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## Dog-eat-dog world

From her appearances to her credit card: Reveille's life explained

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The life of Reveille may appear to be all photos and pampering, but this is a dog that has a tougher job than most Aggies realize.

"Reveille has a really tough lifestyle. She has to go to games, she has to be walked around all the time and she has to be approached all the time," said Mascot Corporal Jordan Caddick. "That's a lot to ask of a dog. Most dogs just eat, go to the bathroom in the backyard and slobber everywhere."

On the flip side, Caddick, a sophomore general studies major, admits Reveille has her own credit card but it is used for necessities only.

"Granted, I have a credit card, but I guarantee you more money is spent on other student organizations than on her," Caddick said. "I buy her things any dog would need. It's not like I go out and buy diamond collars for her."

Caddick said though Reveille doesn't have diamond collars, she is a high maintenance dog.

"She's the first lady of A&M, and we treat her like that, (which means) you've got to spend some money," Caddick said. "We don't hold back in any way, shape or form."

Caddick said if Reveille is not with him, she is required to be with a sophomore in the Corps outfit E-2 at all times because she can never be left alone.

"She does everything with us. Everywhere we go, she goes," Caddick said. "I guess it's the other way around - everywhere she goes, we go."

Kyle Goldman, a sophomore finance major and member of E-2, said Reveille seems more like a regular pet to him now.

"We get to deal with her on a personal level," Goldman said. "It's funny for us to see how nuts people go about Rev because to us in E-2, it's like she's just our family dog."

Caddick said Reveille has set meals, but

will try to steal extra food when he eats on campus with her.

"One time she attacked a bagel I had in my hand and she got about half of it," Caddick said. "I went hungry that morning."

As a treat, Reveille occasionally gets steak and chicken cooked for her from Duncan Dining Hall, Caddick said.

When it comes to class time with Reveille, Caddick said teachers usually follow the tradition of dismissing class when Reveille barks.

"At the beginning of the year, she barked a lot," Caddick said. "Now she's settling in more, and she sleeps almost more than I do."

Kelly Jump, a senior marketing major, said he once got out of class when Reveille barked, but only because Reveille was persistent.

"Reveille barked once and the teacher wouldn't let us out," Jump said. "Then Reveille started barking like crazy, so she had to give in."

Jump said he was surprised to witness the tradition.

"I never knew if it was an actual tradition or a rumor, so it was pretty cool when it worked," Jump said.

Caddick said Reveille will sleep at night if she is really tired from her day, but she usually has an event to attend.

"At least every other day, I have something to take her to," Caddick said. "It's pretty consistent. We go visit little kids, we go visit elementary schools around here, we talk to them about the Reveille tradition, we talk to them about A&M tradition and we tell them how bad 't-sips' are."

Though Reveille has to look nice and attend many special events, Caddick said Reveille just wants to act like a regular dog sometimes.

"Sometimes I don't think she realizes that she's Reveille. She'll just run around in the rain sometimes," Caddick said. "We let her be a normal dog

every once in a while. She's got so much puppy in her still and she's so playful."

Caddick said despite rumors, Reveille has never bitten anyone.

"You really have to hang out with her one on one to find out how cool she really is. She's a great dog," Caddick said. "All in all, it's a blast. It is so much fun to be able to take care of this dog."

Caddick said many people have voiced opinions on how Reveille should behave in public, but forget she is only 2 years old.

"One thing I've found out is that at this university, everybody is an expert on how to take care of Reveille and how Reveille should act," Caddick said.

"The truth of the matter is she's a dog, and nobody can predict and nobody can tell her how she should act and what's appropriate."

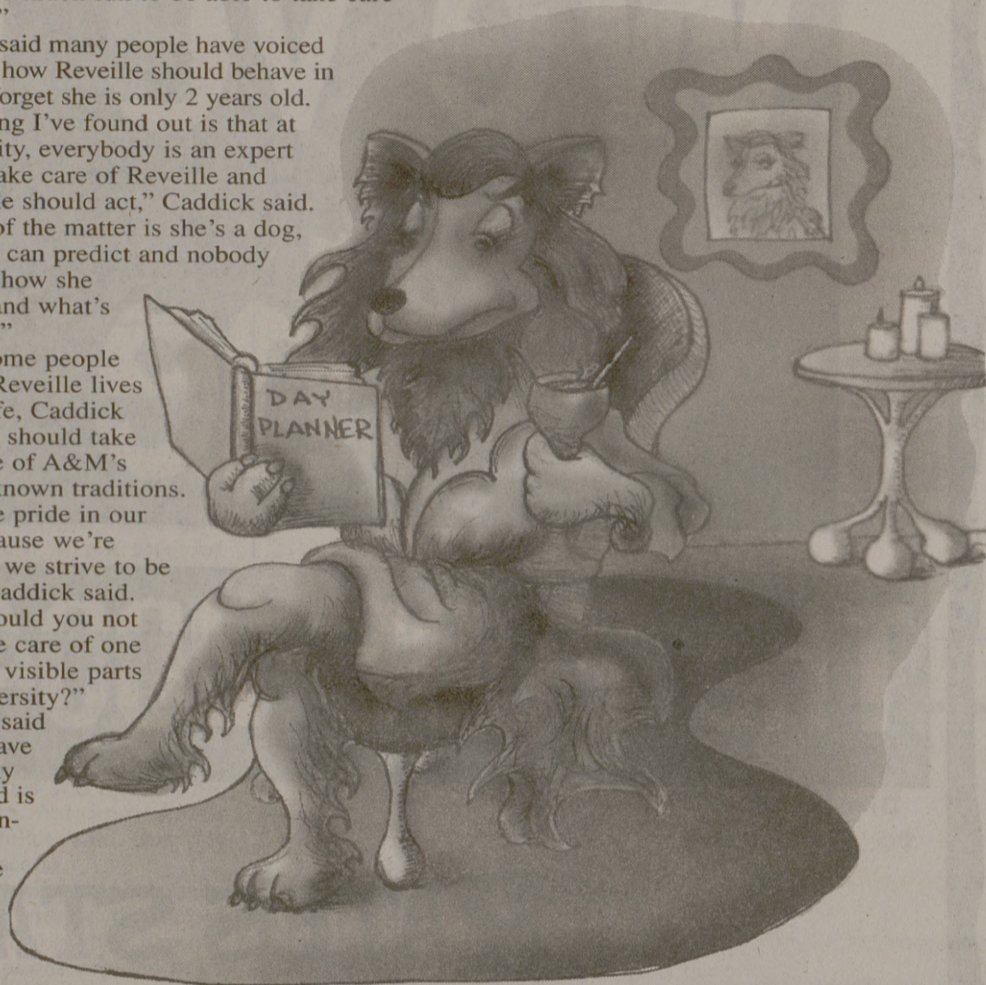
While some people may think Reveille lives a spoiled life, Caddick said Aggies should take pride in one of A&M's most well-known traditions.

"We take pride in our mascot because we're Aggies and we strive to be the best," Caddick said. "So why would you not want to take care of one of the most visible parts of the University?"

Caddick said he has to leave an hour early for class and is often 15 minutes late wherever he goes, but Reveille is worth it.

"How often do you get the

chance to take care of a really cool dog that is fun to hang out with for a year and be able to be an ambassador for her, for all students and to all Aggies," Caddick said. "It's a privilege to take her around and promote the Aggie spirit."



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