

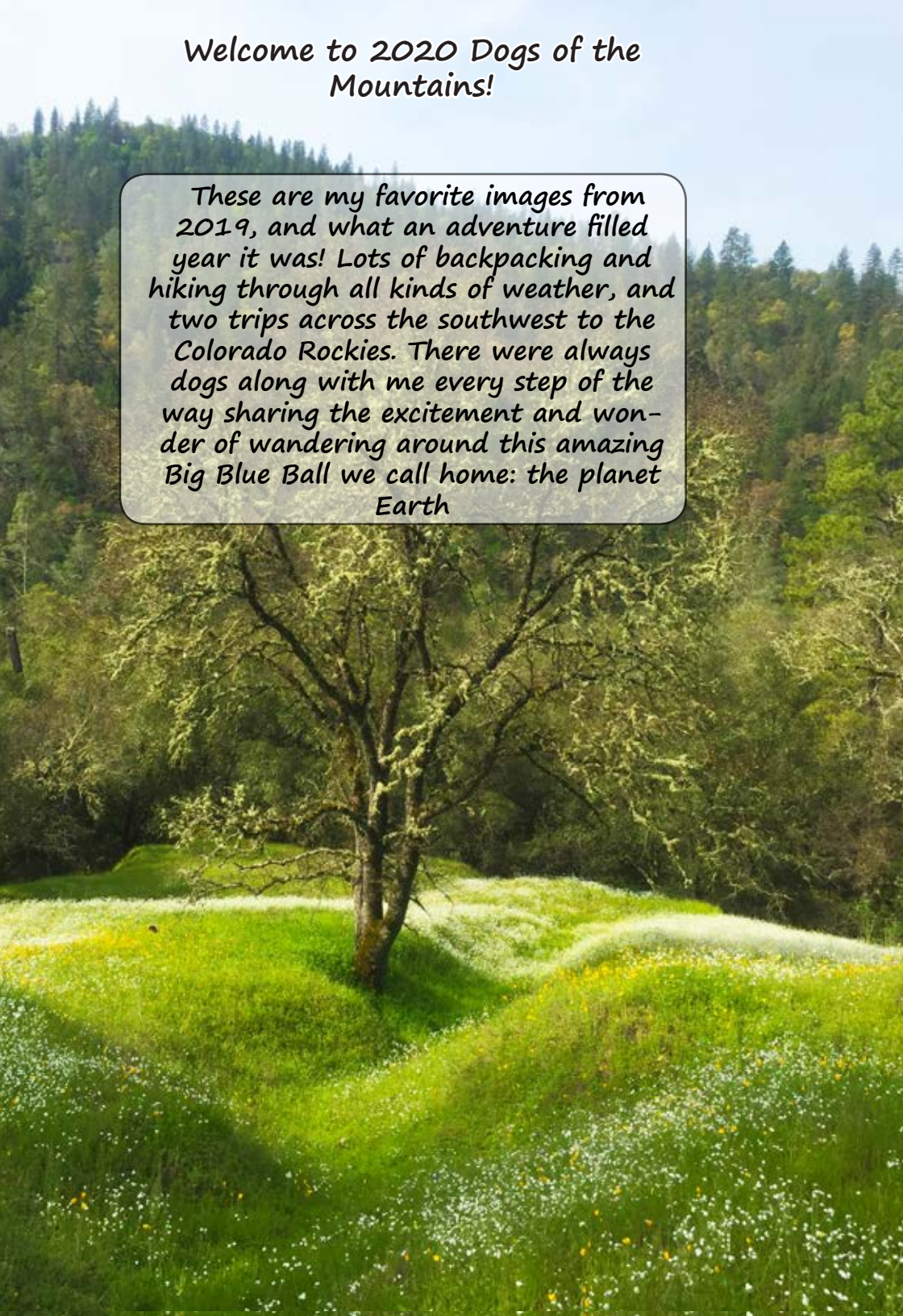
Dogs of the Mountains

