

Family confirms identity of dog found in Tahoe forest

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The family whose golden retriever disappeared in the Tahoe National Forest 20 months ago says it has proof the dog recovered in a Sierra campground last weekend is theirs.

“It’s just an unbelievable story and we’re still in shock,” said Erin Braun, who said she never doubted the dog they brought home on Father’s Day was Murphy, who disappeared on a camping trip at Hell Hole Reservoir in October 2012.

But Braun’s husband, Nathan, was less certain because of subtle physical differences. He was hoping a DNA test would confirm the identity.

After the family determined a DNA test was not possible because of an insufficient sample, they were reminded by a veterinarian in Truckee of a distinctive scar Murphy carried on her right elbow as the result of a deep gash that was sutured about three years ago.

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