



Champion Hawkins

January 24, 2026

The light in this world is dimmer today and our hearts are heavy as we say goodbye to our best friend, Champion Hawkins. Champion passed away peacefully yesterday, January 24, 2025 in her bed surrounded by her human parents. Her Uncle Moe “discovered” Champy posing as a “beagle mix” in the South Orange shelter. She quickly won over James with a kiss and so we welcomed her home on December 23, 2012. She wasted no time becoming the heart of our home, owning the main bed by day 3.

Champy held multiple self-appointed jobs- kitchen monitor and meal chaperone, faithful security guard- barking arrivals whenever a door bell rang or the gate made a noise, incoming package inspector whether it was groceries or amazon- all packages were checked for danger (and treats) and of course- bed and couch regulator.

Champ never let us enter the house without a warm and loving greeting - often running laps around the living and dining rooms to welcome us home. She greeted guests with a smile and a whipping tail oblivious to its strength. Whether it was destroying every squeaker in every toy in record timing (they all must die!) cuddling next to us while we watched tv, playing with water in the backyard, or checking on us or her fur sister, Sanaa when we sneezed, she did it with an expressive face and pure devotion. Simply put, she was the best, and we are heartbroken.

She leaves behind a family that will forever miss her smiley face, her tilted head and gentle paw tap. Rest easy our sweet girl. You were the very best of us. We love you.

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“ *dreaortega1 lit a candle in memory of
Champion Hawkins* ”



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