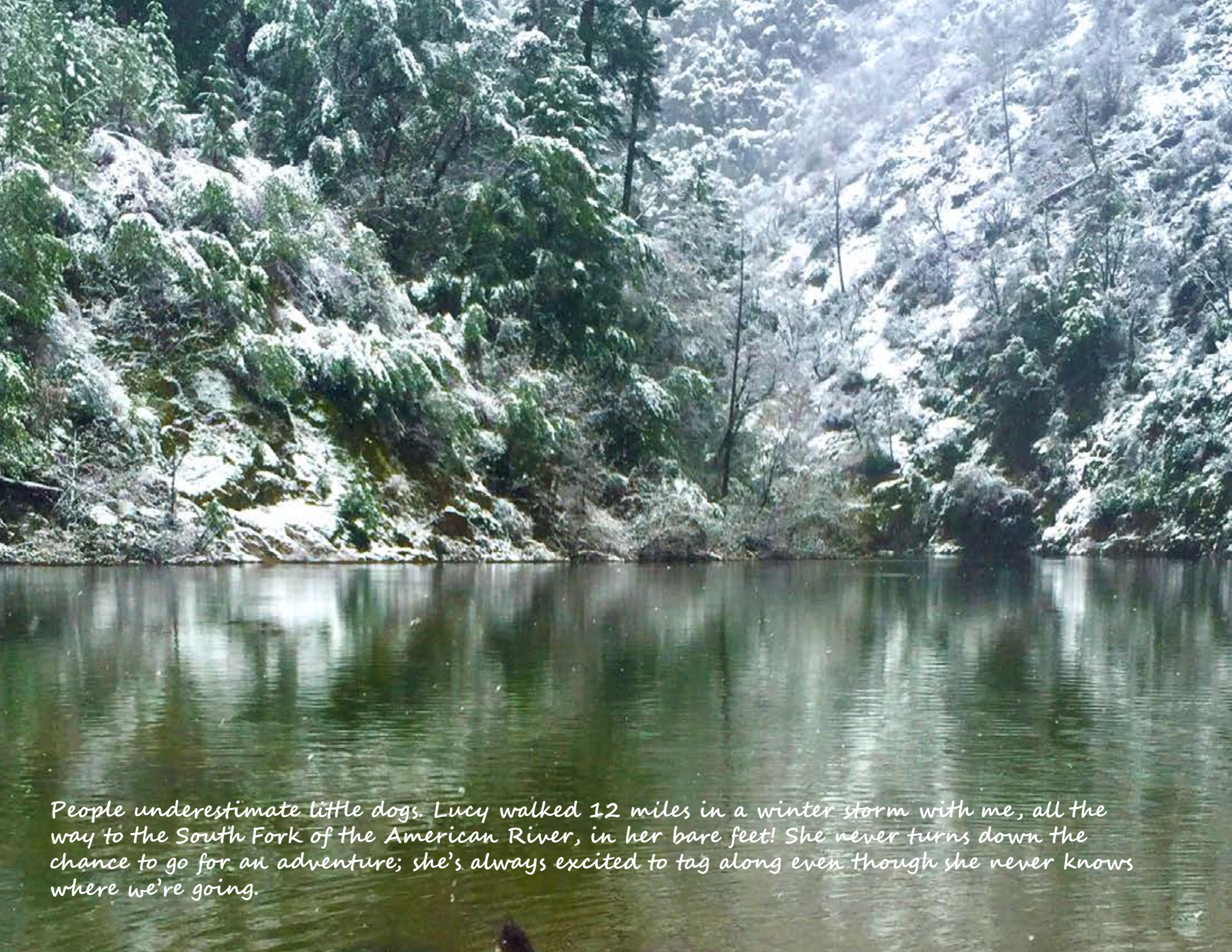


2020 Calendar

