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# Joyce's Journal

A monthly dispatch from Joyce A. Miller, Writer

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## HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

I'm kicking off the month of October on TV! My guest appearance on the show **Petty Talks TV**, where pets and people talk will be live at 5pm in the Philippines on October 1st. (5am EST) If that's not available to you, you can watch a taped version of the show "Don't Just Walk the Dog, Dance!" on their YouTube channel here:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/PettyTalksTV>

The host, Tita Mee, and I talked about some of the stories in my memoir **Look! You're Dancing**.

The second weekend of October, I'll be attending the 20th Annual James River Writers Conference. The conference will have one day of online Master Classes on Friday, then Saturday and Sunday will be in-person at the Greater Richmond Convention Center. I attended last year virtually but I'm looking forward to meeting many of the authors that I've only interacted with on social media up to this point. I'll let you know what happens in my one-on-one meeting with a Literary Agent or if my new story gets picked for First Pages Feedback!

On October 17th I'll be recording a "**The Story of my Pet**" podcast by Julie Marty-Pearson. Julie started this podcast to document and immortalize our favorite pets! She has been collecting tales from her friends, family, animal supporters and rescue advocates. At the end of the episode, she features an

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WHAT'S INCLUDED:

**A template to carve  
a dog dancing  
pumpkin!**

animal rescue group and I plan to introduce her to James River Greyhounds and Greyt Love Retirement. I'll let you know when the episode is available, or you can subscribe and listen to other episodes of her podcast here:

<https://thestoryofmypetpodcast.buzzsprout.com/share>

If you have a book club, service organization or dog training club that would be interested in having me come as a speaker, please let me know so we can get it on the calendar. I can do a reading from the book, answer your questions about dog dancing, or explain my writing process—or all the above.

As a bonus for October's newsletter, I'm including a pdf of pumpkin carving template of a dog dancing couple. You will need a tall pumpkin for this one! If you do carve a pumpkin like this, let me know by dropping me an email [joycemiller1959@gmail.com](mailto:joycemiller1959@gmail.com). I'd love to hear from you! Or tag me on a photo of your pumpkin on Facebook or Instagram!

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