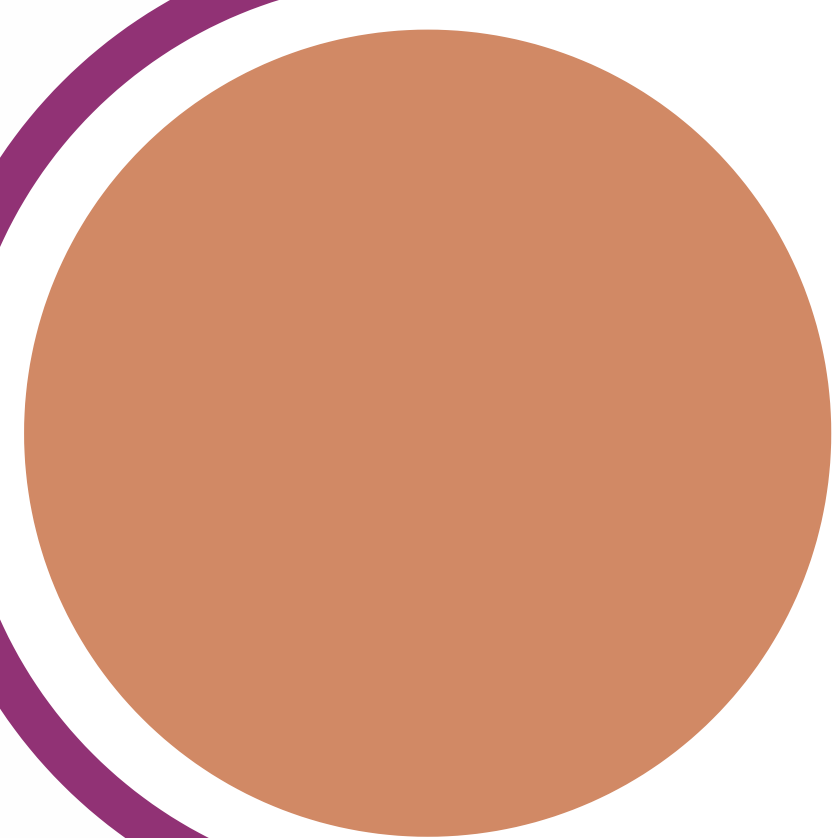


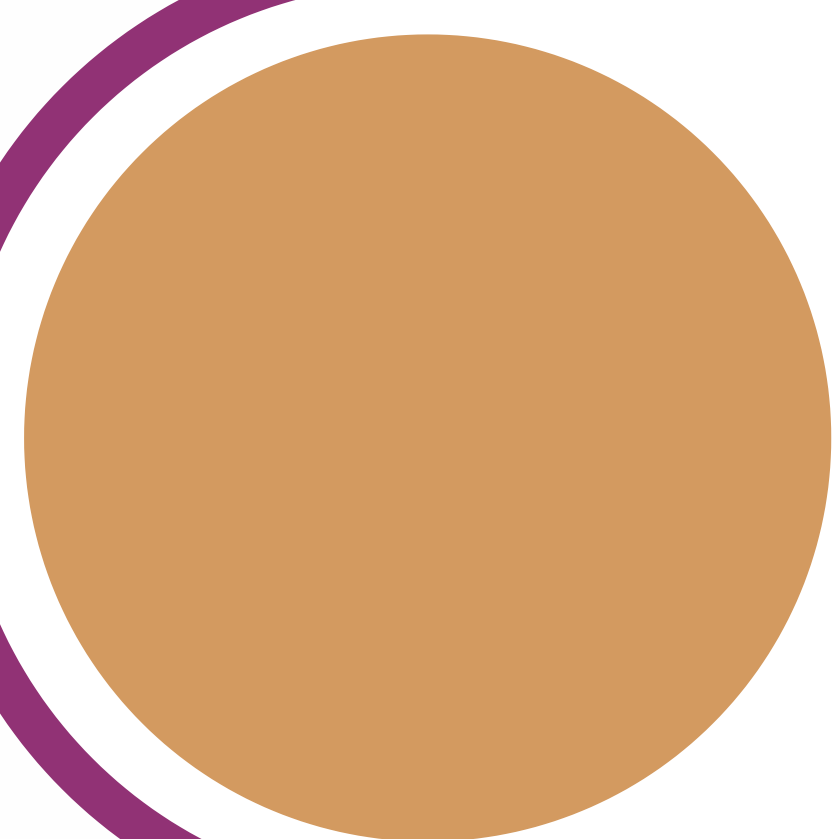


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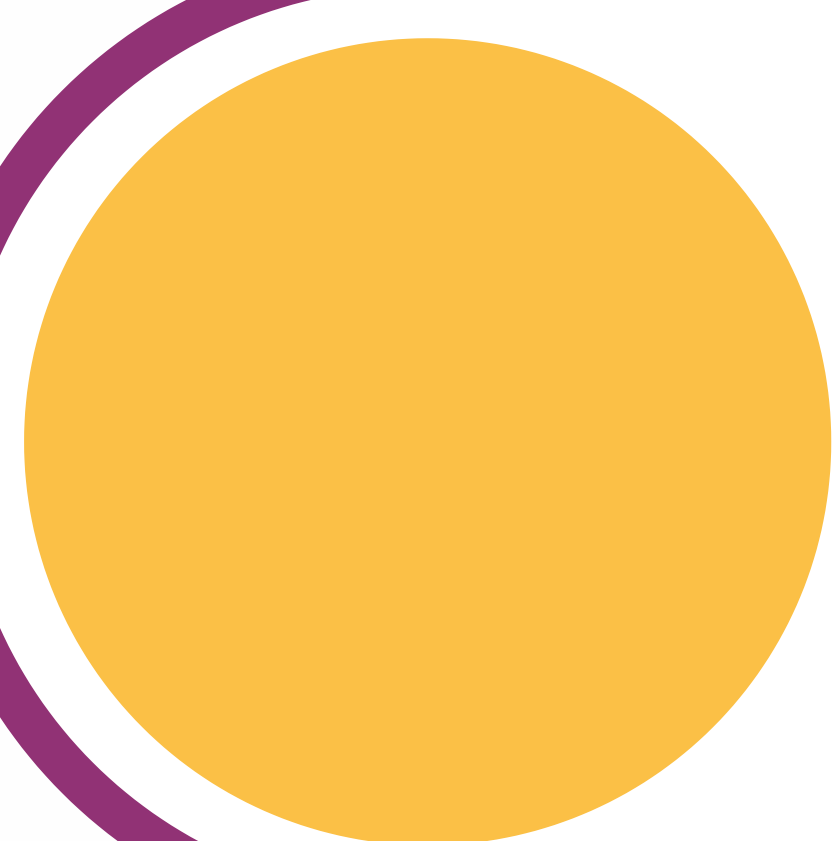
