



## dog of the month

name: Birdie (AKC Redlion's No Flies on Birdie)  
nickname: Bubbie, Bird's The Word, Birdie Bumble Bee

breed: Chesapeake Bay Retriever  
age: 7 months (in February when dog of the month)  
gender: F

favorite toy: Red cardinal plush toy that makes real bird calls  
(distress call probably ;))

favorite activity: Swimming at Castle Island, my Wednesday play group with Renee and the gang, flying through the woods at Breakheart Reservation, and every day at The Pawsitive Dog

favorite training trick: Performing several full on aerial pirouettes before getting my kibble (Spin, Birdie, spin!)

favorite destination: Truro beaches

favorite food/treat: Tie between Greek yogurt and a bully stick

best friends: Charlie "the Chessie," Winn "the Big Man on Campus," my cousin Porter "the Newfie"

biggest accomplishment: Learning to control my natural desire to be the boss and dominate – I'm still working on it but I've made huge progress

describe your perfect day: Morning bully stick, play with my chirping cardinal plush toys, short morning snooze on my dog bed, then ready for action! Romp in the woods at Breakheart with lots of treats for coming back to the moms and leaving the squirrels; errands with the moms and doing things like going into the ATM and heeling on a busy sidewalk (more treats); naptime on my dog bed; sunset walk and swim at Castle Island. Lots of ear rubs, petting, and opportunities to sneak in my famous slobber kiss throughout.

when I grow up I want to be (career description) ... : The boss! Though since I can't be the boss, I want to be a champion dock-diving Chessie!

I love my parents because ...: They're helping me be the happy, confident, exuberant, awesome dog I naturally am. They've also brought out my inner snuggler.

I hate to admit it, but my naughtiest moment was...: When I was just a little puppy my parents gave me my first marrow bone and it was amazing! But when they went to take it away from me I got really angry and snarled and bared my milk teeth and tried to take their hands off. It was so much fun that I did it again! And again!