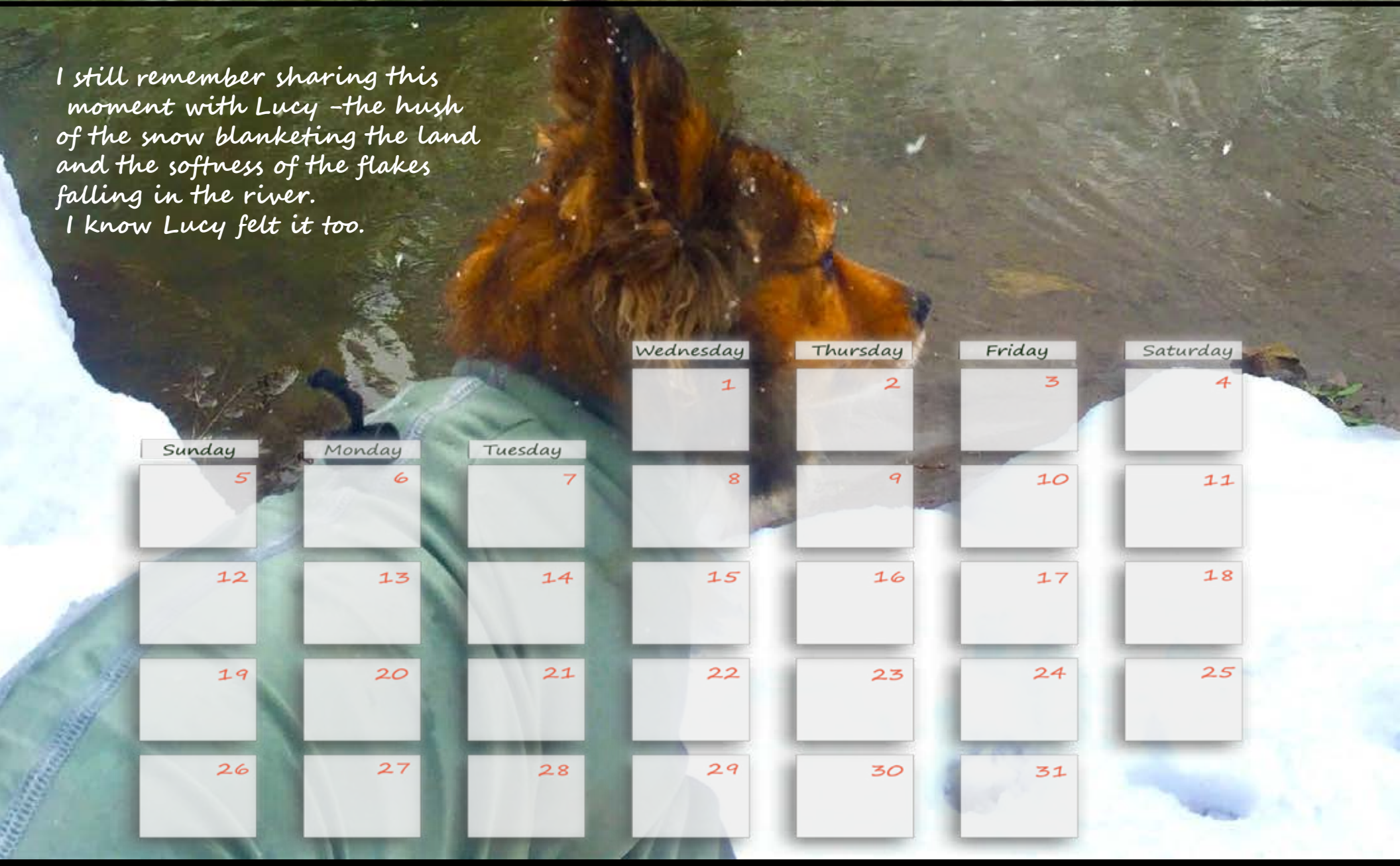
Welcome to 2020 Dogs of the Mountains!

