

Dogs: No matter how old, the well of their love never runs dry

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Whatever-it-was apparently wasn't accepting visitors. Lucky came right back out, stranded and crying on the river bank. With one eye, he lacks depth perception; getting down from places is tricky. So I had to wade across to rescue him. Wendy eagerly thought she'd help, but halfway across panicked and tried to drown me. The girls got a great laugh watching this whole fiasco.

A mark on our hearts

Wendy's getting older now, too. She is not much younger than Lucky. She still has that Lab-puppy smile, but she moves at a walk instead of a run when playing fetch most days.

We all get older. Both humans and dogs are born with expiration dates. As the years pile up, we all have good days and bad.

It is the tragedy of our existence that dogs get older at a faster pace than humans. Thus, inevitably, the ever-constant love of a dog must one day become a memory.

Yet the mark they leave in our hearts is indelible all the same.

I struggle to write anything profound about dogs that hasn't already been written. Dog wisdom has become its own literary genre. No surprise since we have had dogs at our side since humanity's earliest campfires. Scientists believe that we co-evolved with dogs starting about 100,000 years ago. A good part of our evolutionary success is due to dogs watching over us at night and helping us on the hunt. Over the eons they have learned to anticipate what we want and need. They have warmed us, warned us and helped us become who we are.

Along the way, dogs have distilled the emotion of love into its purest form.

Older dogs like Wendy and Lucky still have much companionship to give. People often look for puppies when they want a dog, but senior dogs can be more social, calm and easier to adapt to your family. They are usually already house-trained and less likely to chew up your shoes.

And no matter how old a dog gets, the well of their love never runs dry.



Ed Hunt
Grace Hunt and Lucky.

