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Will Forsyth, Vice President
and General Counsel
Compass Senior Living

A Spirit of Giving

“Those who are happiest are those who do the most for others.”

– Booker T. Washington

There can be a frustrating misconception about elders as no longer being capable of accomplishing meaningful things. One of the joys of operating senior living communities is to see firsthand how much of a misconception this is, and a prime example is the extent of charitable activity that occurs by residents at our Compass

communities. It’s nonstop! Not a day goes by without news of an effort by our residents to help others in ways small and large.

Whether it’s providing backpacks with school supplies for underprivileged kids, collecting food for a local food bank, or hosting an event to raise funds for a worthy cause, our residents are continually helping those in need. It’s as inspiring as it is life-affirming.

At Compass, we certainly encourage, organize, and support our residents in these endeavors, recognizing that giving back is an important way for our senior living communities to be part of the fabric of the cities and towns where we are located. And it just feels good to help! If you know of an organization that could use some help with a project or initiative, please let us know, as our staff and residents are always looking for ways to lend a hand and make a positive, meaningful difference.

My dear colleague Jean Garboden (Compass’s Director of Education and Innovation) has a phrase that I just love – that elderhood “is the crescendo of life.” One needs to look no further than the sheer volume of “good works” being done each day by residents in our communities – and the happiness that is generated in both the giving and receiving – to know that this is the case.

Will Forsyth



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Now is the time to Start the Conversation

In 2012 my son brought his paternal grandmother home to live with his family. At the time, she was in a less than desirable relationship, which required some changes be made. That was a tough choice, but turned out to be a great choice.

During the course of the next three and a half years, things on the home front were good. Grandma improved significantly as my daughter-in-law watched grandma's mental and physical health issues closely, taking her to physicians when necessary, and keeping up with her daily regime of prescribed medications as well as supplements. Grandma was happy and my son's family was happy as well.

Starting at the end of 2015, something changed. Grandma was still getting great care, but needed more stimulation from people of her age. While she loved being around the family, something was missing.

She hired a companion to take her to some senior activities and was continuing to attend monthly Red Hatter's meetings. Grandma had so much fun attending the activities at the senior center, but was reluctant to move.

Tensions were starting in the household, as grandma was not very tolerant of her two grandsons running around the house. She stayed in her room resting a lot. Still, she, my son and daughter-in-law were reluctant to start looking at alternative living for grandma.

During my visit in December 2015, I broached the idea of assisted living with grandma, my son, and daughter-in-law. The seed was planted, but after I left grandma was not happy that I talked with them about it.

During the first months of 2016, my daughter-in-law decided to take grandma around to show her assisted living and independent living communities.

To her surprise, grandma was open to the idea. They looked at several communities and grandma decided she wanted to live in a smaller one because the bigger ones would make her feel like she was living in a hotel. She made the decision to move in April of 2016. Tough choice~great choice.

While it took just a little while for grandma to adjust, she now loves her new home. She is participating in activities, loving the meals, and making new friends. She is more lively and enjoying her time with her family, as they visit several times a week.

They can now be in a relationship as a family again and not caregivers to their elder grandma. Once again, tough choice~great choice, and the BEST choice she could have made for herself at this time in her life, at the age of 87.

I work in eldercare, and see families and elder adults struggling with the same tough choices as my family. We all have basic human needs to live purposeful lives, and to be part of a social structure that allows us companionship and the opportunity to continue to extend care to others.

For my children's grandmother, the tough choices were made with the primary goal to do what would result in a happy decision for all. Good choice!

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Reflections parking lot
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CALENDAR OF
EVENTS

What does Your Crescendo Look Like?

Life is a series of events that, when put together, write your story. The next chapter is up to you. Always strive to write it better than the one before...your Crescendo.



I have moved through my life, guided by the silent anticipation and stereotype of what each stage of my life should look like. I became focused on seeking certain expectations, or landmarks so to speak, that I thought I needed to achieve during each decade as I aged with the vision of my future during my teens hitting its pinnacle when I hit middle-age. And then, all of a sudden I found myself sitting at that pinnacle. That age where I realized that I am now on the cusp of a stage in my life that seemed so far away, elderhood. While the story I have written so far is good, it is not really what I envisioned and it sure isn't over.