These are my favorite images from 2019, and what an adventure filled year it was! Lots of backpacking and hiking through all kinds of weather, and two trips across the southwest to the Colorado Rockies. There were always dogs along with me every step of the way sharing the excitement and wonder of wandering around this amazing Big Blue Ball we call home: the planet Earth





People underestimate little dogs. Lucy walked 12 miles in a winter storm with me, all the way to the South Fork of the American River, in her bare feet! She never turns down the chance to go for an adventure; she's always excited to tag along even though she never knows where we're going.




I still remember sharing this moment with Lucy -the hush of the snow blanketing the land and the softness of the flakes falling in the river. I know Lucy felt it too.

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January2020

February is when the foothills start turning green in the lower elevations. Moss, lichens, grasses, leaf and flower buds all begin to swell with life, racing into springtime. It's a great time to take a hike!



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February 2020

I labor to shovel the driveway every time it storms, and I'm wondering how long it takes for the falling snow to melt and make its way all the way from the foothills to reach the ocean. The ocean is where it all ends up, eventually, but how it shapes the land and all the life residing upon it, alternately nourishing and wreaking havoc as it passes through.

March 2020



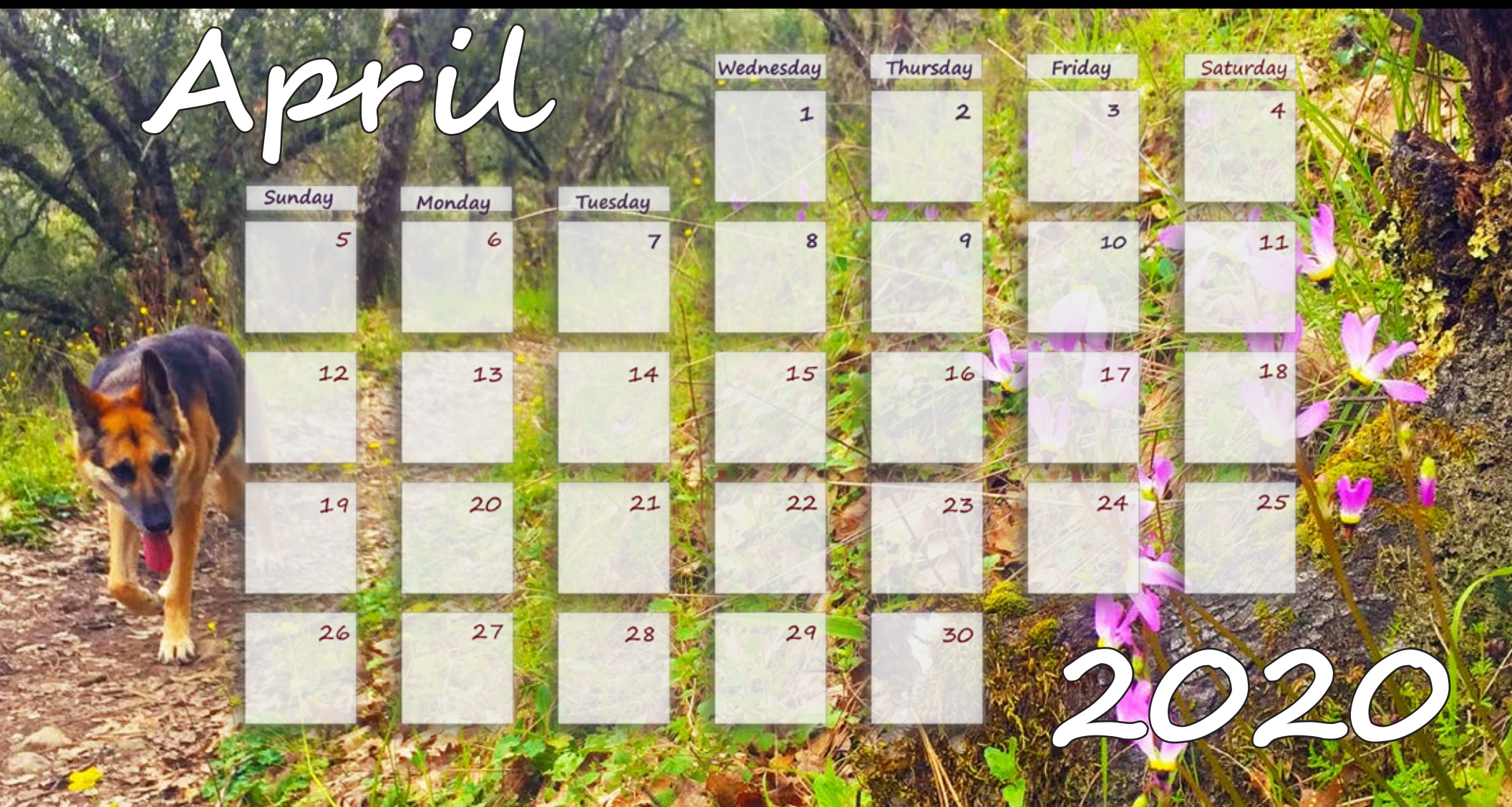
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Tina does not appear to appreciate her foul weather gear. But she has to wear it anyhow because I'm the mother and I say so.

