

# Maggie finds happiness

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Maggie (left) and Maxwell swimming in the Kaaimans River. It was Maggie's first swim, but she soon got used to the water and did not want to leave.

GEORGE NEWS - The owners of Roxy, a four-year-old labrador, were devastated after she was diagnosed with osteosarcome (an aggressive bone cancer) and selflessly decided to end her suffering.

Maxwell, Roxy's seven-year-old labrador companion, was left mourning Roxy and moped around sad and lonely. His owners realised that the only cure for the pining Maxwell was to find a new friend for him. They immediately contacted the George SPCA and within a couple of weeks they received the wonderful news that a female labrador puppy of six months had been brought in by her owners.

Sadly the little pup had been constantly hit by her owner for digging in the garden and destroying the plants. After the adoption papers were filled in and a

home check carried out by the SPCA, the puppy was sterilised and the excited owners collected their new family member, calling her Maggie.

Poor Maggie, although cute and happy, still needs a while to forget her former life. When anyone makes a sudden move or tries to grab her by the collar, she cowers and makes herself as small as possible. Nevertheless, those moments are few and far between and she is mostly full of joy and happiness and absolutely adored and loved by all, especially Maxwell.

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