



Emmanuelle Vaugier The Two and a Half Men star opens up about the two half-pint women in her life

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Tell us about your dogs. What are their personalities like?

I have two Toy Poodles, both females. Lily is 14 years old this year, and Isabelle will be 10 years old. Lily is the little princess who loves to lounge around and be catered to. She's fairly picky about her food and sleeps in the bed like a human with her head on the pillow. Izzy is the feisty one who loves to play with her toys and loves food. Isabelle needs to have a visual on you at all times; Lily, on the other hand, is perfectly happy to be relaxing in some other part of the house, as long as she has been fed and has found a patch of sun to lay in.

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Why do you consider yourself a dog lover?

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