Lyssa, on the other hand, has such a thick coat that she has never been soaked to the skin except for maybe a couple of times at the groomers.

April



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2020

Lyssa and I did a five night trip up the Hat Creek plateau between Mount Lassen and Mount Shasta, to Burney Falls and back. This notorious stretch of Pacific Crest Trail is dreaded by through hikers because it is so very hot and waterless during the summer.

But this May it was ablaze with color- Redbuds, Mules Ears, Arrow-leaf Balsam Root Paintbrush and Penstemon to name but a few. Lyssa always led the way and enjoyed the glorious landscape as much as I did.

May, 2020

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In late spring Sarah, Lucy, Tina and Lyssa and I took a road trip across Nevada and Utah to scout out the Colorado Trail. We crossed the canyonlands of Utah early in the morning when the first rays of sunlight bathed the rock walls in golden spotlights.

I'm overwhelmed by the vastness and beauty before me; Sarah takes it all in stride: just another day on the big adventure!



June 2020

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July

July is wildflower season in the mountains. The snow is still receding, leaving its wake of water and mud, soon followed by a crazy quilt of color- green , yellow, pink, purple,, indigo, crimson and every shade across the spectrum.

Summer creeps up the mountainsides in a race to reach the high ridges before autumn snow comes again to dust the land. Pippi and I and the rest of the pack do likewise.

