

# Puppy Love

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## TRUE GRIT!

Tim Tebow is well known for his faith and his philanthropy, but he is probably most famous for winning the Heisman trophy in 2007 when he was quarter-back for the University of Florida Gators. Long before he was famous, his devotion and perseverance in life were evident, even as a teen, when his true grit attitude saved his treasured dog, Otis. This is how the story unfolded.

After returning home from a weekend at Disney World, Tebow's mother informed him that Otis has been missing all weekend. Knowing this was not typical behavior for Otis, Tim immediately set out to find him. After much searching and back tracking over familiar territory, he finally found Otis laying in the underbrush adjacent to the driveway. At first glance he appeared okay, but when Otis opened his mouth it was a bloody mess, his bottom jaw was split into two loosely hanging pieces, he was missing teeth, and it was obvious his back legs had suffered great injury.

Otis was rushed to the hospital where the attending veterinarian told the Tebow family that Otis's injuries were most likely from being attacked with a baseball bat. He explained his injuries were extremely severe, and it was unlikely he would survive surgery, and even if he survived the surgery, he would probably be unable to survive the lengthy rehabilitation. The family took Otis home to die.

Not willing to give up, Tim carried Otis to the swimming pool every day and gently submerged him in the water. They rested in the water together with Otis on Tim's lap. After several weeks Tim gently moved his legs, and with perseverance on both of their parts, Otis gradually increased his range of motion. Otis learned to walk again, albeit with a limp. Otis's showed his own true grit matched that of Tim Tebow ~ what a team!



In 1889, Yale University was the first college to claim a mascot for their football team. Since its inception 17 English bulldogs have represented the team.



Reveille, a rough collie, is the official mascot of Texas A&M. She is the highest-ranking officer in the corps and also carries the title, "First Lady of Aggieland".



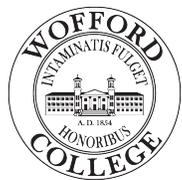
University of Georgia's mascot is an English bulldog, appropriately named Uga. *USA Today* named him the best dog in college football.



Carnegie Mellon University have been the Tatars for a hundred years. In 2007, the university adopted a living Scottish terrier as their official team mascot.



UT's mascot is a blue tick coonhound named Smokey. He leads the football team out of the giant "T" prior to each home game.



Wofford College's mascot is a Boston terrier named Blitz. Like the breed, they inspire to have the same energy and speed of this small, but fearless little dog.

Until one has loved a  
dog a part of one's soul  
remains unawakened.