

# Puppy Love

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## And the Winner Is!

One of the first movies to win the *Best Picture Academy Award*, was the *Grand Hotel* in 1932. It is recognized as the first movie to have multiple headlining stars together in a film: Greta Garbo, Joan Crawford, John Barrymore, Lionel Barrymore and Wallace Beery. It isn't a perfect, or even a great movie, but it is an interesting study in "ancient" movies. The lighting is of poor quality, the acting was tiring, both making it hard to understand what is really going on much of the time. But, if you look really, really hard you will spot a black dachshund in four short scenes. In the movie, John Barrymore plays the part of a Baron who loves coddling his dachshund. The dachshund comes to a tragic end as he and the Baron are swept away erasing the memory of the Baron and his dog ever having been at the *Grand Hotel*. While filming, John Barrymore was known to have commented he would much rather spend time with the dog, even over the mega stars whom he shares the stage.



Reagan is enjoying life with his new and loving family in Pennsylvania.

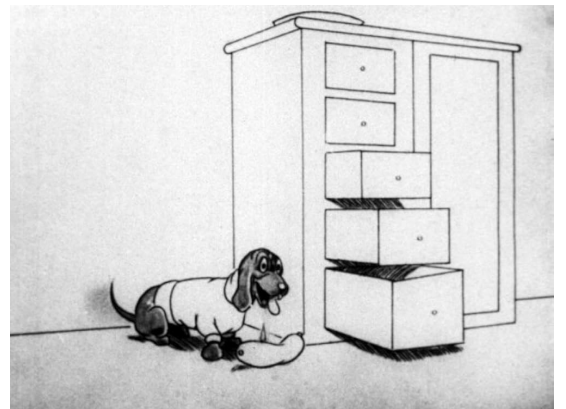


## Ridge's Sister Goes Hollywood!

It's true. Our Ridge's sister starred in a movie, *Wiener Dog Nationals*, as the beautiful English cream dachshund owned by Ms. Merriweather, a snobbish and conniving competitor in an annual dachshund race for the national championship. This story has an interesting twist because a different dachshund had already been cast in the role as Princess. But, Morgan Fairchild just by chance met Lana and fell in love with her. It was Ms. Fairchild herself that recast the part of Princess using Ridge's sister Lana in the role. Fortunately, Princess's role does not cast a bad light on creams; it is just Ms. Merriweather who is the antagonist in the movie. Lana is the first English cream to hit Hollywood.



Mike Szmanski is an award-winning national columnist who has reported on dachshunds throughout his career. He has compiled a list of 63 films featuring dachshunds.



Before the talkies there were silent movies and the beginning of animated film. J.R. Bray is a lone artist and the father of the cartoon industry. His movie, *The Artist's Dream* filmed in 1913, is a famous short introducing the first depiction of a dachshund in the movies. Be sure to watch the humorous ending.

## ★ The Ugly Dachshund? ★

*Wiener Dog Nationals* is a three- star movie that will be enjoyed by anyone who is a true dachshund enthusiast. It is created in a true to Disney fashion and the film is family friendly for kids of all ages. It's a family time event!