



Dogs, like certain barflies, want to go where everybody knows their name (other than the vet's office). So they gather in Paul Gilligan's POOCH CAFÉ to compare notes on such weighty issues as avoiding baths and constructing a giant catapult with which to hurl all the Earth's cats into the sun. Main mutt Poncho is a POOCH CAFÉ regular, and he's recently taken up residence with a bunch of lifeless lumps of pure evil (cats). Poncho's master Chazz has done the unthinkable: he has married Carmen, a cat person!

About the Creator

Paul Gilligan's affair with art began in 1970, in kindergarten, when he figured out that he stunk at sports and that art was his only other option for impressing girls. Weaned on Mad magazine, super-hero comics and "Bloom County," Paul pursued comedy writing at the Film Institute in Ottawa and attended Toronto's Sheridan College for animation and illustration.



He tested out other jobs over the years such as gas jockey, carnie, night watchman and florist, before joining the Ottawa Citizen newspaper as its on-staff illustrator, where he won awards in both illustration and design. Paul also found work in editorial cartooning, comic books and animation, and finally set up shop in downtown Toronto as a free-lancer, where his roster of illustration clients grew to include the likes of Entertainment Weekly, Time, The Wall Street Journal, Disney, Wired and Pine-Sol. During this time he created a number of strips, the culmination of which was POOCH CAFÉ.

Paul does not currently own a dog, but he skulks around dog parks doing research and is an avid viewer of "Dogs With Jobs" and "Scooby Doo" reruns.

Who's in the Doghouse

Poncho

He's been spending a lot more time at POOCH CAFÉ since The Day His Life Went Down The Tubes. This is how he refers to the day his beloved master got married to a fussy clean-freak and they moved into a house infested with cats.

Chazz

Poncho's master. He enjoys biking, camping and mountain climbing — activities Poncho detests but endures in order to secure his position as "man's best friend."

Carmen

Chazz's new wife. She treats Poncho pretty well, but that really doesn't matter because she's a cat person — and therefore a force of pure evil. Her cats are pure evil, too. Poncho is certain they're plotting some heinous criminal takeover, but he can't figure out what it is because, unfortunately, he doesn't speak cat.

Boomer

Poncho's best dog buddy. He's been around a bit longer than Poncho, but his brain is small and spring-loaded, often sending him into hyperactive rants.

Other Café Patrons: Beaumont, Hudson, Gus, Poo Poo, Droolia, Party Monster and The Most Ferocious Dog in the World



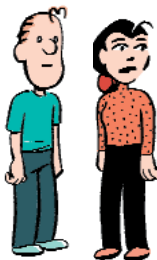
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