I have started to think about what aging looks like and how I will wear it as I move closer to that reality. Will my hair turn gray? Will I use a walker? Will I have to give up my drivers license? Will I shuffle when I walk? Will I view it as a time of life where I sit in a rocking chair waiting for the inevitable? Will it be considered a time when living becomes viewed as 'going through the motions' just to get through a day.

As I enter my sixth decade of life I am one of 108.7 million folks age 50-plus. This includes 76.4 million boomers (born 1946-64), compared with 49 million Gen Xers and 82 million millennials. Moreover, people 50-plus will continue to grow over the next decade to the tune of 19 million vs. a growth of only 6 million for the 18-49 population.

My life is a book, with chapters created from every milestone, moment, or mundane/routine/ordinary day I have lived so far. Some chapters are thicker, happier, or more exciting than others, but these scripts are what build the story of my life.

**Crescendo. . .
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Crescendo. . . used as a verb it means to increase in loudness or intensity. I associate this word with music, mystery novels, movies, dramatic tv shows, and the list goes on. But I have never thought to use that word to define my life. . . until now.

We are supposed to get better, smarter, wiser with age, not simply exist to mark time. There are a lot of people out there just like me wanting to change the face of aging, to change our perception of what our elderhood will look like.

So grab that pen, write that next chapter, and create your crescendo. I know I am.

Age loudly. Live intensely.

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at Garden Place



Apple Crisp Cookie Cups

1 1/4 c. brown sugar (divided)
3/4 c. granulated sugar (divided)
2 sticks unsalted butter, softened (plus more for cooking apples)
2 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
1 1/4 c. all-purpose flour
1 3/4 c. rolled oats
1 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/2 tsp. kosher salt
6 Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored and finely chopped
2 tsp. cornstarch
1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg
1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
Caramel sauce, for serving

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

In a large mixing bowl, combine butter, 1/2 cup granulated sugar and 1 cup brown sugar. Beat with hand mixer until light and fluffy. Add eggs and vanilla and mix until evenly combined. Add flour, oats, baking powder, cinnamon and salt and stir until just combined.

Spray 2 regular sized muffin tins with cooking spray. Using a medium ice cream scoop, scoop dough into muffin tins, press down with a spoon to create cups. Bake for 15-20 minutes until the cookie cups are golden brown and set. (Don't worry if the cookie cup centers rise!)

While the cookies are still warm, make the cups. Spray the bottom of a small shot glass with cooking spray and press the shot glass down into the center of each cookie to create cups. Let cool in pan for 15 minutes, then transfer to wire cooling racks.

