

Puppy Love

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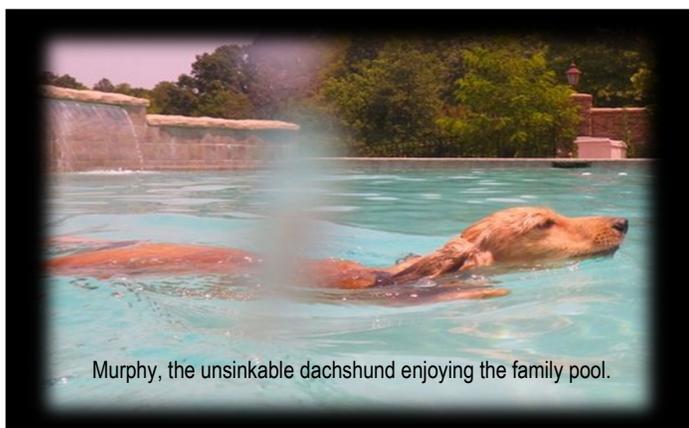
DOING THE DOG PADDLE

Dogs are born with strong natural instincts, including barking, digging and being totally lovable to humans, but all dogs are not born with the innate ability to swim. While some breeds are perfectly amphibious, others tend to sink like a sack of bricks when placed in water.

Some dogs are genetically built with strong limbs making them excellent swimmers and other breeds are bred to swim and retrieve water fowl or perform water rescue. Dachshunds do not fall into any of these categories!

Dachshunds are a loveable breed but being low to the ground, they simply don't have enough thrust in their short legs to keep them afloat in aquatic environments.

If you are a water loving family don't despair. There are many different styles of life vests and jackets available to keep your little doxie water safe. You can find them in pet stores and on the internet.



Murphy, the unsinkable dachshund enjoying the family pool.



Hurricane Katrina: the Story of a Hero

Hurricane Katrina was one of the worst horrors the USA has ever known. Out of her destruction and chaos emerged a beautiful swell of compassion and loyalty to mankind, often times this involved man's best friend, the dog.

A black Labrador retriever, ironically named Katrina, was a hero that day when she pulled a man she did not know to higher ground and prevented his drowning. After the man's story aired on television a rescue team returned to save the dog.

Katrina was a rescuer, and also rescued, once again validating man and dog share a bond that is uniquely intertwined with love, loyalty and kinship.

Katrina received the *Genesis Award* from the Humane Society of the United States and a standing ovation when she was presented with the medal for her heroic deed.

Brown-eyed Puppy

*You can't buy loyalty, they say,
I bought it though, the other day;
You can't buy friendship, tried and true,
Well just the same, I bought that too.
I made my bid, and on the spot,
Bought love and faith and a whole job lot
Of happiness, so all in all,
The purchase price was pretty small.
I bought a single trusting heart
That gave devotion from the start.
If you think these things are not for sale
Buy a brown-eyed puppy with a wagging tail.*