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LOSING YOUR BEST FRIEND



Recent events involving two friends of mine reminded me of the immeasurable value pets have and how their (somewhat inevitable) loss deeply impacts the lives of their humans. In addition, as a superstitious person, it fills me with apprehension over the 'all bad things happen in threes' scenario - please give your pets a big hug every morning - just in case.

My darling friend in Bendigo had his mate for almost two decades when one morning after being summoned to open the door for his morning ablutions, Mitchell's legs gave way. I shouldn't have to explain what happened next but suffice to say the void Mitchell's passing has caused is palpable - from the time you enter their apartment, sit at the dining table to the time you go to bed and wake the next morning.

Mitchell had this amazing ability to sit in the most inappropriate spot - regardless of how much space was available. Amazingly no-one ever tripped over him but the repartee between him and Neil was gold. A prime example was the single bark Mitchell would make which set Neil into immediate motion toward the door to let him out.

The relationship between the two 'men' was exceptional. You could easily tell that they had been 'best friends' for a very long time - a relationship that was obvious to all who visited and sadly left a massive hole in the life of the human left behind. The wounds will eventually heal, but Mitchell will never be forgotten - a truly exceptional dog.

The second friend to experience this very sad event in their life was my dear friend Matty. Astro wrote a beautiful goodbye to his friends and family and you can read it in Q Diary in this issue. He was a darling old man and will be missed by everyone who met him.

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