

Palm Beach Pet Set: Our well known neighbors and their love of dogs

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We all know many people in Palm Beach — but we don't always know that much about them. And we're sometimes surprised to learn that they have a completely different side or interests that are unknown to us. Here are two stories about people you may know — and something about them you perhaps didn't know. One is a well-known entertainer who has written a dog book (although he doesn't have a dog), and the other a couple with a history of showing dogs.

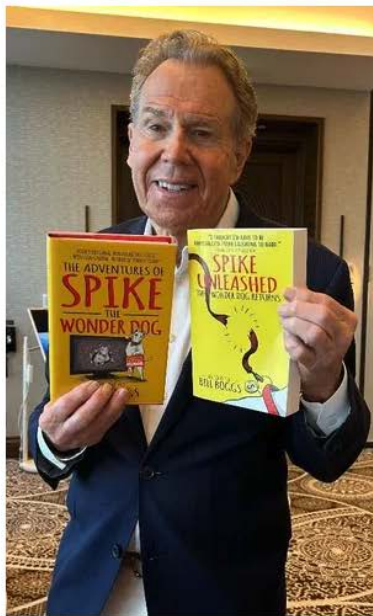
Bill Boggs and his canine commentator

Can someone without a dog write a great dog book? Bill Boggs can. You may have already met him if you went to the Ben Hotel last month for the Cultural Council of Palm Beach program, where he was the host.

Or chances are you've met or seen him around someplace. A part-time Palm Beacher — he spends the rest of his time in New York and the Hamptons — Bill is an Emmy-winning entertainer, producer and lecturer. He has worked with such luminaries as Frank Sinatra, John Belushi, Martha Stewart, Sammy Davis Jr., Yul Brynner, Jerry Lewis and Howard Stern.

In Palm Beach, where so many locals originally lived in New York, many know him because he was the host of New York's once-famous TV show, "Midday Live with Bill Boggs." [Full disclosure, the show's executive producer, Paul Noble, is my husband.] But even if you know him, or of him, you may not know that Boggs is the author of two award-winning dog books: "The Adventures of Spike the Wonder Dog," and "Spike Unleashed." They aren't about a dog, but the satirical award-winning books "feature a canine commentator riffing about everything around him," Bill said.

That allows Bill to comment about people, and events without angering anyone. Not an easy accomplishment in Palm Beach.



Bill Boggs is the author of two books about Spike, the wonder dog. Provided By Paulette Cooper Noble