THE DAILY ASTORIAN TV SCHEDULE													Evening listings	
													FRIDAY—SUNDAY	
FRIDAY EVENING													DECEMBER 7	
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6 (N)		Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel Fortune (N)	Fresh Off-Boat (N)	Speechless (N)	The Victoria's Secret Fashion Show	20/20			News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel	
4	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Fresh Off-Boat (N)	Speechless (N)	The Victoria's Secret Fashion Show	20/20			KOMO 4 News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel	
5	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	Evening	Blindspot "Screech, Thwack Pow" (N)	Midnight "No More Mr. Nice Kai" (N)	Dateline NBC				KING 5 News (N)	(35) Tonight Show	
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight (N)	MacGyver (N)	Hawaii Five-0 (N)	Blue Bloods "Authority Figures" (N)	News (N)			News (N)	(35) Colbert	
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight (N)	MacGyver (N)	Hawaii Five-0 (N)	Blue Bloods "Authority Figures" (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)			News (N)	(35) Colbert	
9	KGW	(9) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Tonight Cassidy	Inside Edition	Blindspot "Screech, Thwack Pow" (N)	Midnight "No More Mr. Nice Kai" (N)	Dateline NBC				News (N)	(35) Tonight Show	
3	KRCW	(3) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Dynasty (N)	Crazy Ex-Girlfriend (N)	News (N)		Friends		Two and a Half	Two and a Half	
10	KOPB	(10) Curious Tra. (N)	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Viewer's Choice								
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	Last Man St. (N)	The Cool Kids (N)	Hell's Kitchen "One Hell of a Party" (N)	10 O'Clock News (N)			News (N)	Page Six TV	
13	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Prime News (N)		Prime News (N)	Big Bang Theory	Family Guy		American Dad!	The Game	
13	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Last Man St. (N)	The Cool Kids (N)	Hell's Kitchen "One Hell of a Party" (N)	Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)			Most Wanted	The Simpsons	
20	TBS	(20) Family Guy	Family Guy	*** A Christmas Story ('83) Darren McGavin, Melinda Dillon, Peter Billingsley.				*** A Christmas Story ('83) Darren McGavin, Melinda Dillon, Peter Billingsley.				ELeague (N)		
22	KZJL	(22) Black-ish	Black-ish	Mom	Modern Family	Mom	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9 (N)	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory		Two and a Half	Two and a Half	
29	ESPN	(29) (4:00) NBA Basketb.	NBA Basketball Golden State Warriors at Milwaukee Bucks Site: Fiserv Forum -- Milwaukee, Wis. (L)					(5:5) After Buzzer / (10) SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)			SportsCenter (N)		
30	ESPN2	(30) (5:00) NCAA Football Division I Tournament (L)							NCAA Basketball Hall of Fame Classic Nevada (Reno) vs. Arizona State (L)			NBA Basketball Philadelphia vs Detroit		
31	NICK	(31) The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	Double Dare	Double Dare	To Be Announced				Friends	(35) Friends	
32	DISN	(32) Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Bizaardvark	Coop & Cami (N)	Coop & Cami				Coop & Cami	Andi Mack	
34	FAM	(34) (5:15) Toy Story 2 Voices of Tom Hanks. (C20) *** Toy Story 3 (2010, Animated) Tim Allen, Tom Hanks.		(C20) *** Toy Story 3 (2010, Animated) Tim Allen, Tom Hanks.				(5:50) *** A Christmas Carol (2009, Animated) Voices of Gary Oldman, Colin Firth, Jim Carrey.						
35	FMC	(35) (5:05) The Best Man Holiday ('13) Morris Chestnut, Taye Diggs, Monica Calhoun.		(C25) The Best Man Holiday ('13) Morris Chestnut, Taye Diggs, Monica Calhoun.				(4:5) The Longest Ride (2015, Romance) Scott Eastwood, Alan Alda, Britt Robertson.						
36	LIFE	(36) Dear Santa (2011, Drama) Gina Holden, Emma Duke, Amy Acker.						(C05) The Christmas Pact ('18, Rom) Jarod Joseph, Kadeem Hardison, Kyla Pratt.						
