

# Puppy Love

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## Man of the Seas

Jacques Cousteau was a French Naval officer, explorer, ecologist, filmmaker, scientist, and researcher who studied the sea and all forms of life in waters. Cousteau was the most famous undersea explorer in the world, known by his dozens of books and films. The co-inventor of the aqualung, Jacques Cousteau also pioneered techniques in underwater photography and explored the oceans of the world aboard his vessel *Calypso*. His filmmaking career included three Oscars, frequent television specials and the series, *The Undersea World of Jacques Cousteau*. He had a passionate love for dachshunds. He had two: Scaphandrier and Bulle. His devotion to his dachshunds meant his little doxies were always on board his research ship, the *Calypso*. The French definition for Scaphandrier is "deep sea diver."



Lulu is home in Virginia enjoying the good life with her new family, who of course, absolutely adore her.



## The Hole?

It's amazing to think of the wonderful and mysterious things that Scaphandrier and Bulle must have experienced in their travels with their beloved dad. Scaphandrier was known to take an occasional swim but preferred to pace the quarter-deck with the captain and supervise the cook's activities in the galley. In 1954 *National Geographic* reported Scaphandrier never tired of looking into a large hose on the ship's deck for illusive rabbits. You can take a dachshund to the sea, but Mother Nature's dachshunds will forever be looking for rabbits in a hole.



## Anchors Away My Friend

John Denver, the famous singer and songwriter, was a close friend of Jacques Cousteau. He greatly admired Cousteau for championing environmental issues that they equally shared. In 1975, Denver's friendship with Cousteau inspired him to pen his famous song *Calypso*, named after Cousteau's research ship. The song features the sounds of ship bells, which is heard in the instrumental introductions before both verses. The orchestral arrangement includes strings and winds creating the sounds of the oceans and seas.



During an interview a *National Geographic* reporter witnessed a shark being hauled aboard the deck. He observed a little doxie yapping at the shark. But, Scaphandrier grew bored of the sight and moved on...rabbits?



Larger, standard dachshunds were bred down to create a dachshund with a smaller frame. Farmers embraced the miniature hound as a helper in the field by scouting out for rabbits and other burrowing animals. Cows frequently stepped in burrowing holes severely injuring their legs.