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A queenly Boca Raton Maltese pup has her very own web site



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Tippy the Maltese has her own web site where you can seek advice from her and read about her opinions on certain t.v. shows.

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It all started early one day in 1991 when Evie Litwok spotted a fluffy, white little two-month-old Maltese pup at West Boca Pet Emporium.

It was love at first sight for Evie and the little dog she would name Tippy.

More than 20 years later Tippy and Evie have given birth to www.thetippystory.com, a web site devoted to dog lovers and per lovers everywhere. An author, activist, feminist, stockbroker, financial advisor and daughter of Holocaust survivors,

Litwok is convinced we are entering a new area of human-canine relations and understandings.

"I have always been a dog-lover," says Litwok from northern New Jersey, where she now lives. "I'm just trying to capture what I feel in the Tippy web site. Having a dog is like having a child. Some people get it, some don't. The web site is for those who get it."

There are more than a dozen people across America — many of whom she has not met — who have created, designed and maintained www.thetippystory.com since it went on line in April. The

web site accepts no advertising, but it is beginning to market a catalogue of "Tippy stuff," such as artwork created by Lionel "Lin" Serenbrin, who just happens to have one of Tippy's grandchildren, Precious.

The web site is a family affair, with nephews Yoni and Danny and niece Anat appearing and talking on the web site, which was created on the other side of America by a man named Steven Morton.

On the web site you can seek psychological advice from "Dr. Tippy," read about her opinions on such television shows as "Desperate Housewives" and

"The Sopranos" and learn about the pets of such celebrities as Paris Hilton, Oprah Winfrey and Tori Spelling. There is even a Tippy cartoon series and a theme song, "How Lucky Are We?," written by Teresa Trull.

"Teresa has been a friend of mine for 30 years," reveals Litwok. "I have selected music mostly from the 1970s and 1980s. We have a CD that will be available July 30 and a DVD coming out in August. We even have a film we plan to enter in Sundance 2006. It is more a home movie clipped together, but I think the story is charming."

Little Tippy gave birth to four

females and one male pup on July 14, 1993. The original Tippy died a year ago, but now there are Tippy grandchildren romping around.

"I have spent years at the computer, and my dogs have always been there by my side 24/7," says Litwok, who has lived in Greenwich Village, East Hampton, NY and in Boca Raton full-time from 1998 to 2002. "There is no way you can be around dogs and not think that they think and feel too. We just put the words in their mouth."

A printed version of "The Tippy Story" is also in the works. Just visit www.thetippystory.com. ■