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August 2020

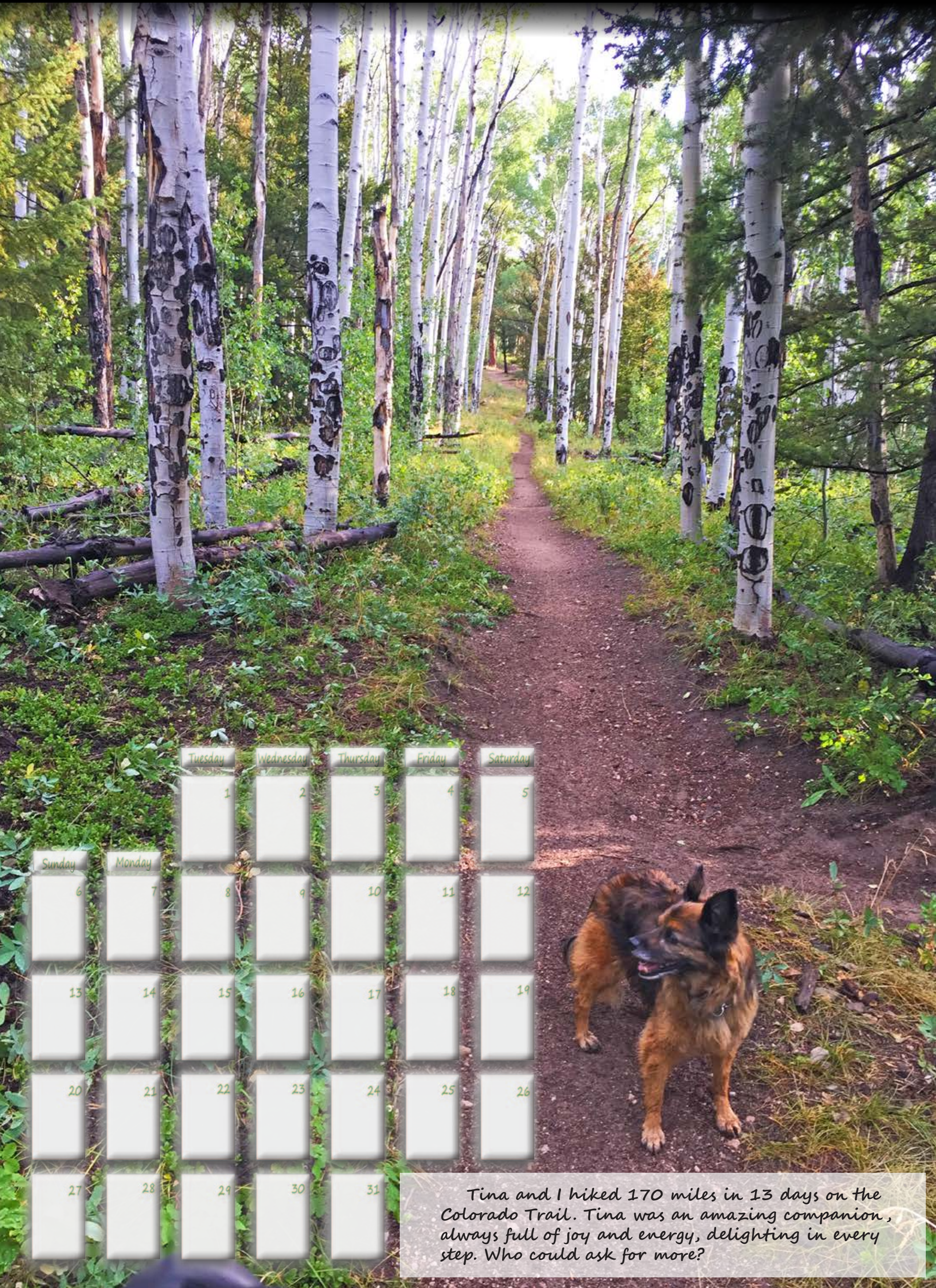
Emigrant Lake and Carson Pass. It's hard to imagine that people and wagons pulled by oxen crossed these rugged mountains and passes, but they did, and we are everywhere walking in their footsteps.

I wonder if they enjoyed the wildflowers and sparkling lakes as much as Lucy and Lyssa and I.



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Tina and I hiked 170 miles in 13 days on the Colorado Trail. Tina was an amazing companion, always full of joy and energy, delighting in every step. Who could ask for more?



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We think El Dorado County is a great place to be a dog.
And El Dorado County is HOME to a lot of GREAT dogs!



