



John Barrett & Chaser

"Chaser arrived uninvited, but she's worked her way into my life," says hair stylist John Barrett of his five-year-old Boston terrier, "so now it would be a bit empty without her." Barrett, who tames the tresses of Sienna Miller, Renee Zellweger, and their ilk, maintains a no-nonsense approach with Chaser: "All she needs to be happy is to be by my side—and a lot of food."

Special delivery "On my birthday, there's always some crisis that requires me to go to the front desk, and when I get there, everyone sings 'Happy Birthday.' One year—with Liza Minnelli leading the group—I was presented with a Bergdorf box. Inside was a tiny puppy, so small I didn't know if I should laugh or cry."

Who's the boss? "It's been a battle of wills since. She didn't want to learn to walk on a leash, so I'd pull her along. Someone said, 'You have to pick her up,' and I said, 'To hell with that.' She's not supposed to sleep in my bed either, but come morning, she's always there."

Cult following "Once we got a delivery for 'Chaser Barrett' from a client who thought she should have a little Hermès collar. She definitely has her own fans and reputation."

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