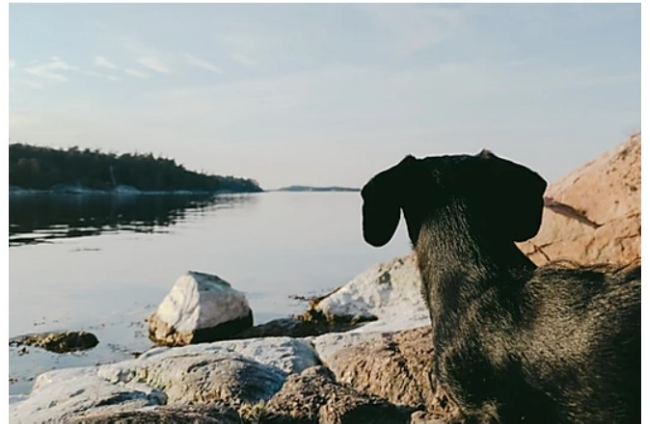


Daring Dachshund Defies Destiny

Yesterday afternoon, Denny the miniature dachshund, defied the odds as he swam across the River Stour and rescued a small toddler that had toppled into the water.



At around 3pm, quick-witted Denny was walking along the river bank at Minster Field when he heard a distant splash and an almighty scream. Looking across the river, he saw the commotion and had to act.

Denny told us, "I didn't have time to think. Seeing the little one struggling in the water, I knew that he needed me. Without thinking, I jumped in and swam as fast as my legs could take me." Fortunately, Denny is a dedicated member of the Doggy Paw Paddlers, a local group of avid swimmers, and defied the odds, rescuing the little one just in time.

With tragedy averted, Denny has returned to his daily walks along the river bank. However, he hopes lessons have been learned from this terrifying ordeal.