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Duke, residents save the day for lost pug

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It was an incredible journey for Sable, a 1-1/2-year-old pug from Clarendon Hills. She escaped from her yard about 2 p.m. June 5 near 55th Street and Holmes Avenue.

The entire Clarendon Hills community came together to try and find her. Owner Kris Garnett and her family put up fliers and posters throughout the neighborhood trying to find their beloved family pet.

By rush hour that night, calls started coming in to the Garnett household, informing the family that Sable had been spotted. Unfortunately the pug was so scared she kept running.

"I saw her trying to cross the street at Route 83 and 55th Street," Westmont resident Lynda Miller said.

Sable was seen all across town.

"People were stopping all over creation to try and get her," Garnett said.

Throughout the evening, Garnett said her family was joined by neighbors and friends who helped comb the area looking for Sable. Sable's best friend Bella, a 2-year-old Greater Swiss Mountain, was also on the hunt, but no one could track her down.

Garnett said morning walkers were even seen carrying fliers with Sable's picture.

Two days later, the Garnett family received the call they were waiting for. Miller's 2-year-old black Labrador, Duke, found Sable.

"He started barking and wouldn't stop barking," Miller said.

He was pawing at the fence and wouldn't stop barking until he got her attention, she added.

"I thought it was a cat or a skunk," Miller said. But she saw the pink collar and realized it was Sable.

"If Duke wouldn't have barked or pawed at the fence, I wouldn't have known," Miller said.

Sable could have never survived in the heat, she was so dehydrated. Miller said she saw that Sable needed to get help right away.

"I wrapped her in one of Duke's towels and called the family right away," she said.

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She was extremely dehydrated and in critical condition when she was brought into the veterinary hospital, said Nicole Samuel, a certified veterinarian technician with Village Veterinarian Practice in Clarendon Hills.

"We cleaned up her wounds, administered fluids and gave her antibiotics," Samuel said. "We monitored her throughout the night."

Samuel said Sable must have traveled a lot of ground. According to sighting reports during the two days she was missing, she must have traveled 3 to 4 miles. For a little 12-pound pug, that's a lot of ground to cover, Samuel added.

Samuel suspects Sable had to fight off some type of small animal based on some of the wounds they found on her.

"If only she could talk and tell us what she's been through," Samuel said. "She's one tough cookie."

Sable is expected to make a full recovery.

With any lost pet, getting the word out is key, Samuel said. Microchipping also can help in reuniting a lost pet and owner. Microchipping is the latest technology that veterinarians use to identify a pet's owner.

Gannett and her family are just glad to have Sable back and want to thank everyone in the community for their help. She's reserved a special reward for Duke, who she plans on giving many dog treats.



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