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Figure 1.

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America's Top Dog Model 2014

America's Top Dog Model selected Rose, a teacup poodle from Sharpsburg, Ga., as the winner of this year's "Healthy Paws" contest.

Born on March 29, 2010, Rose is the daughter of Penny, a 2009 contest finalist.

"She is loving, animated, loud, funny and needy," said Wendy Foskey, Rose's owner. "I use the term needy more to convey her desire to be held, babied, spoken to softly and to please. Rose and her rosy personality make this a very happy home."

The Foskey family recently lost family pets

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Katie in October 2013 and Pepe in January, both due to heart failure. The deaths motivated Foskey to research the disease, discovering that human and canine illnesses and prevention are closely related, and that prevention includes proper diet and exercise.

"We all started a low-sodium, heart-healthy diet, and not-so-typical exercise," she said, adding that the regimen came about in a funny way.

One day, while Foskey was playing music and cleaning,

Rose's brother Charlie grabbed his favorite squeaky toy and, according to Foskey, began squeaking to the beat. Rose began howling to the music, and Penny started turning in circles.

"I began jumping, clapping my hands and dancing," said Foskey. "Charlie and Rose started hopping on their hind legs and turning in circles. It is hysterical to watch, and cleaning my house—and getting exercise doing it-has never been so fun."

Rose will be featured on the cover and represent the month

of March in America's Top Dog Model 2016 calendar.

> Rose's TIARA is from America's Top Dog Model; her prize blue CHOKER is from Lola's for Pets; and her designer **BLUE DRESS** is a prize from canine designer Linda Higgins.