

*LIFE prides itself on helping those in need and for being the champion  
for those who cannot speak but who enrich our lives  
and every day make us a little more ... human.*

## All You Need is Love Special Edition



**August 11, 2022**

Dear Friends:

As you may remember, a few years ago I produced a documentary, directed by my frequent film collaborators Ric Burns and Bonnie Lafave, that aired on Amazon Prime Video called "Made for Each Other". The movie brought to life the unique history and unconditional bond between humans and dogs – a distinctive connection that dates back to the origins of both species.



Lois Pope and Tova Leidesdorf...friends for life.

What you may not know is that dogs have a long history of bonding with other species too. For example, the renowned Columbus Zoo and Aquarium in Ohio (home to the legendary wildlife expert and TV personality Jack Hanna) has an acclaimed program in which Labrador retrievers help raise cheetahs that have been abandoned by their mothers or have severe anxiety issues. And you may have seen or read about dogs that "adopt" kittens, ducklings, and even baby tigers.

So it came as no surprise when our dear friend Tova Leidesdorf related to me a story that was recently in the news about the special and loving relationship between a dog and an orangutan – it's not monkey business; it's absolutely true, and I was so moved by its poignancy that I just had to share it with you:

Suryia, a three-year-old orangutan was so depressed after losing his parents that he wouldn't eat. Moreover, he didn't respond to conventional medical treatment. In fact, his veterinarians thought he would die from sadness.

At wit's end, the veterinarians at Surya's zoo in Northern California decided to try something a little less conventional. Earlier, they had found an older, sick dog named Roscoe roaming the zoo grounds who needed his own medical attention. They brought him to the animal treatment center – the very same clinic where Surya was receiving treatment.

The two lost souls quickly bonded...and have been inseparable ever since! Their favorite pastime is swimming -- although Surya is a little afraid of the water, Roscoe is always there to help his best friend do their laps.

Together, 24 hours a day, they each found a new reason to live and thrive. Together they have found joy and the value of friendship. Just as highlighted in my documentary, they are "made for each other."

I hope that in these dog days of summer, as well as all year round, this story brings you joy and laughter and that you embrace the value of friendship.

As always with love,

*Lois*



**From Our LIFE Friends**

Dear Lois,

I could not agree more on the impactful lyrics of IMAGINE. You manage to tackle many of the issues that we could imagine to improve and achieve. Two of them featured in the LIFE Notes: hunger and blindness.

Thank you for being such a positive part of my life.

Hugs,

**Eduardo C. Alfonso, M.D.**  
**Chairman, Department of Ophthalmology**  
**University of Miami Miller School of Medicine**  
**Director, Bascom Palmer Eye Institute**

Dear Lois,

Thank you so much for this month's newsletter. The Children thank you!

Not only that, but what great writing! I love the song, Imagine. It is iconic and gives me goosebumps when I really consider, "what if..."

While I am contemplating that, your few other thoughts to consider were awesome too. Loved them!

I hope you are doing great!

Love,

**Marti LaTour**  
**Board Chair, Palm Beach County Food Bank**



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