

Joan Rivers Says Goodbye to Her Dog

Comedian mourns the loss of her Yorkshire Terrier Veronica.

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Joan Rivers is used to inflicting pain on fashion-challenged celebrities. But since the death last week of her 12-year-old Yorkshire Terrier Veronica, it's the comedian who's been hurting.

Rivers, who also owns a Boston Terrier named Lulu and a Pekinese named Max, says she plans to get a new dog after the holidays. "This is a three-dog apartment," says Rivers in an interview with the New York Post. "We miss her. She was the only one who would snarl and bite at strangers."

Rivers got her first Yorkshire Terrier, a male named Spike, after the death of her husband, Edgar. Daughter Melissa often complained that Joan loved the dog more than her.

Spike, who earned frequent mentions in the comedian's stand-up routines, died in 2001.