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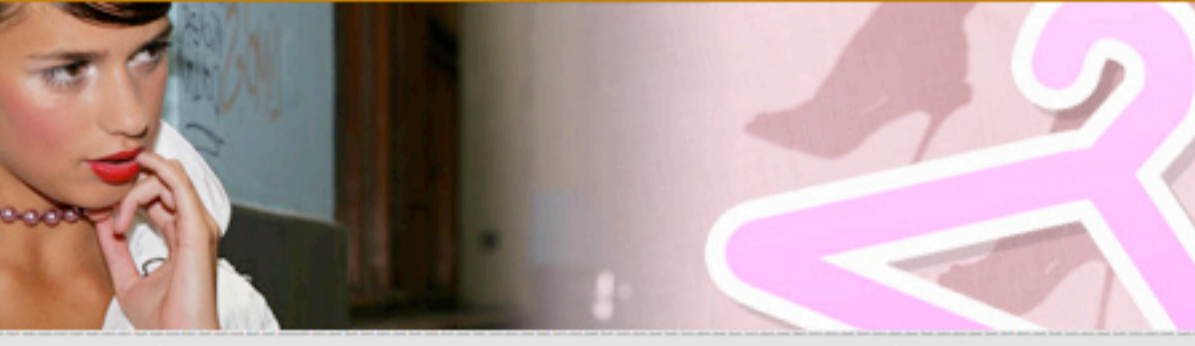


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Hopper is a one-and-a-half-year-old pit bull/boxer mix puppy. [CLICK](#) for more information about Hopper.



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**Waxing Poetic**

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Restoration of old photos is one thing, and Photoshopping some of your own snapshots to crop out your ex is another. But WaxWorks is doing something completely different still. Far from Madame Tussaud and her creepy statues, this is wax used in a process that blends photography with the ancient Greek technique of encaustic painting (which dates back to 800 B.C.) to transform pictures into works of fine art. Created by Susan Beard, Leah Macdonald, and Julia Lehman-McTigue, WaxWorks involves your image being mounted on natural wood and coated in layers of natural beeswax, oil paint, and liquid resin before customized colors and hand-painted details are added for texture and nuance. Now only available at Susan Beard's Chestnut Hill studio, the process will soon become available to professional photographers nationwide. Which is good news - because let's face it, you're not fooling anyone with your Photoshopping skills.



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