38	ROOT	(38) (5:30) Rodeo	NCAA Hockey Vermont at Colorado College Site: Broadmoor World Arena -- Colorado Springs, Colo. (L)					Press Pass (N)	Press Pass	FootballWeek (N)	The Fantasy Football Hour		Poker Night (N)	
39	FS1	(39) Fox College Hoops	NCAA Basketball Hall of Fame Classic TCU vs. USC (L)					Weigh-In '231: Holloway vs. Ortega"	TMZ Sports (N)	NCAA Basketball Massachusetts at Providence				
43	SPIKE	(43) Mom	Mom	*** Men in Black (1997, Sci-Fi) Tommy Lee Jones, Vincent D Onofrio, Will Smith.				*** Men in Black II (2002, Sci-Fi) Tommy Lee Jones, Lara Flynn Boyle, Will Smith.				Movie		
44	COM	(44) (1:15) South Park	(C50) South Park "Sexual Healing" (C25) South Park									ComedyCentral (N)	Chappelle's Show	
45	HIST	(45) Ancient Aliens "The Wisdom Keepers"		Ancient Aliens "The Majestic Twelve"				Ancient Aliens "The Alien Disks"				Ancient Aliens "The Desert Codes"	(C05) Ancient Aliens "Dark Forces"	
46	A&E	(46) (5:00) Live PD						Live PD / (C5) Live PD: Rewind						
47	TLC	(47) Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	90 Day Fiancé (N)		90 Day Fiancé (N)	Return to Amish "Sabrina's Surprise"				90 Day Fiancé	
48	DISC	(48) Gold Rush "Hazard Pay"		Gold Rush "Stormageddon"				Gold Rush "The Transformation" (N)	Master of Arms "Elgin Pistol" (N)			Master of Arms "Grenade Launcher" (N)		
49	NGEO	(49) Wild France "The Enchanted Kingdom"		Italy's Wild Alps				Life Below Zero "Natural Wonders"	Life Below Zero "In Too Deep" (N)			Life Below Zero "Trial by Fire"		
50	TNT	(50) Bones "The Fury in the Jury"		Bones "The Mystery in the Meat"				*** Man of Steel (2013, Action) Amy Adams, Michael Shannon, Henry Cavill.				The Giver ('14, Sci-Fi) Brenton Thwaites.		
51	AMC	(51) (5:45) The Year Without a Santa Claus		Donkey! ('15) Caper MerryMadag				Mariah Carey's All I Want for Christmas Is You ('17) Breanna Yde, Mariah Carey.	The Year Without a Santa Claus ('74)			(15) Rudolph's Shiny New Year		
52	USA	(52) Law & Order: S.V.U. "Families"		Law&Order: SVU "The Book of Esther"				Law & Order: S.V.U. "Guardian"	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Mama"			Modern Family	Modern Family	
53	FOOD	(53) Diners, Drive-Ins "Diners, Drive-Ins"		Diners, Drive-Ins "Diners, Drive-Ins"				Guy's Game (N)	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins		Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	
54	HGTV	(54) Love It/ List It "Mid Century Modernity"		My Dream Home "My Dream Home"				Dream Home (N)	My Dream Home			House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	
56	FX	(56) Kung Fu Panda 3 (2016, Animated) Angela Jolie, Dustin Hoffman, Jack Black.						*** Minions (2015, Animated) Jon Hamm, Michael Keaton, Sandra Bullock.				*** Minions (2015, Animated) Jon Hamm, Michael Keaton, Sandra Bullock.		
57	CNN	(57) Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon				Cuomo Heroes "Young Wonders" (N)	Anderson Cooper 360			CNN Heroes "Young Wonders"		
58	FNC	(58) Hannity		The Ingraham Angle				Fox News @ Night	The Five			Hannity	The Ingraham Angle	
61	CNBC	(61) Deal or No Deal "Joe Verriotto"		Shark Tank				Shark Tank	Shark Tank			Paid Program	Paid Program	
63	BRAV	(63) Buying It Blind "Savannah and Brian"		Buying It Blind "Cathy and Adam"				Home "Judge, Jury and Inspector" (N)	Get a Room With Carson and Thom			Buying It Blind		
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) The Graduate Dustin Hoffman.		*** The Thomas Crown Affair ('68) Faye Dunaway, Paul Burke, Steve McQueen.				*** Thunder Road ('59, Action) Gene Barry, Jacques Aubouch, Robert Mitchum.				Death by Invitation Shelby Leverington.		
65	SYFY	(65) (4:05) Iron Man 3 Robert Downey Jr.		Jeebers Creepers 3 (2017, Horror) Meg Foster, Jonathan Breck.				Z Nation "State of Mine" (N)	Van Helsing "Outside World" (N)			Nightflyers "All That We Left Behind"		
162	RFD	(162) County Report (N)	FarmHer	Chasing-Madison	The Jimmy Dean Show		Rural News (N)	C. Reunion "Country's Unbroken Circle"	County Reporter	Chasing-Madison		Time Life Library		

