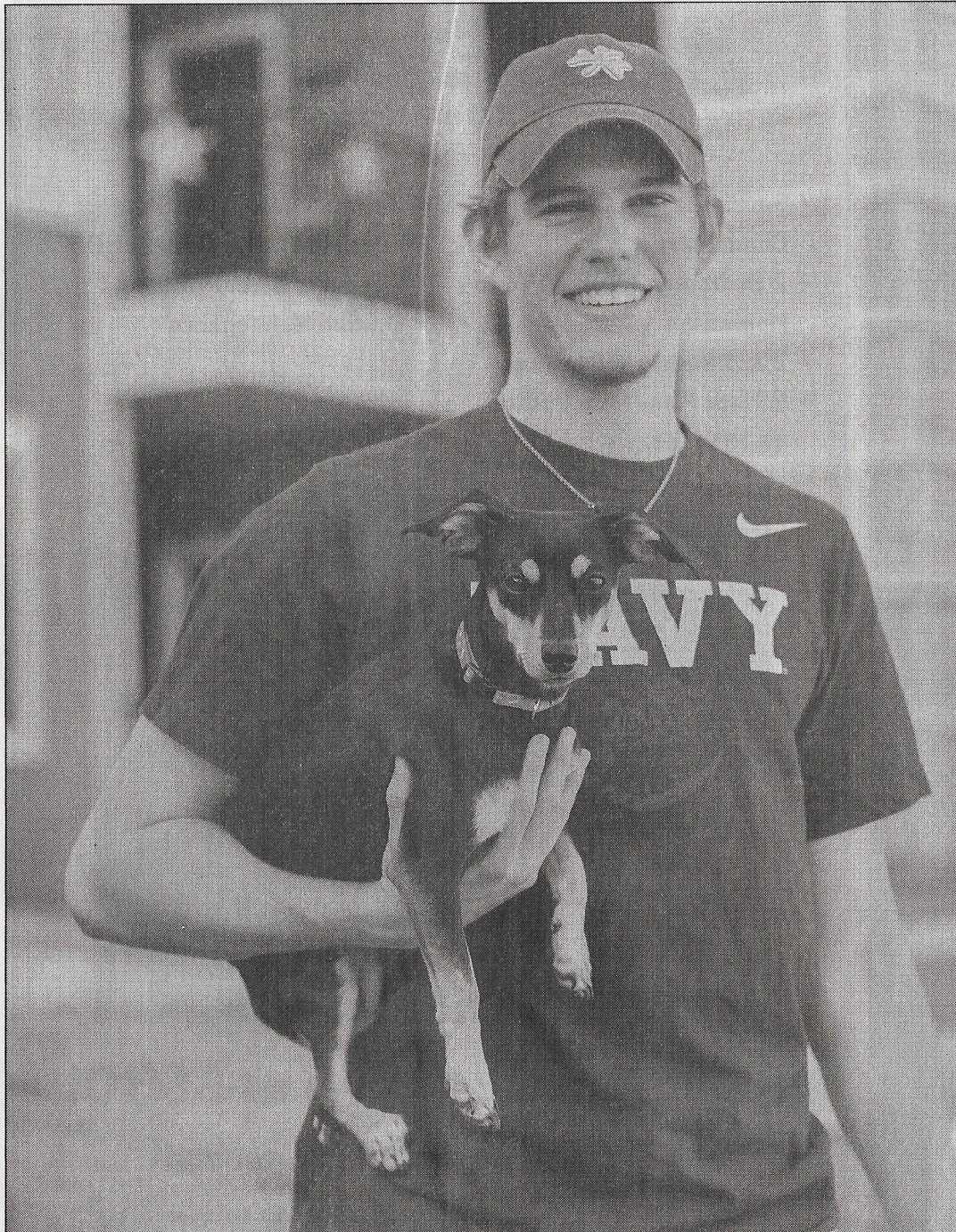


Local apartment complexes cater to pet lovers



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Some students opt for short, furry, four-legged companions to keep them company through the ups and downs of college life.

Benefits come with living alongside a pet in an apartment. Pets don't leave doors unlocked or dishes out. They don't have friends over at inconvenient hours or make messes, at least not all the time. Moreover, pets, whether they are dogs, cats or any other kind of domesticated animal, can provide their owners with comfort and companionship in ways people cannot.

Apartment complexes throughout San Marcos honor this bond by allowing tenants the freedom to live the college life in a pet-friendly environment.

"It's just convenient because you can actually have an animal," said Tyler Montgomery, respiratory therapy junior.

Montgomery, who lives at The Edge, spends time with his girlfriend's dachshund-mix, indoors and out.

"It's just nice to have a dog as a friend," Montgomery said.

Some apartment complexes prohibit dogs of a particular breed or size, but The Edge is known for its non-discrimination, hosting canines that range from Chihuahuas to German shepherds.

Taylor Winn, Edge tenant and criminal justice junior, is another dachshund owner, and expressed appreciation for the positive attitude of The Edge's staff in regard to pet ownership.

"(Pet friendliness) was one of the first things I was looking for in an apartment," Winn said. "Everyone (at The Edge) was very welcoming, which was nice."

Winn said simply having the freedom to live with such a pet is comforting, a sentiment unavailable in most dormitories.

So, when looking to move on from the dorm world, Texas State students can rest assured there are apartment complexes in San Marcos that welcome their animal companions.

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