

Jim Richards

Petrie and Cliff

Oil on Panel

Artist's Statement

This oil painting, along with companion, was inspired by two long-time friends who had a similarly synergistic relationship with a pet/companion. Seeing the love between caretakers and rescue animals – and what they bring to each other is heartfelt, and seeing Petey interacting with people, oblivious to his handicaps, is likewise warming to the heart.

My painting shows Cliff holding Petrie and looking at him with genuine affection. Petrie is gazing at the viewer, full of energy and vigorous life. In the background are blue sky and clouds – if you look carefully, there is a heavenly cloud shape of Petrie in the upper right of the painting. The small companion of Petrie (we call him Petey) shows him in his walker before he was taught how to hop on his hind legs. The walker offered Petrie a way to get around without rubbing his chest raw from pushing himself along the ground – he could not walk on all four of his legs. He was born blind in one eye and without fore paws. You wouldn't know it that he was handicapped by these conditions by the way he conveyed himself – a very happy Petrie for all to see! If you want to learn more about Petrie's Story: From Rags to Riches, visit <https://cubits.org/Dogs/articles/view/358/>

Artist's Bio

Art has been my passion for over 35 years and sharing passion through my art is my joy. I am inspired by the simple beauty seen in life. This beauty ranges from simple movement and line to its physical embodiment. There is inner beauty that all people and objects possess if seen in the proper light and perspective -- metaphorically and literally speaking. Recognizing and recording the representation of that natural beauty is my desire and challenge. I typically focus on a single subject and paint in a realistic style with minimal supporting background.

My focus on little details permeates my artwork. I am fascinated by details – but not obsessed by them (or so *I* think). The selection and reduction of the details surrounding the subject is important to me. The details help to emphasize elegance both from a conceptual perspective and in conveying simplicity and beauty.

I love people's faces and find that portraying them through portraiture and figurative work is a very gratifying way to capture the moment and convey my vision of the personification of beauty to others. You can see some of my artwork on my website. Commissions are gladly considered.

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Art Label:

Name: Jim Richards Title: Petrie and Cliff Medium: Oil on Panel Size: 9" x 12" Price: \$400.00	Name: Jim Ricards Title: Petrie - Companion Medium: Oil on Panel Size: 6" x 6" (Companion piece) Price: \$126.00
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Prints on wooden panel available upon request -
\$125

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\$75