

Puppy Love

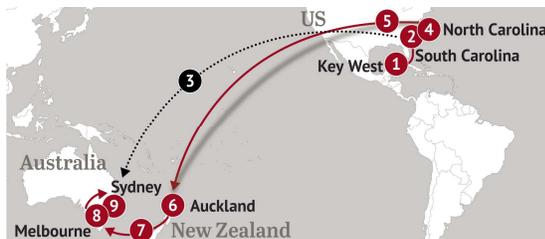
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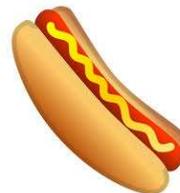


Pipsqueak, the Eilbecks affectionate, lovable dachshund was sailing around the Pacific with her family on a four-year global sailing adventure in March when COVID-19 struck. Pip was separated from her family when Zoe and Guy Eilbeck, and their two children, were forced to urgently fly back to Australia. The family was aware that Pip would have to be imported into Australia and knew it would require her to be quarantined for ten days when she entered the country. Although, they were not happy with this process, they were confident they would be reunited within a few weeks. However, this was no ordinary journey. Zoe tenaciously fought a battle with red tape, border closings, and the airlines unilaterally ceasing to ship dogs. Over the next five months, many kind strangers across the United States cared for Pip before she was literally able to launch her trek to Australia. The Eilbecks moored their yacht, of all places, at Hilton Head, South Carolina. From there, Pip moved from one care giver to another, starting in North Carolina and eventually landing in Los Angeles. But Pip's stop overs did not end there, she still couldn't get into Australia. After months of grueling planning Zoe found her a route by way of New Zealand. The next stop was encouraging, Pip landed in Melbourne, at last she was finally on the right continent. The day finally came, Pip landed in Sydney, Australia and she was joyfully embraced by her family. It was a 10,000 mile journey that led Pip home!



Katya is home in New York with her wonderful mom & dad. She is a neighborhood favorite on their walks.

Histories are more full of examples of the fidelity of dogs than of friends. Josh Billings



In Mom's Words

"I was so worried that Pip wouldn't remember us after all that time. My kids were so worried that they got a hotdog and rubbed it on their hands. And then this tiny dog walks out through the hangar, strutting along..." "When Pip heard our voices, she came barreling into our arms. It was absolutely amazing to have her back after all that time." The crew is together once again!