



CONVERSATION SEVENTEEN

Sporty Dog and Politics



“Are there any other stories that you can remember?”

“Well, there’s a political story.”

I was delighted when I heard those words. This story is one of my favorites!

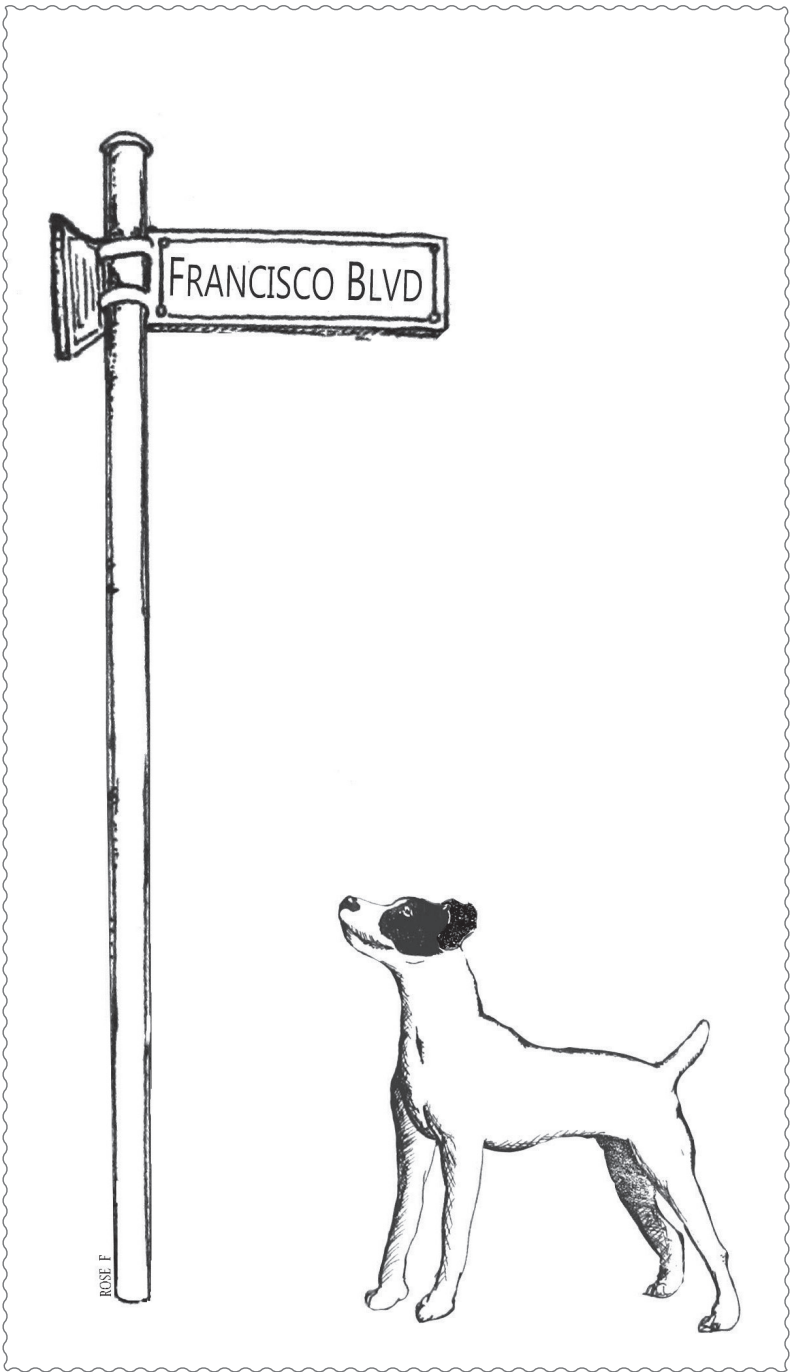
“Daddy used to love to talk politics to customers, and they would stand there for the longest time talking. This was when Roosevelt was running for president against Wendell Willkie. Daddy happened to be for Roosevelt,” Auntie Margaret remembered. “Sporty would sit there while they were talking, and he would turn his head back and forth as if he was taking part in the conversation. Any time Wendell Willkie’s name was mentioned, Sporty would take his paw and rub his nose.”

“What do you think that meant?” I asked, having a tough time keeping a straight face.

“Well, Daddy was for Roosevelt.”



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