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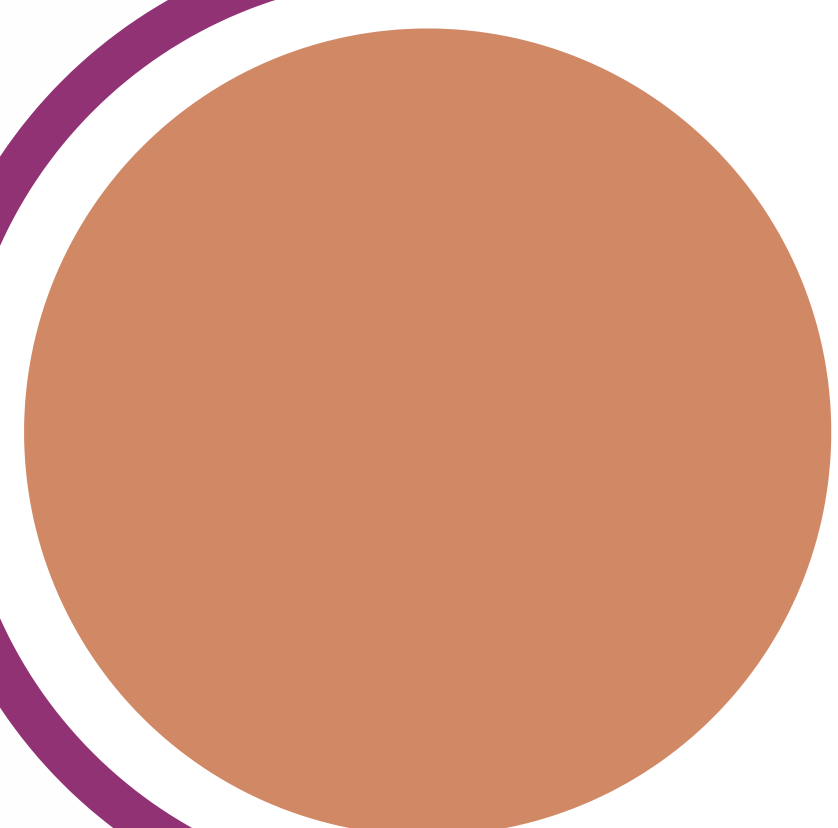
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# PRESIDENT'S NOTE

