

Puppy Love

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Little Dog, Big Hero

Jasper, a four-year old dachshund was sound asleep in bed with his pet-parents when he was abruptly awakened by a neighbor's impending emergency. Jasper sensed the family was in imminent danger and began barking and irrationally jumping on his dad's head. He was relentless. After several agitating minutes Jasper's dad got the message and decided to investigate what his little doxie was so worked up about. That is when Jasper and his dad saw the neighbor's porch was on fire. It was 3:30 am and the family next door, including two small children, were soundly asleep in their beds, unaware that their porch was ablaze. The important call to 911 was made, but Jasper relentlessly continued to bark. Amazingly, as soon as the firetruck, police and EMS arrived Jasper ceased his warning bark. He absolutely knew what was going all around him ~ what an astute little guy! The neighbor said, "He was amazing! He saved our lives!" It is unclear what started the fire but the neighbors have installed new and updated smoke alarms. They continue to be grateful for the heroic actions of Jasper, the little dog, who is their big hero! Jasper's family are very proud of their "big" hero, but a little surprised. His mom said, "It's just not like him. He's so goofy." One little goofy doxie saved the day!



Cooper is enjoying life with his family in New Jersey.



Red Cross Pet Safety Training has a 35 minute class on-line, including CPR. Check it out.



Just One Night...Hero

A family that lives on a houseboat participated in their local Human Society's foster family program. It seemed like a fun family adventure to them so they chose to foster Moose, a Great Pyrenees, for just one night. He was showered with a grooming, pup cups and boneless chicken. He was also treated to a visit at the Farmer's Market: a big meeting place in their town. Little did they know Moose was to become their hero. After their busy day, the family was sound asleep in their boat when the boat next to theirs caught on fire and the flames were spreading to Moose's foster family's boat! Moose sensing extreme danger woke up ten-year old Anya and her dad, saving the family from potential tragedy. Moose's heroic actions enabled all family members, parents and three kids, to get out of the boat before it was engulfed in flames. Their home on the water was completely destroyed, and they lost everything, but they were safe thanks to Moose, the one-night foster dog. His new mom is a very active member of the Farmer's Market where Moose and his foster family have frequent visits.



Home Alone

- Place Pet Rescue Alerts on windows and doors so firefighters will know there are pets in your home, indicate the breed and their number.
- Use monitored smoke detectors so fire and rescue will automatically be called to your home.
- Pet Oxygen Masks are a must. Check to see if your fire station has masks on board. If, not donate one or have a "mask drive"