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Granny Grand Dame is an ex-beauty queen. In her middle years, she made the decision that she could no longer keep up with all that glamour. She spends her free time in the park, communing with nature, still looking pretty fabulous, especially in the morning sun as it shines through her bouffant.





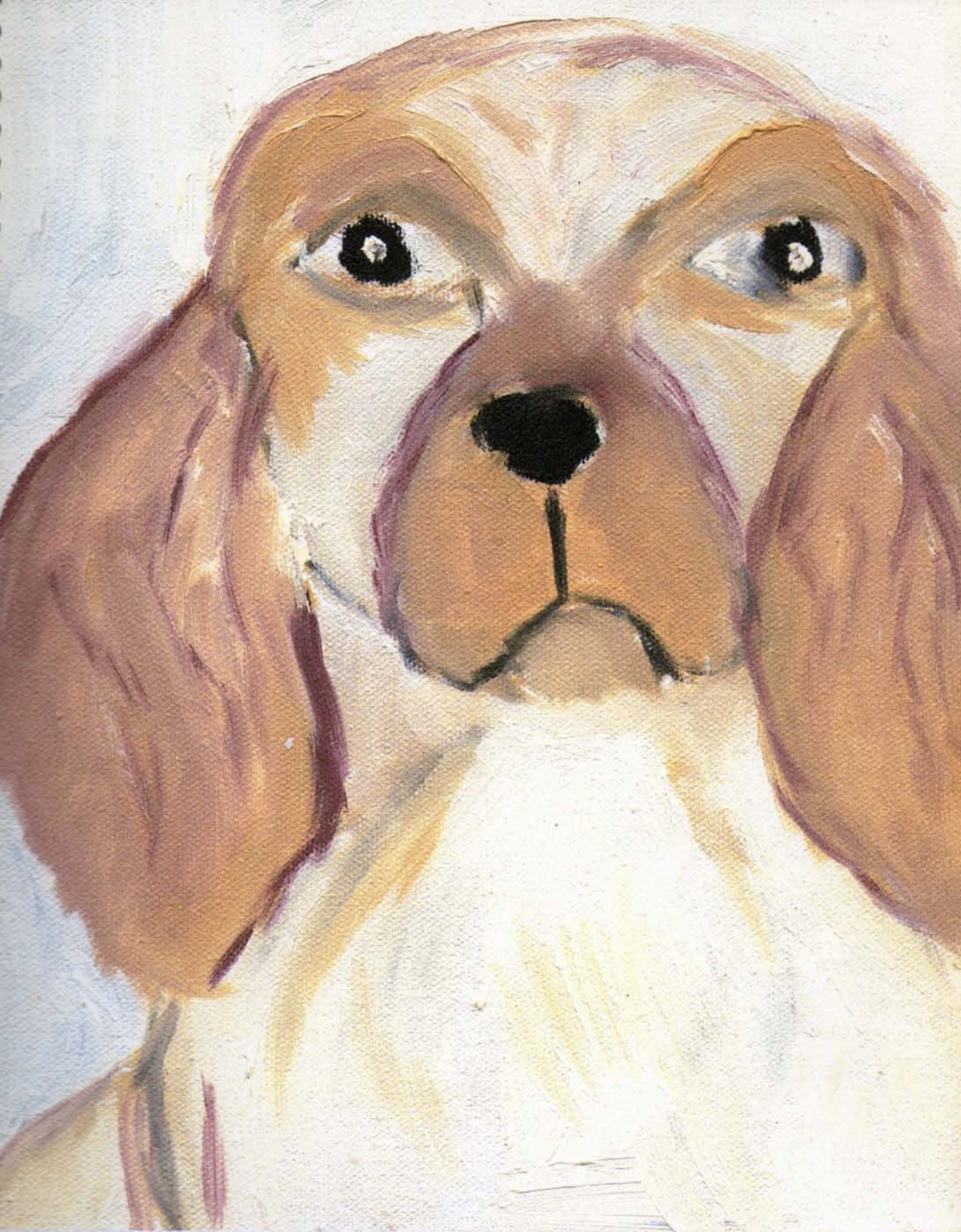
Venus is a spiritual leader, although Granny feels that by virtue of her long life's experience, she deserves the title. But Venus does not need to argue. She simply is... and she accomplishes this position each and every day, by getting up early and connecting to her namesake, the goddess of love.





Einstein is a famous hairdresser, Granny Grande Dame being one of his most flamboyant clients, although she breaks more appointments with him than she keeps. Otherwise, Central Park is full of his signature cuts, especially on the east side. Because of his trusted position in the community, Einstein has trained himself to refrain from gossip.





Miss Priss is oh, so intelligent, able to comprehend any human concept ever dreamt up, but she is not well liked because she barks all the time. She insists that she's not barking. She's simply imitating her owner's ridiculous laugh.





Mr. Atlas lost his job after a terrible tragedy. He was a security executive, responsible for metal detection, but at a crucial moment, he was having a cigarette. To this day he claims that he was outside doing his breathing exercises, but his boss could smell the smoke a mile away. He still likes wearing his uniform because he thinks the tie makes him look debonair.





Izzy's a scruffy mutt but he doesn't care because his owner loves him, possibly more than he loves his own flesh and blood. The name Izzy stands for 'is he a this or is he a that?' Izzy's ears are less than perfect and what he hears when his name is called is "Lizzy" which adds to his sense of entitlement. To endear himself at home, he has developed an uncanny tolerance for being dressed up in silly costumes.





Gracie ran away from a rural photographer that employs her family as an ongoing art subject. She told Granny that she can understand the appeal of the work, but there comes a time when one must learn something new. Because in the past, her wardrobe was so elaborate, she needs extra protection from the elements and is looking for just the right situation.





All the dogs see Finnigan as a maniac but he contributes greatly to the pack. He lives with an attorney and sometimes he pretends to be hungry when he's really eavesdropping. Needless to say, he has learned to solve just about any problem that pops up in the canine community, except health care.



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