and stories of good dogs, but there is grace and profundity in these elders. Every dog owner should wish their friend could be so celebrated.

Precious and touching stories of senior dogs who are considered to be disposable by society, yet they have so much to give. Speaking from experience, owner of old golden retrievers for years. Well done book , excellent photos and tribute.

To me, there's nothing more exquisite on this earth than an old dog, and Beautiful Old Dogs is a touching and beautifully crafted tribute to them. With gorgeous photos and lovely stories from both famous and unknown dog lovers, this book would be a slam-dunk gift for any dog lover, especially those with senior dogs. I've got it on my coffee table now and everyone picks it up! ~ Melanie Monteiro, author of The Safe Dog Handbook

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