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MY LOVEABLE DOG MAX DOES NOT LIKE HARDWOOD,

laminare or ceramic floors. He is only comfortable on carpet, blankets or our new sectional sofa (sigh!). Every time Max needs to go outside, he digs deep to find the courage to scamper across the ceramic tile flooring to one of three exits. He doesn't bark at all, so he stands at the door waiting for someone to notice that he wants to go outside.

When we brought him home from the pound three years ago, we discovered quite quickly that he had issues. Issues – that's what my brother-in-law Lindsay says we should have named him. My boys decided on Max.

Three years have now passed, and we are absolutely in love with our Max. He's still terrified of the floors, he's still silent and he now walks backwards up the stairs.

I'm telling you about my Max because this issue of OUR HOMES features people who bring their pets to work. I could never bring Max to the OUR HOMES office – the place is covered with hardwood flooring. If you are considering a new pet, please visit or contact one of the many organizations that rescue abandoned dogs and cats. There are so many that need a good home.

Spring uncovers work and new possibilities around the house. This issue is full of inspiration and stories about people who are celebrating life at home here in glorious Southern Georgian Bay.

I also encourage you to visit our new website ourhomes.ca for even more great ideas for your home, inside and out.

Sincerely,

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