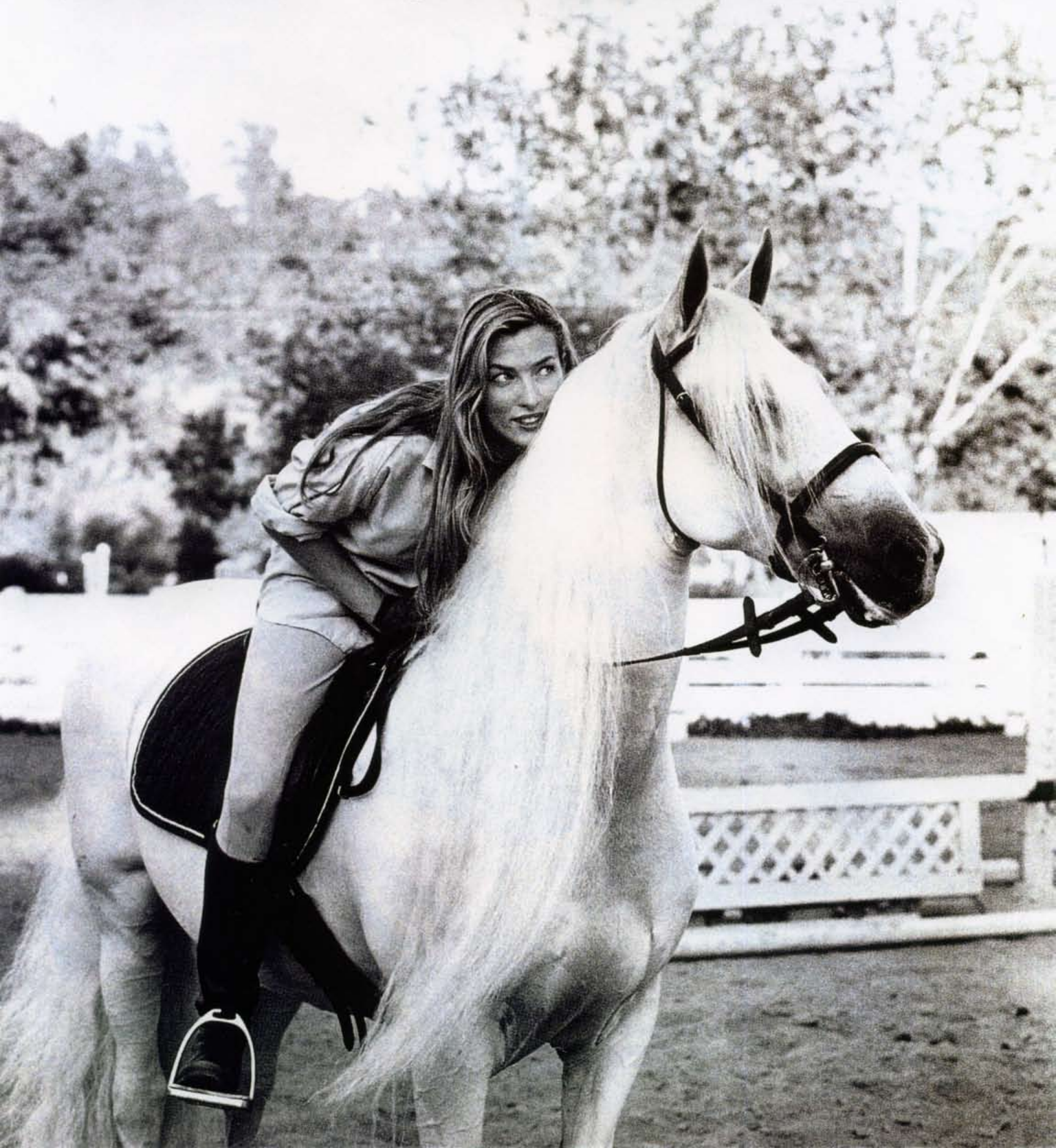


# HORSE

Cover girl slash equestrienne Tatjana Patitz may earn her oats modeling, but here's where she

# AND GARDEN





hangs her hat—a Malibu ranch with her man, four mutts, and a cockatoo named Babaloo