## VOC's Romance Of The First Year

The first anniversary of VOC is being celebrated on 12 Apr 2025. Let's recap our year!



The pulse of Veteran Officers, Wives & Brats was checked out Dec 2023 and found it ticking with excitement to set up a Club. The Team got cracking on formalities of paperwork & obtaining government approvals - done & dusted by Feb 2024. A smart website [www.veteranofficersclub.com](http://www.veteranofficersclub.com) came up pronto by our ingenious Brats, burning the midnight oil. Signing up for membership was super quick. A Grand Charter Night was held on 13 Apr 2024 at a Surrey Banquet Hall - attendance near 100. A Great Start!

Thanks to our creative team, we have had lively get-togethers of differing flavours: May Merriment at Delta Golf Club, July Jambooree at Semiahmoo Fish & Game Club, Tribal Glamour at Peace Arch Heritage Hall, AGM+Festive Season Luncheon Social at Rotary Field House, New Year Eve Dinner & Dance at Langley Banquet Hall, Republic Day Brunch at Westfield Country Club.

Many thanks to ALL MEMBERS for laying a firm foundation of VOC even as we acknowledge that we have a long way to go in making it a Super Club! Do please be a 'Frequent Visitor' to our website for lots of exciting news.

Wishing members & families wonderful days ahead.