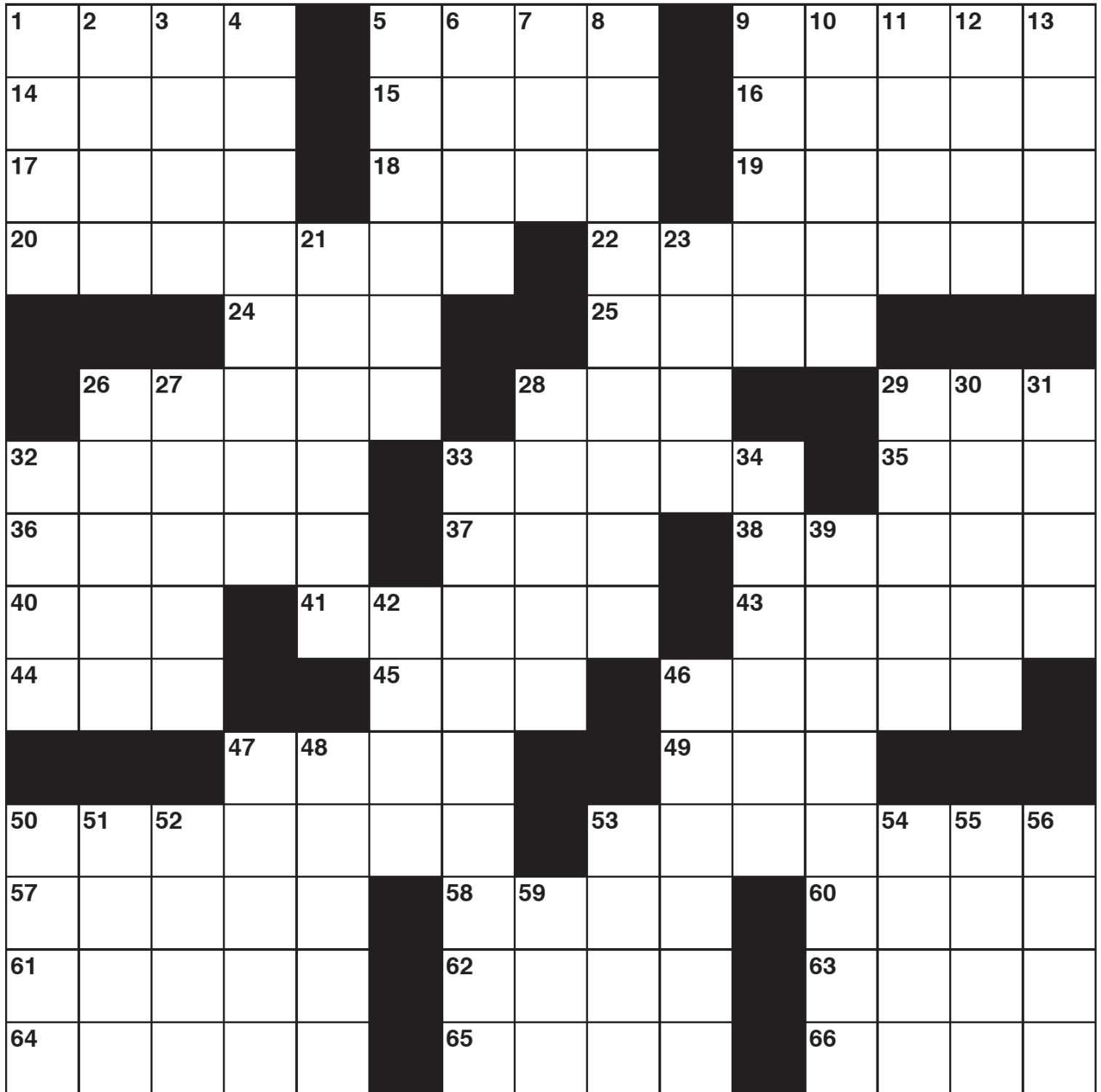
Meanwhile, melt about 2 tablespoons butter in large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat until beginning to brown. Add apples and sauté until beginning to soften. Add the remaining sugars, nutmeg, cinnamon and cornstarch and cook until soft and caramelized.

Spoon the apple filling into the cups. Drizzle with caramel and serve warm or at room temperature.



Jonathan Bouton

Brain Games



ACROSS

- 1 Swiss mountains
- 5 Deliver by post
- 9 Piece together
- 14 Gambling game
- 15 Decorative needle case
- 16 Sound of a sneeze
- 17 On top
- 18 Doings
- 19 Belonging to you
- 20 Review
- 22 Ornamental stand
- 24 Hubbub
- 25 Bearing
- 26 African country
- 28 Compass point
- 29 April (abbr.)
- 32 Disturbance
- 33 Pulls along
- 35 Sign of the zodiac
- 36 List of highly desired guests
- 37 Atmosphere
- 38 Small talks
- 40 Permit
- 41 Courage
- 43 Comfortable
- 44 Those who make the food laws (abbr.)
- 45 Hard boiled food
- 46 Draw with crayons
- 47 What a mosquito bite does
- 49 Pole
- 50 Crop
- 53 Heat
- 57 Once more
- 58 Black
- 60 Deviate
- 61 Gathered the leaves
- 62 Baseball's Nolan
- 63 Self-esteem
- 64 Clothe
- 65 Gorgeous
- 66 Shrimp

DOWN

- 1 Far away
- 2 Unpunctual
- 3 Professor (abbr.)
- 4 HBO mob show
- 5 Time of the year
- 6 Engrave
- 7 Tree seed
- 8 Unload from a ship
- 9 Recipient
- 10 Squirrel's dinner
- 11 Hoodlum
- 12 Cob vegetable
- 13 Flexible tube
- 21 Decrees
- 23 ___ pong
- 26 Bundled hay
- 27 1997 Madonna movie
- 28 Twist the water out
- 29 "Remember the ___"
- 30 ___, Paul and Mary
- 31 Good outlook
- 32 Not whole
- 33 Female children
- 34 What children attend
- 39 Held over tradition

