

# Puppy Love

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## Still... The Boss!

Lady was a dachshund, no ordinary dachshund, a seventeen year old dachshund. She was the beloved dog of Rick and Michelle Riendeau. They had two children and a golden retriever named Jake. Tragedy struck when Lady went missing from their home in Brooklyn, Connecticut. The Riendeau family adored Lady and looked for her everywhere. They notified the animal shelters and various veterinarian clinics to help them in their search. They posted signs around town with heartbreaking results. Because the family lived near a wooded area they came to the conclusion that Lady had been taken by a wolf or had gone to a secluded place to die. But tragedy turned to triumph when Lady was found wandering around a parking lot and was picked up by an animal control officer. When the officer scanned Lady for a microchip, he found identifying information that led to a phone call to Rick's previous employer, which then led to a phone call to Rick. The Riendeau family was elated, but almost in disbelief, Lady had been missing for five years. But, it truly was their precious Lady. The Riendeau family had a tearful, but joy filled reunion. Lady seems happy to be back home and is ready to resume her role as top dog in the house. "She laid down the law that 'this is her house'; Jake was going to follow her rules," Rick said. "Even though Lady is probably 15 pounds and Jake was 124 pounds, there was no question who was the boss." In Rick's eyes, Lady doesn't have to prove a thing. "Far and away she's been the most lovable, loyal pet that I've ever had." Please microchip your little doxie!

Sarah Jackson, Today, October 5, 2018



Fancy is home in Georgia being loved by her new dad.



**animal planet**

"Studies show that dogs display greater affection toward their owners if they've been separated for longer periods of time," writes Animal Planet. "As the amount of time away increases, so does the dog's excitement."

## *Memories... for Life?*

Dogs have different types of memories, just like we do. They have spatial memory, and short and long-term memories," says Dr. Brian Hare at Duke University. Los Angeles veterinarian Dr. Jeff Werber adds that pets are capable of storing many different types of memories—"from the little things like knowing where their food is, to recognizing people and places they haven't seen in years." Dogs use cues to stimulate their memory: sight, hearing and smell. Even though Lady, at seventeen, had lost most of her sight and hearing, she was able to recognize her family by smell.

## THE ODYSSEY



Homer's mythical tale portrays Argus as the most devoted dog of all time. He faithfully waits 20 years for Odysseus to return. When he arrives, Argus is the only one to recognize him and he quickly responds with the wag of his tail, his final act of devotion.