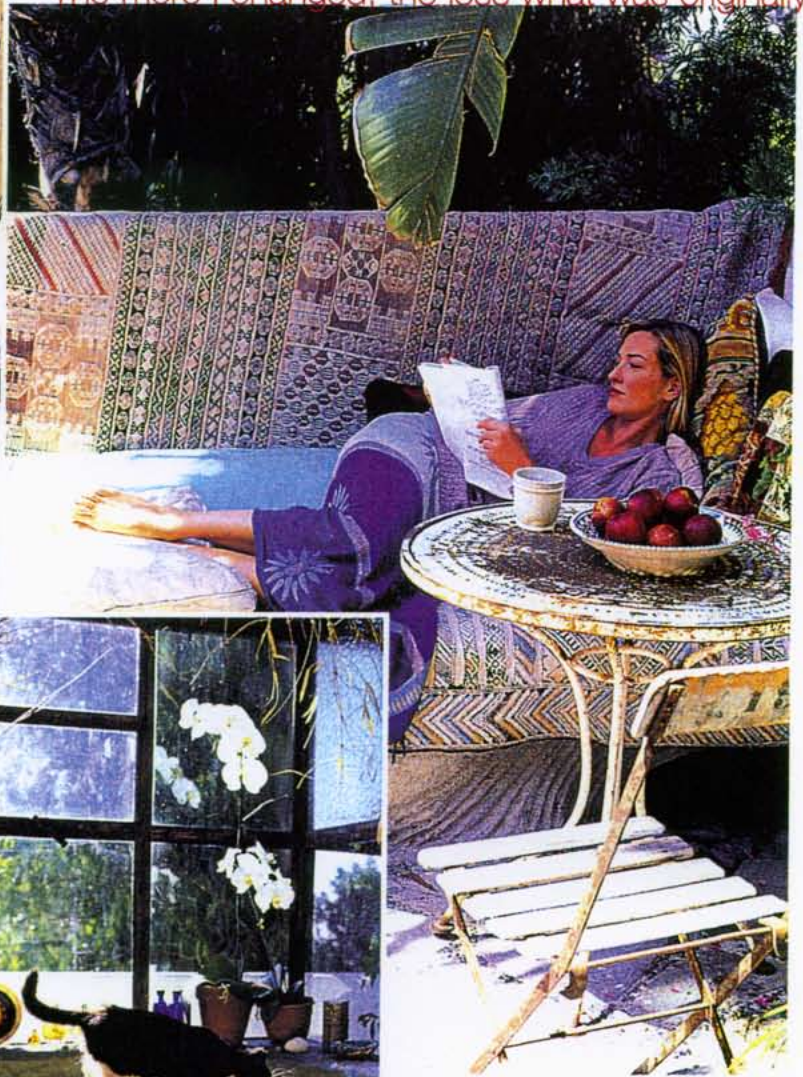


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ANIMAL HOUSE: BARE FLOORS, WHITWASHED WALLS, AND EARTH-TONE COLORS MAKE THE MASTER BEDROOM PRACTICALLY PET-PROOF. OPPOSITE: TATJANA HORSING AROUND WITH ONE OF HER FAVORITE FOUR-LEGGED FRIENDS.



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RANCH DRESSING (CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT): THE BATHROOM'S MAMMOTH MIRROR AND SHELL-SHOCKED FLOOR; TATJANA PARKED ON THE PATIO'S TAPESTRY-COVERED CONCRETE BENCH; THE VIEW FROM THE NO-SCRUB TUB; GABRIEL RIFFING ON THE LIVING-ROOM SOFA. OPPOSITE: THE DINING ROOM'S ROUGH WOOD WALLS ARE SADDLED WITH FRAMED PHOTOS.

**I** By Samantha Kluge  
 It took two solid years of searching before supermodel Tatjana Patitz found her potential dream house, nestled into the hills of Malibu, California. "The inside was a mix of modern and pseudo-Santa Fe with bleached-out tiles and woods," remembers Tatjana. "I wanted everything raw and simple." So for nine straight months she demolished and revamped every square inch of the two-story Spanish-style home that she shares with her mate, model Gabriel Hill, and more pets than she cares to count. "The more I changed, the less what >



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was originally there worked—so in the end I tore everything apart,” recalls Tatjana.

For months, she would experience periodic panic attacks. “I’d come in, see the construction, and my hair would stand on end—I’d think, what did I pay all that money for, the outside of the house?”

However, the end result has turned out to be a low-maintenance, rustic home designed—

by Jeffrey Cayle—to endure cohabitation by the couple’s many dogs, cats, and birds. Floors are either already-distressed wood or concrete inlaid with rocks and seashells. “It’s great for the dogs, it keeps them cool in the California heat,” says the animal-crazy supermodel as her troops gather at her feet.

This is a home where the couches are simple concrete benches topped with cushions covered in earthy, no-frills fabrics. In the living room, the ceiling is lined with Balinese bamboo matting, the floors are a collage of overlapping ethnic weaves, and an entire wall is fitted with wood shelves displaying books and issues of *National Geographic*. Fireplaces have been redone in sharp-edged stone, and a formerly marble-and-gold bathroom has been gutted and recast in Tatjana’s staple concrete/mosaic mix. “This bathroom was hideous before,” Tatjana declares, eyeing the transformation with pride.

When she and Gabriel aren’t dashing around the globe pursuing their hectic work schedules, life is pretty laid-back. That is, until their cockatoo, Babaloo, decides that things are too quiet. “He loves an audience—if we don’t respond, he calls the dogs over one by one,” laughs Tatjana. The couple spend their days outdoors, sneaking off to the beach with the canine crew or riding their horses through the hills behind their home. Nights, they take turns cooking up vegetarian fare and get cozy on the couch with the dogs and an old movie. Lately, they’ve been adding a little night music: “Gabriel has been taking guitar lessons, and we just got this old saloon piano and some bongo drums—so we’ve been experimenting.”

Now that the main house is finished, Tatjana will be starting work on the guest cottage—eventually. “I’m in no rush, believe me,” says the model, with a deep, deep sigh. □

## TIPS FOR A PET-PROOF PAD

- **DON'T BE A RUG RAT:** Wood or concrete floors will survive animal accidents.
- **COLORFAST:** Go for fabrics that can be thrown in the wash.
- **SHEDDY CHIC:** Invest in a lint lifter.
- **INSTALL A DOGGIE DOOR:** It'll make everyone's life easier.



PET-PACKED (CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE LEFT): DINING-ROOM DOVES; TACKED-UP PHOTOS OF THE COUPLE'S LIVE-IN MENAGERIE; TATJANA IN THE LIGHT-FILLED LIVING ROOM WITH A PILEUP OF PUPPY LOVE AT HER FEET.





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