Dog found 20 months after being lost in forest

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FORESTHILL — In what would be an amazing story of survival, an El Dorado Hills family hopes a golden retriever found wandering through a campground in the Tahoe National Forest is the dog they lost while camping more than a year and a half ago.

Murphy, a 5-year-old female, was separated from Nathan Braun during a camping trip at Hell Hole Reservoir in October 2012. The family posted ads and flyers and never gave up hope that Murphy would one day be found.

Then a couple of weeks ago, the family was notified that a stray golden retriever had been spotted at a campground on French Meadows Reservoir — about 11 miles from where Murphy disappeared.

The family drove up on June 7 with Murphy's blanket and a ball cap belonging to Nathan.

Camp host Jason Smith said he placed the items on the ground at his campsite and was stunned by what happened next.

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