Major General Harwant Krishan  
President, VOC



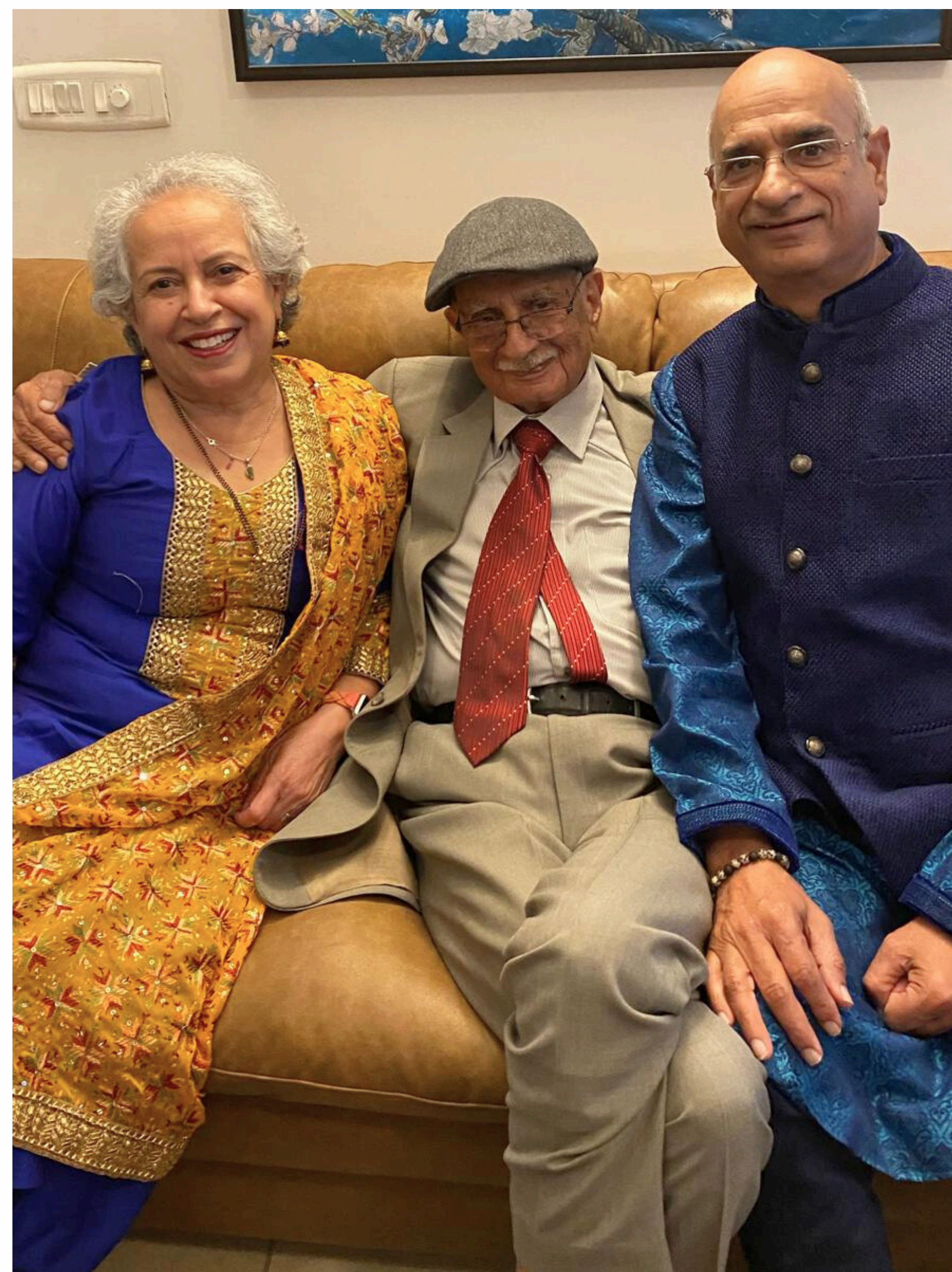


# