

# A Message from the Mutts

If you watched the latest dog show, you know that a wiry fox terrier won Best in Show. They said he was the best dog in the country. Dog experts said he won because his shoulder/hip ratio was perfect. His ears flipped over the right amount. His tail curled up just so. The dog had a perfect gait, he never broke his stride. The experts talked about his “heart” and his desire to win.



We mutts ask how hard is it to have heart when you’ve always been fed? When you’ve never been hit? When you have always been treated like pampered royalty?



We mutts have shoulders that aren’t the correct ration, but they will always be there if you need a shoulder to cry on.

Our ears aren’t perfect but they will be there to listen through the good times and the bad.

Our tails go every which way, but we guarantee they will be wagging whenever you come home.

We mutts don’t even know what a perfect walk is, but we will follow you anywhere.

We don’t desire trophies or ribbons. Our only desire is to find a loving, safe, forever home.

As for heart, we mutts think having heart means being brave enough to trust again, even though some of us haven’t been treated well.

We think having heart means not judging all people from the actions of a few.

We think having heart means waking up each day with optimism and hope that today is the day we will find our forever home. That today is the day a family will see us and fall in love with us. That today we will find a family that wants unconditional love.

If you want to see a “Best in Show” or the “best dog in the country” you don’t have to go to a dog show. Look nor further than the kennels at CVAS.

We mutts think that the best dog in the country is the dog that you love who loves you back with everything he has.

The best dog in the country is the dog who is a cherished member of a family.

— By Julie Lambert, CVAS volunteer

