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Meet Jeff Marginean

Jeff is a dog dad, author, musician, music producer, and voting member of the National Academy for Recording Arts & Sciences, Inc. for the annual Grammy Awards. Having two college degrees in the engineering field, he is a process control engineer by day and a nationally recognized music producer by night.



Watch out, Lassie, Butch is moving into the spotlight!

According to one survey*, Americans own approximately 73 million dogs. This survey also reports that nearly all pet owners say companionship, love, and affection are the key benefits to owning a pet. Jeff Marginean agrees.

Marginean received Butch, a little rambunctious Boston terrier, from his father as a "thank you" gift for helping his dad adjust to widowhood. Marginean had seen how Butch's "mom", Buttons, gave his dad something to occupy his days and bring a smile to his face. But, given his crazy work schedule, he was hesitant to take on the big responsibility of a pet.

In *My Buddy Butch: Confessions of a New Dog Dad* (©9/08, www.mybuddybutch.com), readers will get caught up in this humorous, touching true story of how Butch gives Marginean a new perspective on single parenthood, unconditional love, and slowing down in today's hectic world.

Marginean shares the joy of having someone greet him whenever he arrives home, the fun of teaching Butch to catch balls and Frisbees, the battle of wills during obedience training, the frustration of seeing furniture and rugs devoured, and the fear when Butch appears to have run away to escape 4th of July fireworks. And, as readers get to know Butch, they also get to know Jeff. All dog lovers (and other animal lovers) will be able to relate to this fun "tail."



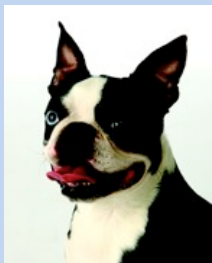
Selected excerpt from *My Buddy Butch: Confessions of a New Dog Dad*

From Chapter 9: The Smartest Dog of All Time

...Butch decided he "had enough training for that night" and just laid down "frog-legged" on the floor. In the following couple of weeks, he decided that he was not going to walk at any time for any reason. Leslie (the instructor) would even change the routine and make us walk first but Butch had decided that he was not going to walk until he was ready. Did I mention that Boston terriers can be as stubborn as bulldogs? Many mistake this stubbornness for stupidity in these breeds but let me tell you that they are not as dumb as they want you to think they are! We were sequestered to the outside of the ring and I literally had to drag Butch around each lap on the smooth floor like a dust mop while he was frog-legged flat on his stomach. Sometimes I think he did it just for the attention. He would pop his head up as he went sliding past customers and onlookers as I dragged him across the floor. Much to their delight and amazement, they all would burst out laughing while Butch just hung his tongue out and went along for the ride. He would walk at home just fine and he understood my commands when we would practice but he just would not listen when we got to that training ring. As plainly as I could see Butch's defiance, I could see the lesson in patience that I was being taught. It was a battle of wills and I kept reminding myself that there was no hurry for him to learn and that he would lose this battle but I kept telling him that he would lose! This only seemed to strengthen his resolve...It was a total of three weeks before I finally "broke him!"...Once he realized that he could not win the walking battle, he began to walk on command and did just fine. ...

Newly added to his resume is radio talk show host. He lives in a nice quiet little city in Ohio with this dog son, Butch, and says he gets his best ideas while mowing the lawn.

Meet Butch



AKC NAME:
"MR. BUTCH II"

HEIGHT:
14 inches

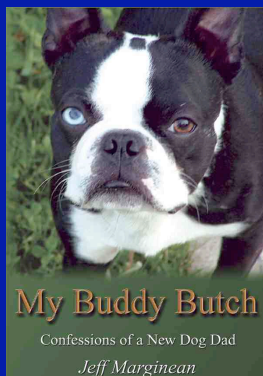
WEIGHT:
24lbs (I'm larger than many Bostons, but I'm buff!)

FAVORITE FOOD:
Steak, chicken, and frozen pot pies (but I only get them once a week!)

FAVORITE TOY:
Frisbee or porcupine football.

To request *My Buddy Butch* as a galley copy now and/or have a review copy sent to you in August, arrange an interview with Jeff Marginean, or for any additional information, please contact:

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