- 42 Upper body muscles
- 46 Nook and ___
- 47 Crawling vines
- 48 Takes care of
- 50 Difficult
- 51 Seaweed substance
- 52 Collect leaves
- 53 Cajole
- 54 Prego's competition
- 55 Take the wrinkles out
- 56 Saclike structures filled with fluid or diseased matter
- 59 Farewell

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Chestnuts
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Corn
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 Deciduous

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September
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Brain Game Answers:

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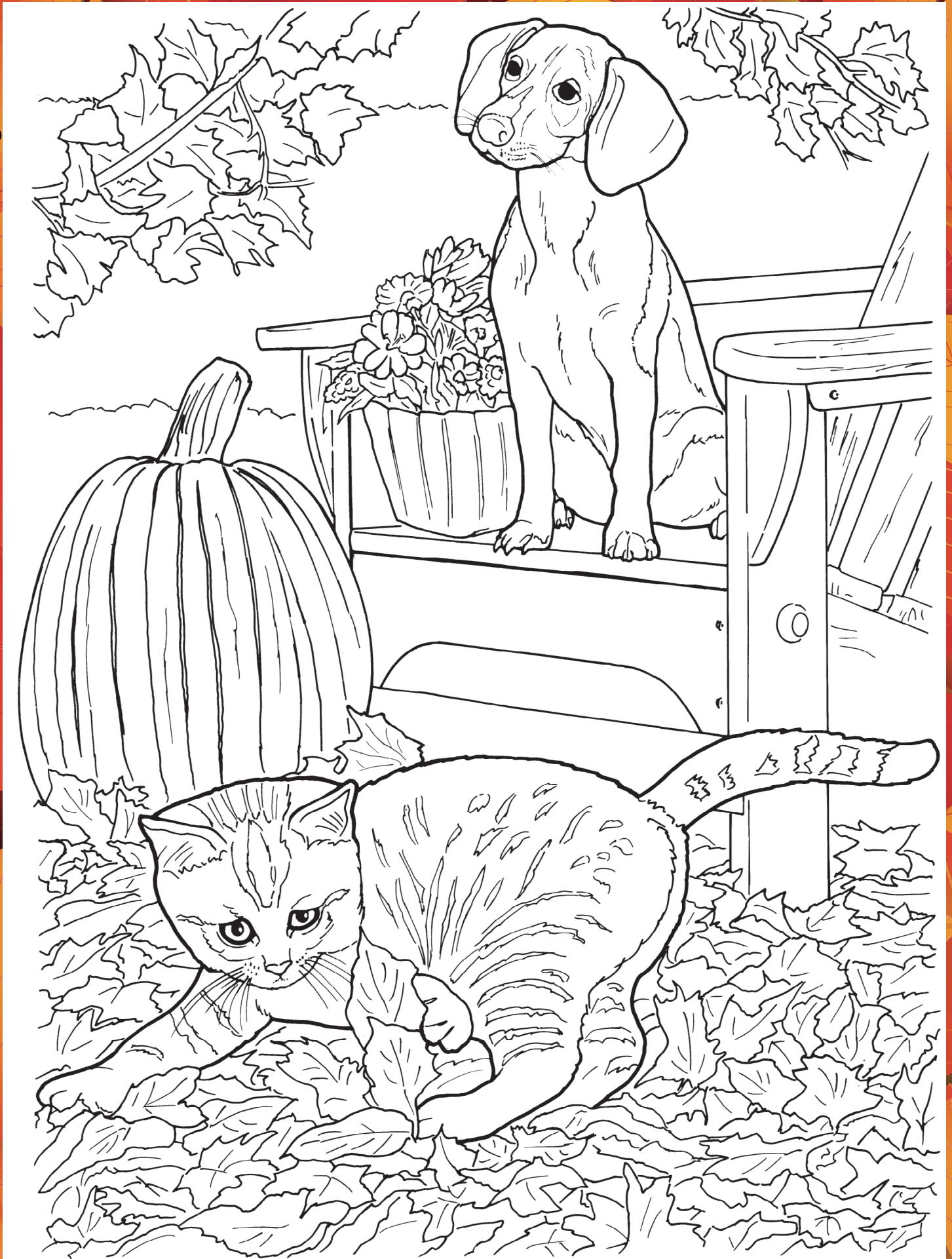
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