

Mr. Bean spreads cheer to Ronald McDonald House guests

Mr. Bean is sporting a new style these days—a limited edition Chiefs wall flag to build excitement for the upcoming season and to raise funds for Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC-KC).



Of course, he's a big Chiefs fan, and since he has an even bigger heart for Ronald McDonald House, he has plenty of reasons to wrap himself in red and celebrate.

Today's *Hope Grows Here* blog post gets up close and personal in this Q&A with Mr. Bean, the joyful pal of many guests of Ronald McDonald Houses in Kansas City.

Q&A with Mr. Bean

What's your job title?

Director of Love and Compassion

What are your duties?

I play and cuddle with the kids and families at our house—anything I can do to offer a little extra cheer to someone who might need it.

How long have you had this gig?

Since October 2011. I'll never forget how happy I was that day!

How did you get it?

I was a Wayside Waifs dog, and the nice people there knew I'd make a great professional snuggler, so they called the folks at the Ronald McDonald House, and next thing I knew, I had my dream job!

What kind of breed are you?

Cairn Terrier/West Highland mix

How old are you?

I'm about 5 years old, but always a pup at heart.

How much do you weigh?

Around 15 pounds—perfect snuggling size.

How would your friends describe you?

They would say I'm VERY serious about my job. When I'm on the clock, I'm 100 percent devoted to my kiddos.

Do you have an agent?

No, but that's a very good idea. Have your people call my people.

What's your favorite food?

I love Cheerios! They're my favorite treat. My kind of breed has sensitive bellies and we can't eat too many treats or human food. So I stick to Cheerios, which are good for me and yummy, too.

Do you have a favorite toy?

I like to drag around a pillow that has the shape of a pig—a piggy pillow.

How do you approach a new guest?

I'm really good at knowing exactly who needs a little extra care, or who's missing their own dog at home. I have a sixth sense about it, so I head right up to them, tail wagging, and offer up my belly for a "hello" scratch.

What tricks do you know?

I can shake, plus I'm really good at begging.

Do you have any pet peeves?

Thunderstorms!!! I get shaky just thinking about them.

What do you think of the new house?

I am SO excited! To think that we'll be able to help even more families makes me so happy. I can't wait until it's finished.

Will you have a special place there?

Wherever there's a warm lap! That's the only place I need.

What advice do you have for RMHC guests?

Keep your chin up and your tail wagging! And if you need a little extra cheer, come find me. I'm a pro.

Where can your fans keep up with your life?

They can check out all my adventures on my Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/rmhmrbean>