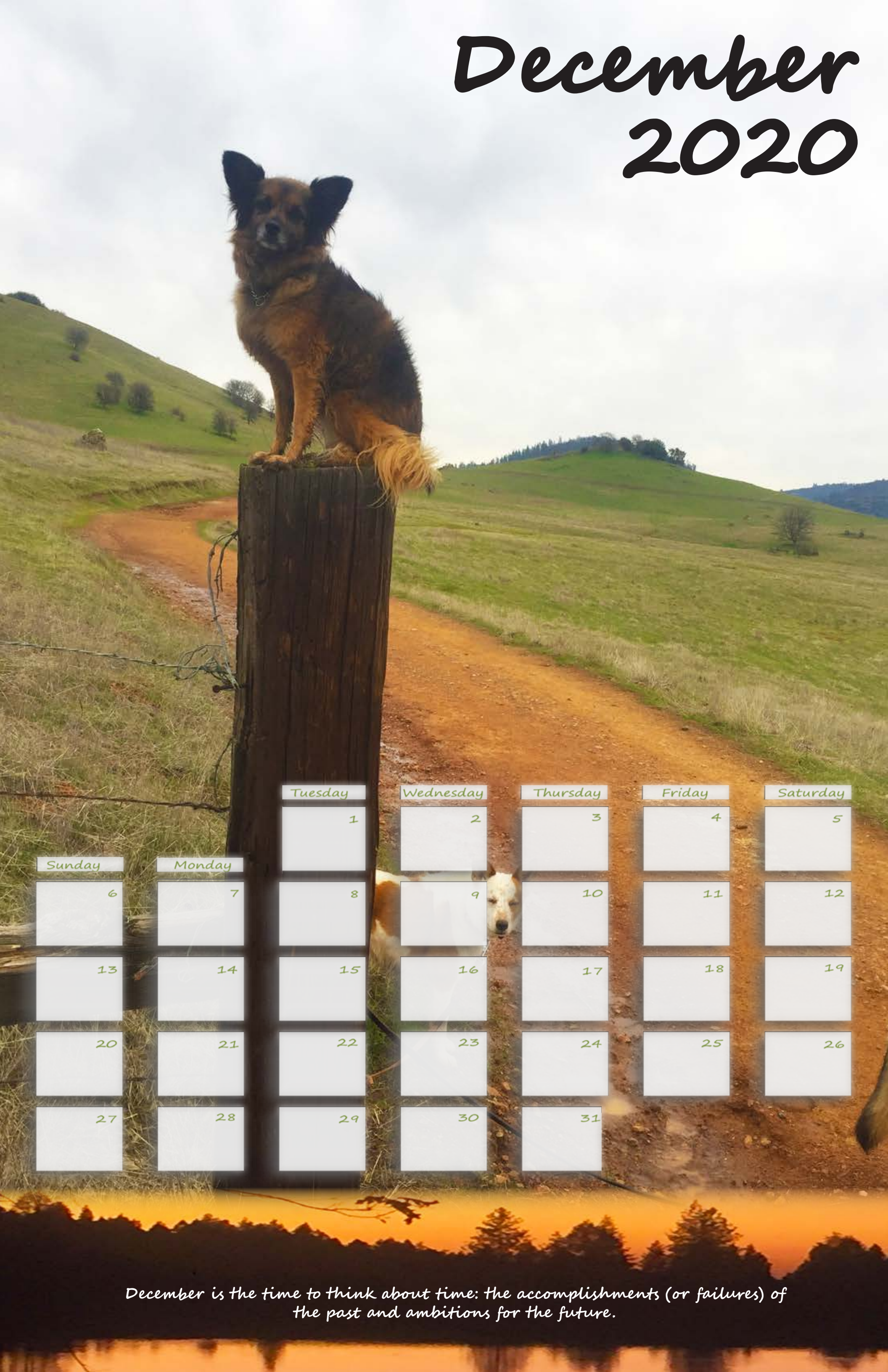
Tina relaxes at 12,500' elevation for one last long lingering look down at Colorado on the last day of our trek around the Collegiate Loop.

I think she enjoyed being an only dog!

