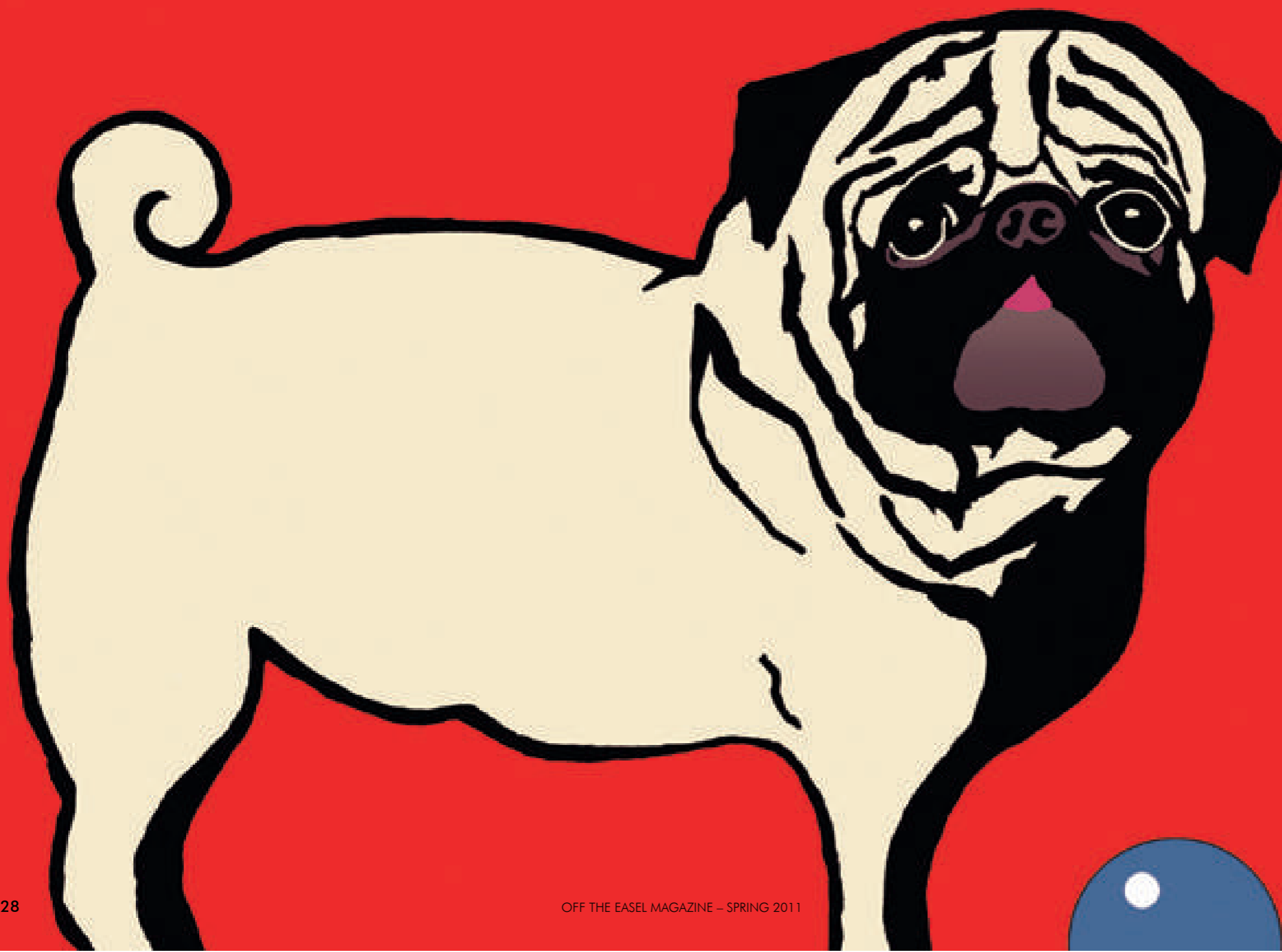


FOR THE LOVE OF DOGS

Gloria Lee



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with Gloria Lee's innate artistic spark and a creative idea to paint the family dog, Digory. Already an experienced artist, Gloria took this project on as a new challenge, resulting in a colorful, pop-art style portrait of the beloved furry family member. The portrait of Digory turned out to be so reflective of the dog's unique character, that it immediately drew attention of other dog owners. Soon enough, Gloria was working on a few commissions and then attracted representation from EC Galleries. Due to the success of her pieces, she was then asked to create an entire collection of various dog breeds in the same fun, simple and colorful style—which is now called *Pop Dogs!* Today, the *Pop Dogs* collection features 40 breeds (in all color combinations), so that any dog lover can find one of Gloria's pieces that best represents their 'best friend.'

Having grown up in the 1960s, when the pop art movement was influencing minds of young artists, art has always been part of Gloria's life. When she was a child, she participated in various drawing contests; in college, she would spend a lot of time sculpting and painting. Later on, even though she temporarily stopped working on her artistic career, Gloria spent many years working as an art consultant and teaching young and emerging artists. Studying alongside such artists as Michael Flohr, Steve Barton and Asencio—Gloria has also had the opportunity to share her unique talents, sense of style and extensive knowledge of the art business with her colleagues.

To date, Gloria has had dozens of personal exhibitions across the United States, from the New York ArtExpo to San Diego's ArtWalk festivals. *Pop Dogs* have been featured in national publications such as *Hollywood Dog*, *New York Dog*, *Décor Magazine* and a variety of other art magazines. Gloria has had the opportunity to collaborate with the American Kennel Club in its pursuit of advancement of purebred dogs by popularizing pure breeds.

Over time, Gloria's love of dogs has extended into a variety of new passions, including volunteering for the Helen Woodward Animal Center (HWAC) in San Diego. The center is very unique in the number of services it provides both for animals and humans—it not only gives shelter to animals in need, but also educates everyone about how to ensure the humane and respectful treatment of animals. For Gloria it was a very natural decision to help the center, and today she regularly participates in various events to help support the well-being of animals.

Gloria is currently working on her first book entitled, *Pop Dogs in the City*—a charming story for all ages which will, of course, be accompanied by new original illustrations of her loveable canines!