

HARVEST INN

Heart of Napa Valley

Peanut Greene Resident Pup



Visit St. Helena's Harvest Inn and you're likely to be greeted by its resident pup Peanut, whose personality and pluck perfectly complement the Inn's charm. Small in size but not in stature, Peanut's personal story is nothing short of inspirational; giving hope to other down-on-their-luck doggies.

Born in Vernalis, CA, Peanut's first five years were sad ones. The Inn's General Manager, Debbie, was also sad at this time and a good friend decided a "little dog" was just the thing to brighten her spirits. Peanut, posted on Craigslist like an unwanted piece of furniture, captured Debbie's heart, was immediately adopted, and quickly moved to her St. Helena home. Malnourished, dirty and downright down in the dumps, Peanut was a sorrowful sight. With many warm, soapy baths and a diet of organic chicken, brown rice and vegetables he's flourished under Debbie's love and care.

His dog days behind him, Peanut now oversees the Inn's eight acres of gardens, greets guests at check-in, rolls in the grass and flowers, keeps the fauna in line, makes his rounds with managers and assistants or just sits quietly to watch the grapes grow.

With a wag of a tail, we have fun imagining Peanut's (miniature) Proust Interview:

What is your current state of mind?

Hungry and eager to welcome guests who will give me the unending petting and treats that I so richly deserve.

What is your greatest extravagance?

In Spring, it's rolling in the tulips; the gardeners hate it when I do that, but I just can't resist their tickle.

What do you consider the most overrated virtue?

Despising cats; I don't think they're THAT bad. Or eating slowly – I see nothing wrong with enthusiastic dining.

What or who is the greatest love of your life?

Debbie. Or dinner time. Even better when one makes the other happen.

What is your most treasured possession?

This week, it's my spring scarf.

What is your most marked characteristic?

Humility, and my benevolent attitude towards humans.

What is your motto?

If I can see it, it's mine. That is, until I don't want it any more.

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