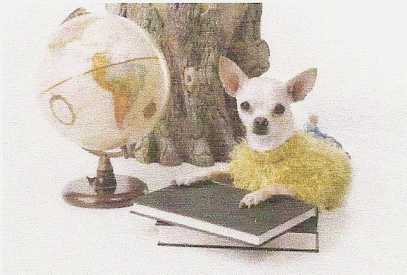


America's Top Dog Model: Local dog goes green for calendar

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FORT WALTON BEACH — A local woman's furry friend is featured in the 2011 America's Top Dog Model calendar after being chosen in a national contest.

Aila Pearl Belle Schauer, a 4-year-old Chihuahua, is the November model in the calendar, which is themed "Go Green."

"I was thrilled when I learned she'd made the calendar," said Aila's owner, Angel Schauer of Fort Walton Beach. "There are dogs from all over the United States that are featured in this contest. It's very exciting."

Aila is featured wearing a green shirt with her paws lying on a book with a globe and tree stump behind. Schauer said that when she got a call that Aila had made the calendar, she was asked the story behind her submitted photo.

"The story is Aila's learning how to save the planet," Schauer said. "They loved it."

Schauer said the submission process required her to fill out a form on Aila and submit a thoughtful photo keeping with the theme. She said she submitted two photos, but the globe photo fit the bill best.

Schauer said she gave copies of the calendar to family and friends for Christmas.

"I got one for all of our family. They went along with our other Christmas gifts," Schauer said. "They all knew she made it in, but until I gave it to them they hadn't actually seen it."

Schauer said Aila now is waiting for more training to be a therapy dog and can be found making visits around town.