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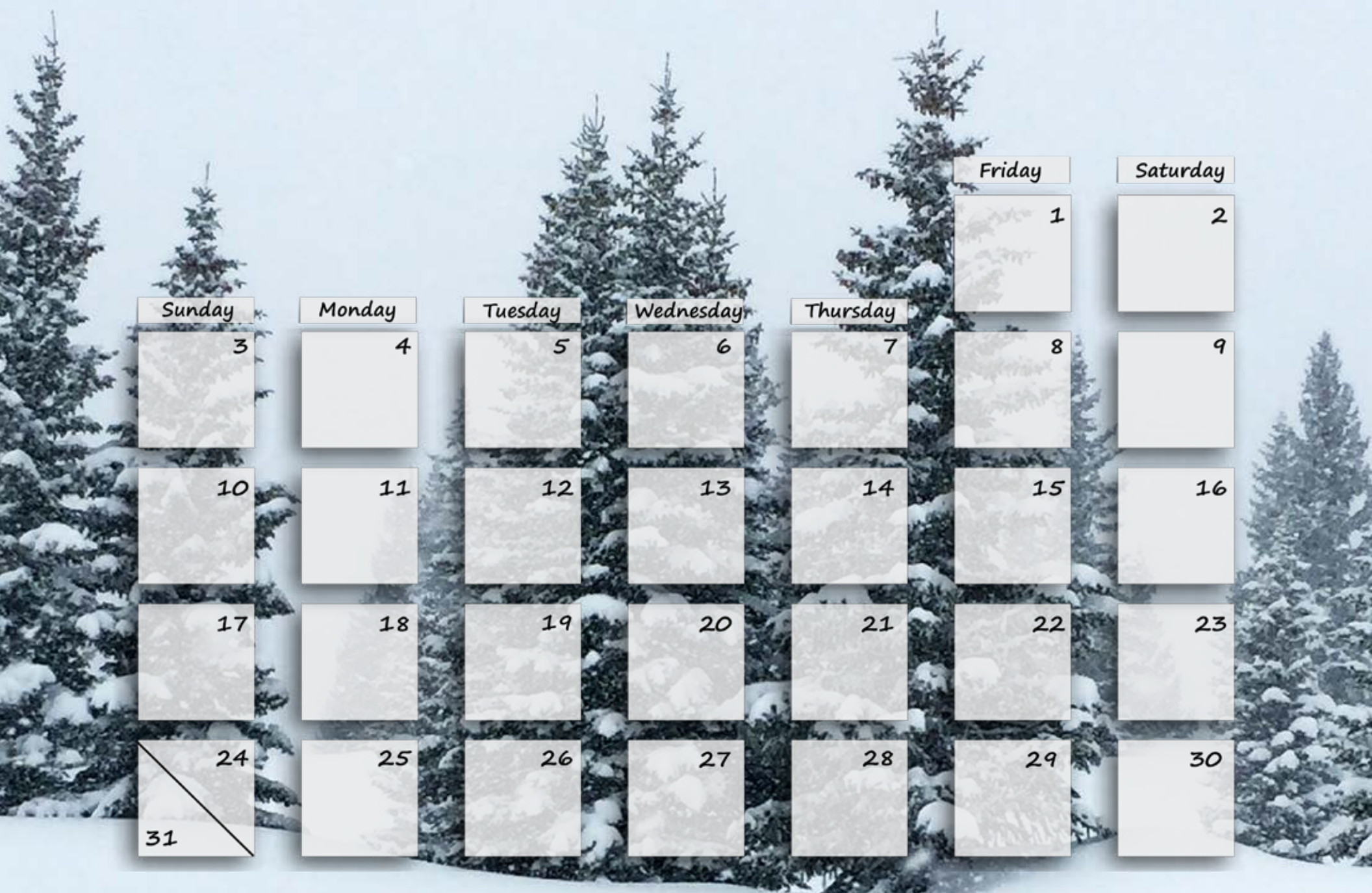
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December is the time to think about time: the accomplishments (or failures) of the past and ambitions for the future.



"Oh boy, snowing again!"

January, 2021



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2020 Here We Come!



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Home of End to End, A Long Trail Journey
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