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

*Vijayant Maini*

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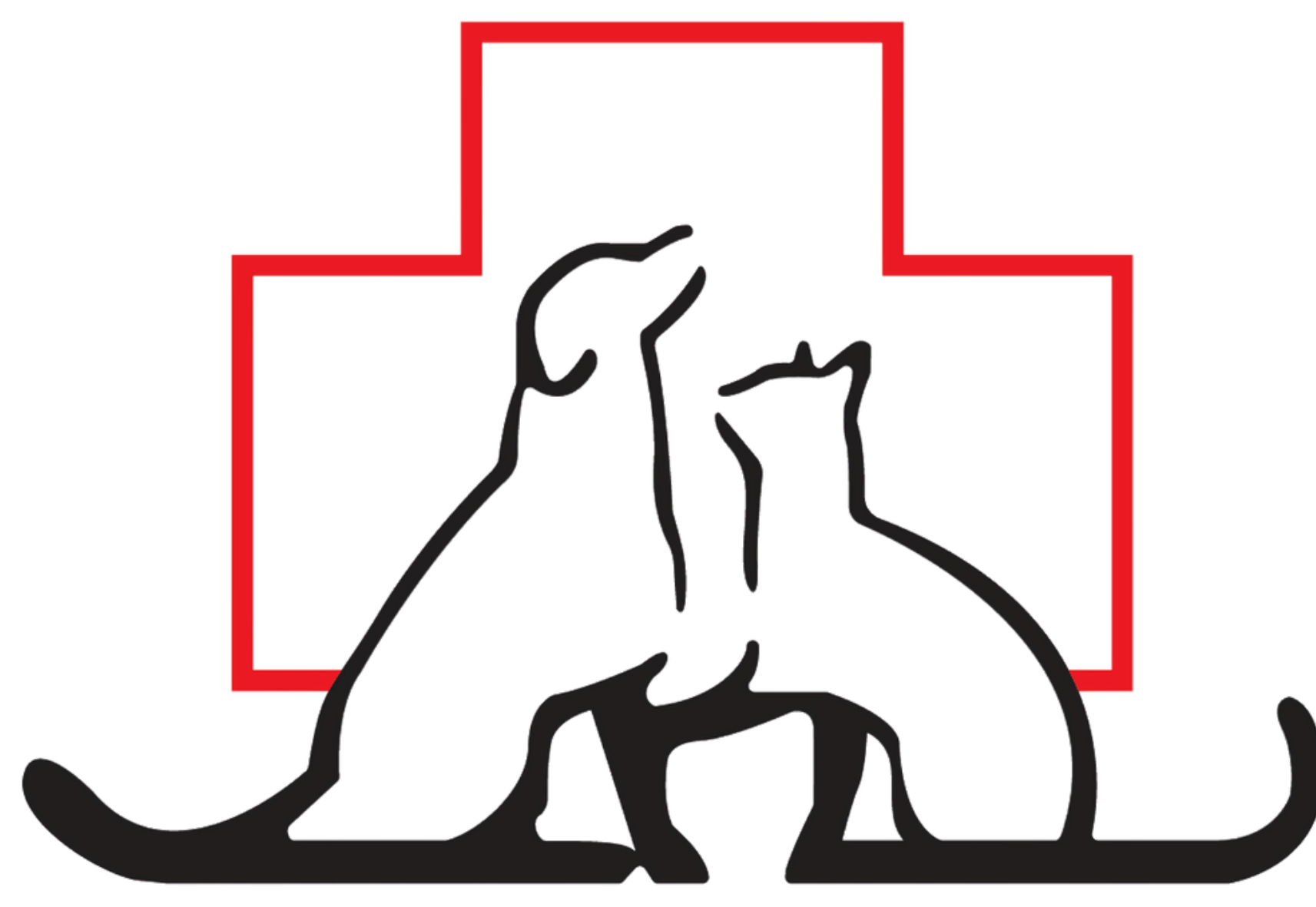
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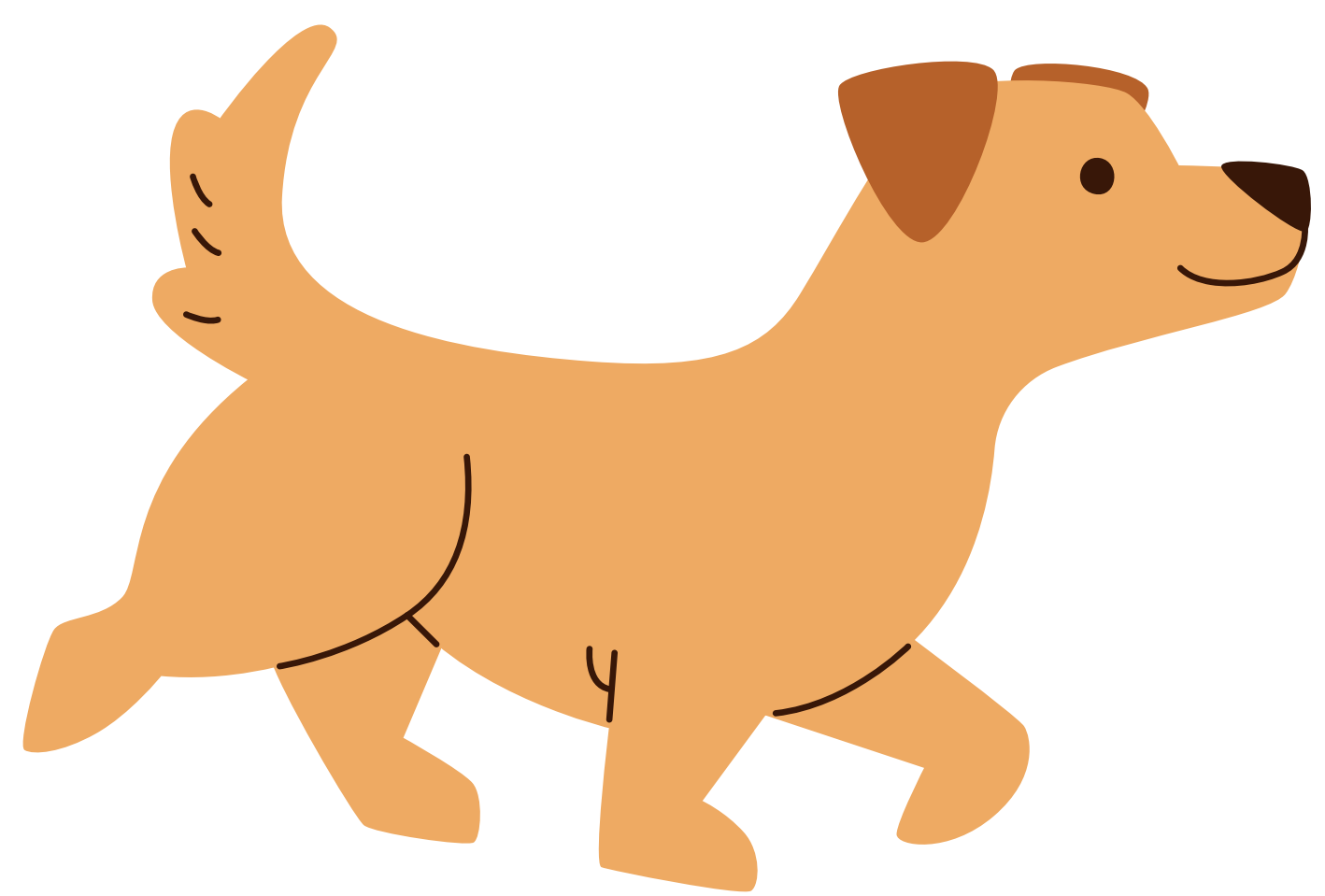




