

A Girl's Wish

I wish to have puppy!

Like many teenagers, last year has presented a lot of uncertainty for "L." She hoped for something that she could look forward to that would spark JOY.

When the wish coordinators broke the news to her about the new restrictions on non-essential travel, she knew exactly what to wish for instead: a service dog. Right away, the wish coordinators from Make-A-Wish™ Georgia jumped into action.

THE BIG DAY

When her wish day arrived, L's family gathered along with Make-A-Wish™ Georgia volunteers and the team at Paws for Life USA to introduce the newest member of her family: a sweet, cuddly, six-week-old male Goldendoodle puppy, who she promptly named, "Luca."

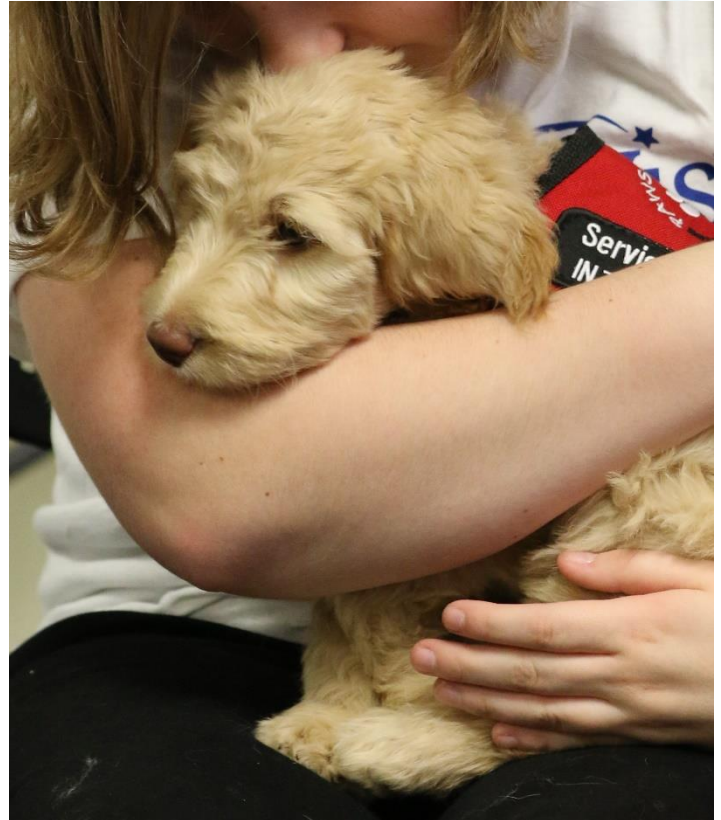
It was love at first sight.

While still very young, Luca showed L what a good boy he could be and demonstrated simple training commands. Besides the smiles and kisses that came from that first meeting, L was thrilled to take her new puppers on a shopping spree at Petco that same day.

L's mother shared how the wish has impacted her daughter: "This process gave her a much needed distraction from her illness, and the lasting effects of this wish will be felt when Luca is fully trained."

A TRANSFORMATIVE EXPERIENCE

Together, L and Luca will spend many months in service dog training. But for now, they have become the best of friends, helping each other through the challenges of illness with lots of love, puppy kisses, and the JOY that wishes bring.



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"L", 15

life-threatening medical condition

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