Puppy Love

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LOVE Is In the Air

Hannah and Joseph adopted their long-haired miniature dachshund, Gus, three years before their wedding ceremony. The couple held their wedding weekend at a dog friendly resort, the very place where they had taken Gus to celebrate his first Fouth of July. Because of their abundant love, Gus was an official member of their wedding party. He was walked down the aisle by the groom's sister and was the offical ring bearer and set next to the couple as they took their vows. 172 guests laughed, clapped and smiled when Gus made his grand entrance. No one among their family or friends was surprised to see Gus as the ring bearer because they all knew he was the love of their life. Although Gus was a little confused about what was happening he knew something special was going on and was very excited to be a witness the ceremony. To the delight of all, Gus particifated in the wedding weekend of pickelball and barbecue. Months later Hannah watched their wedding video and when she could see the love in Gus's eyes she became very emtional. The bride summed it up, "He was in his happy place as the star of the show." Way to go, Gus!

Pew Research Center

- Almost all pet-parents (97%) say their dogs are part of the family.
- 51% of pet-parents say their dogs are as much a part of their family as a human member. Women 57%, compared to 43% for men.



Instagramer, Devin Crouch, a stay-at-home mom of a toddler and a dog mom believes you absolutely love your dog like a baby. "We have an almost two-year-old and I refer to Toby, our dog as one of my children, says Crouch. I think watching Toby love our son as if it is one of his puppies or his brother that makes the love I have for him even greater."



Lily is home in Connecticut being loved by her family every day.

Is the Love Real?

The answer is YES!!! Research confirms that the love you feel for your child and your dog is so pure and unconditional it's almost identical. The researchers recruited a group of women who had children between the age of 2 and 10 and they also had to have owned their dog for more than one year. The participates were asked to bring a picture of their child and their dog. The study's aim was to examine brain function when an individual viewed pictures of their child and their dog compared to a child and dog they did not know. During the study the mothers who viewed images of both their children and their dogs showed there was a distinctive connection in the brain regions which are connected to emotions, affection, safety, compassion, and reward. However, when they were shown images of children and dogs they had never seen before it did not cause the same reaction. Studies have indicated that dogs form bonds with their pet-parents in much the same way that human babies do. They want to have fun, like to give affection and love us unconditionally. They are family!