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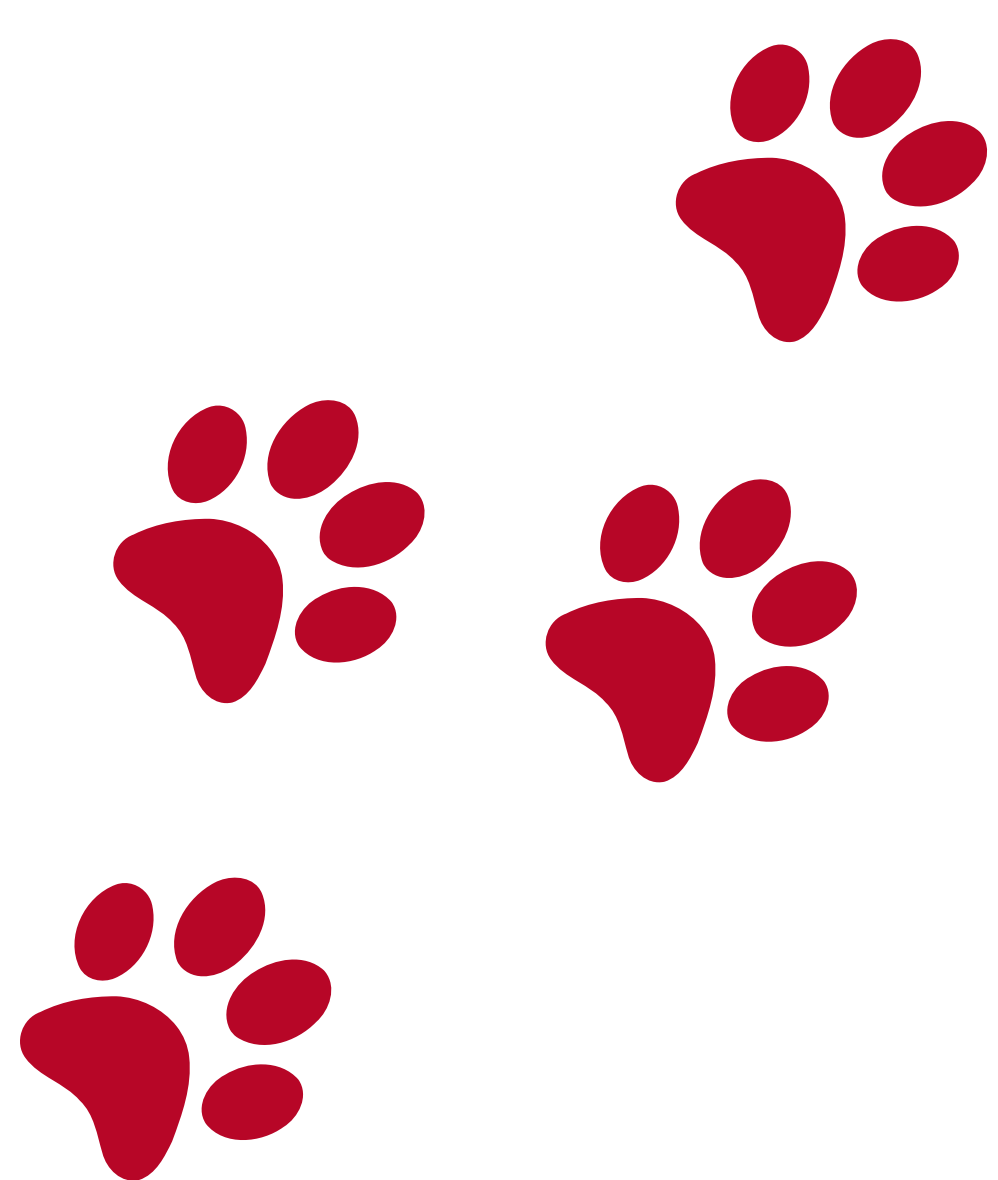
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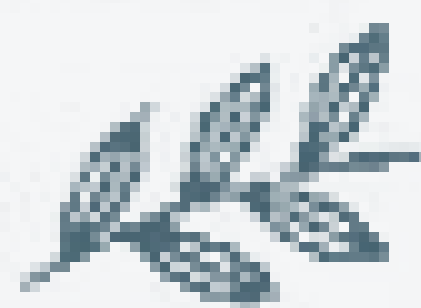
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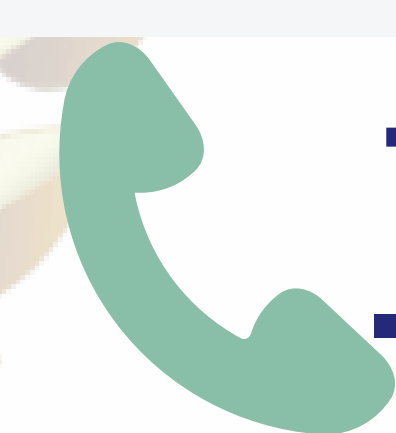
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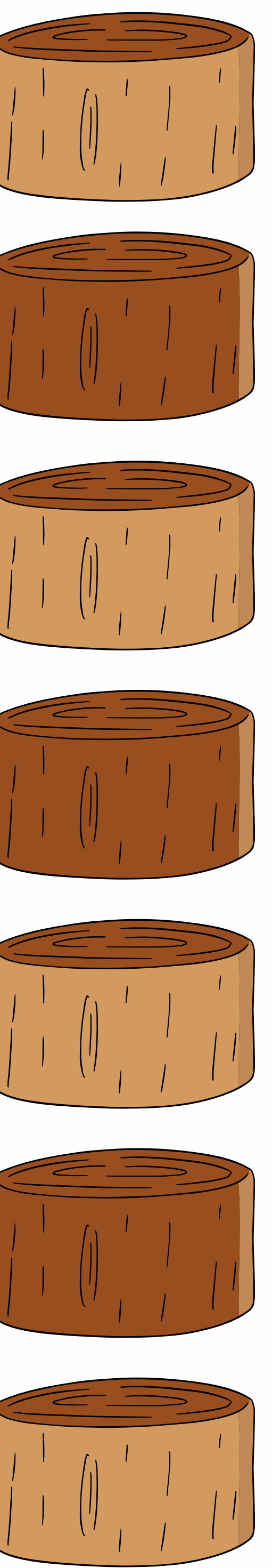




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3. The chase is on, but who is chasing whom? When the hunter becomes the hunted, only one thing is certain- somethings are mushkil, some others namumkin!
4. A brilliant doctor, a broken heart, and a self-destructive path—love or obsession, where does one draw the line?
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