SATURDAY EVENING													DECEMBER 8	
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6 (N)		Paid Program	Paid Program	Baking Show "Cake Week"		Baking Show "Pastry Week"		Alec Baldwin "Sarah Jessica Parker" (N)		News (N)	(35) HonorWrestle	
4	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Paid Program	Paid Program	Baking Show "Cake Week"		Baking Show "Pastry Week"		Alec Baldwin "Sarah Jessica Parker" (N)		KOMO 4 News (N)	(35) HonorWrestle	
5	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News	Paid Program	Paid Program	Evening	Saturday Night Live (L)	Saturday Night Live				KING 5 News (N)	Sat. Night Live	
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN 6 News (N)	Weekend News (N)	Entertainment Tonight	Weekend	Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer	Frosty Snowman	Frosty Returns	48 Hours (N)			News (N)	(35) Amer.Ninja	
7	KIRO	(7) Weekend News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Steve Raible	Right This Minute	Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer	Frosty Snowman	Frosty Returns	48 Hours (N)			KIRO 7 News (N)	(35) Wipeout	
9	KGW	(9) NBC News (N)	Naturally, Danny	Vets Saving Pets	Champion Within	Paid Program	Saturday Night Live (L)	Saturday Night Live	Saturday Night Live			News (N)	Sat. Night Live	
3	KRCW	(3) Modern Family	Modern Family	Mom	Mom	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	News (N)	Seinfeld		Seinfeld	Impractical Jokers	
10	KOPB	(10) Viewer's Choice						Viewer's Choice						
12	KPTV	(12) (5:00) MLS Soccer MLS Cup (N)		In Depth	Whacked Out	Stellar Gospel Music		The Magnificent Mile Lights Festival	Fox 12 News Special "Joe V" (N)			PBC Countdown	PBC Countdown	
13	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	People Now	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Fox 12 News "Andy's Adventures"		Fox 12 News (N)	Fox 12 News (N)			West Coast Wrestling Connection		
13	KCPQ	(13) (5:00) MLS Soccer MLS Cup (N)		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	TMZ		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory			PBC Countdown	PBC Countdown	
20	TBS	(20) (5:30) *** Fred Claus ('07, Com) Vince Vaughn, Miranda Richardson, Paul Giamatti.		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory		Full Frontal	Movie	
22	KZJL	(22) Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9 (N)	Seahawks			Most Wanted	Bones	
29	ESPN	(29) Boxing Top Rank Site: Madison Square Garden -- New York City, N.Y. (L)						SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)			SportsCenter (N)		
30	ESPN2	(30) (5:30) NCAA Basketball New Mexico State vs. Kansas (L)		NCAA Basketball	Notre Dame at UCLA (L)			College Basketball	Boxing Top Rank Vasily Lomachenko vs. Jose Pedraza			Friends	(35) Friends	
31	NICK	(31) The Loud House	The Loud House	Henry Danger		NickyRickyDicky	NickyRickyDicky	Full House	Full House			Friends	(35) Friends	
32	DISN	(32) Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	*** Cinderella (2015, Family) Helena Bonham Carter, Cate Blanchett, Lily James.		Under/ Raven's.	Raven's Home			Coop & Cami	Coop & Cami	
34	FAM	(34) (5:30) *** Toy Story 3 (2010, Animated) Tim Allen, Tom Hanks.		Fairy Tale Wed. "Holiday Magic 2" (N)				*** The Santa Clause ('94, Comedy) Judge Reinhold, Wendy Crewson, Tim Allen.				The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause...	(4:0) FXM Presents	
35	FMC	(35) (4:50) *** Heat (1995, Crime Story) Robert De Niro, Val Kilmer, Al Pacino.		(15) *** Heat (1995, Crime Story) Robert De Niro, Val Kilmer, Al Pacino.				Judge Reinhold, Wendy Crewson, Tim Allen.						
36	LIFE	(36) Every Other Holiday ('18, Rom) Dee Wallace, David Clayton Rogers, Schuyler Fisk.		Santa's Boots (2018, Family) Noah Mills, June Squibb, Megan Hilty.				(C05) Poinsettias for Christmas ('18) Marcus Rosner, Bethany Joy Lenz.						
