

# Puppy Love

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## The Yellow Brick Road

The *Wizard of Oz* was published as a book in 1900. MGM studios released its version of the tale as a colorful musical in 1939. The fantasy film was first viewed on television in 1956 and was traditionally aired during the holiday season, frequently around Thanksgiving, until it became available on cable TV. In 2013 the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade celebrated the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the *Wizard of Oz* by including the iconic movie in its balloon lineup. The movie was the debut of Judy Garland and launched her into a career where she continued to command the stage and screen worldwide. She is immortalized for her starring role in *Oz*. Toto's fame has lasted through the decades, the word Toto always equates to ~ *The Wizard of Oz*.



## Toto ~ Where did you go?

The part of Toto in the *Wizard of Oz* was originally meant to be played by a dachshund named Otto. He was owned by Margaret Hamilton who played the Wicked Witch of the West in the film. The above photo of Dorothy and Otto was shot while Dorothy sang the unforgettable melody, *Somewhere Over the Rainbow*. Because dachshunds are believed to be of German ancestry, and the anti-German sentiment in the US at the time, MGM replaced Otto with an adorable terrier. The scene was re-shot and the original footage has never been released. Whoa, doxies lovers! You can find this story on the internet under various headings but it is actually a myth that has been circulating for years. Otto was actually photo-shopped into this enduring photo of Dorothy and her beloved Toto. Why? Who knows...

## A Homeless Man's Dog

by Lynn Molnar

Help me feed my dog. He doesn't understand what happened to our home, wasn't part of the plan.

Please don't take my dog. He's my only friend, though others have left me he stays to the end.

Please don't judge my dog while we wait in line for some food and comfort. His needs come before mine.

Please help me feed my dog. He is all that remains of a life I once cherished, but that memory fades.

Please help me feed my dog. Listen to hear our moans. Our pain and fears come from being alone.

The eyes that look upon me usually frown with disgust. Wish I could tell them who I once was.

I often forget who I used to be, if it not for my dog looking back at me.

Help me feed my dog. He doesn't understand why people don't love him, they just look at him mad.

Help me feed my dog. It's really quite simple, show love and understanding. That starts things with a ripple. Then watch the ripple spread as more and more people join in to help our fellow man. Fight homelessness and win.

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