38	ROOT	(38) (5:30) NCAA Basketball Beehive Classic Weber vs Utah State		NCAA Basketball Hoops Classic Kentucky vs. Seton Hall				NCAA Basketball Northern Illinois at Butler				NCAA Basketball		
39	FS1	(39) (5:00) UFC UFC 231 (L)		Draw for the 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup France		NFL Films Presents	NFL Turning Point	Fair Game	UFCPost "231: Holloway vs. Ortega" (L)			Post-Fight "231: Holloway vs. Ortega"		
43	SPIKE	(43) (5:00) Jurassic Park III ('01) Sam Neill.		*** Jurassic Park (1993, Sci-Fi) Laura Dern, Jeff Goldblum, Sam Neill.				*** Bad Santa (2003, Comedy) Bernie Mac, John Ritter, Billy Bob Thornton.				*** The Lost World: Jurassic Park ('97) Julianne Moore, Jeff Goldblum.		
44	COM	(44) (4:30) Wedding Crashers Owen Wilson.		*** Bad Santa (2003, Comedy) Bernie Mac, John Ritter, Billy Bob Thornton.				*** Bad Santa (2003, Comedy) Bernie Mac, John Ritter, Billy Bob Thornton.				(C05) Wedding Crashers Owen Wilson.		
45	HIST	(45) Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars (N)	Pawn Stars (N)	(C35) Pawn Stars		(C05) Pawn S.	"A Very Vegas Christmas"	
46	A&E	(46) (5:00) Live PD						Live PD Live access inside the country's busiest police forces.						
47	TLC	(47) My Big Fat American Gypsy Wedding		My Big Fat American Gypsy Wedding		My Big Fat American Gypsy Wedding		Wedding "Gypsy Sisters Bridal Brawl"	Wedding "Reverse the Gypsy Curse" (N)			Return to Amish "Sabrina's Surprise"		
48	DISC	(48) Dirty Jobs "Snake Wrangler"		Dirty Jobs "Big Animal Vet"		My Big Fat American Gypsy Wedding		Border Live "December 5, 2018"				Dirty Jobs "Bell Maker"		
49	NGEO	(49) King Tut's Final Secrets		Unlocking the Great Pyramid		Egypt Unwrapped		Egypt "Alexander the Great's Lost Tomb"	Egypt Unwrapped "The Real Cleopatra"			Egypt Unwrapped		
50	TNT	(50) (5:30) *** The Sorcerer's Apprentice ('10) Alfred Molina, Nicolas Cage.		Alfred Molina, Nicolas Cage.		Doctor Strange (2016, Action) Chiwetel Ejiofor, Rachel McAdams, Benedict Cumberbatch.		*** Edge of Tomorrow ('14) Emily Blunt, Tom Cruise.						
51	AMC	(51) Movie	*** Jingle All the Way ('96, Com) Sinbad, Phil Hartman, Arnold Schwarzenegger.			*** The Santa Clause 2 (2002, Family) Elizabeth Mitchell, Eric Lloyd, Tim Allen.						The Polar Express	Voices of Tom Hanks.	
52	USA	(52) NCIS "Out of the Frying Pan..."		NCIS "Baltimore"		NCIS "Dressed to Kill"		NCIS "The Admiral's Daughter"	NCIS "Parental Guidance Suggested"			NCIS "Stop the Bleeding"		
53	FOOD	(53) Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Cookie Challenge "Modern Classics"		Christmas Cookie Challenge		Cookie Challenge "Christmas Vacation"	Cookie Challenge "Christmas Surprises"			Christmas Cookie Challenge		
54	HGTV	(54) Love It/ List It "Lackluster Lake House"		Love It/ List It "Picture-perfect Kitchen"		Love It or List It "Tree House Trouble"		Love It or List It	Renovation "A Reno Rollercoaster" (N)			Log Cabin Living	Log Cabin Living	
56	FX	(56) *** The Night Before ('15) Seth Rogen, Anthony Mackie, Joseph Gordon-Levitt.		*** The Night Before ('15) Seth Rogen, Anthony Mackie, Joseph Gordon-Levitt.				*** Daddy's Home (2015, Comedy) Mark Wahlberg, Linda Cardellini, Will Ferrell.				*** Daddy's Home (2015, Comedy) Mark Wahlberg, Linda Cardellini, Will Ferrell.		
57	CNN	(57) Eighties "Video Killed the Radio Star"		The Nineties "Isn't It Ironic?"		The 2000s "I Want My MP3"		Eighties "Video Killed the Radio Star"	The Seventies "What's Goin' On"			The 60's "Sex, Drugs, and Rock & Roll"		
58	FNC	(58) Justice With Judge Jeanine		The Greg Gutfeld Show		Watters World		Justice With Judge Jeanine	The Greg Gutfeld Show			Watters World		
61	CNBC	(61) Undercover Boss "Peavey Electronics"												