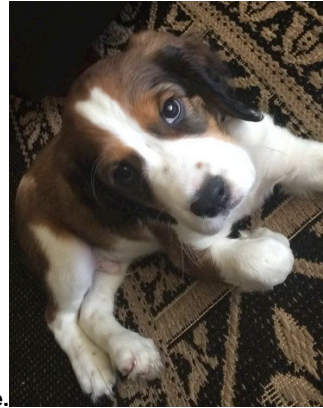


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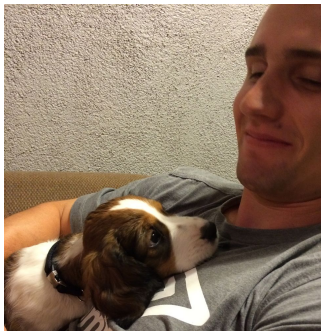
Kathy talks with the family whose precious pup was stolen by burglars.

When burglars broke into a home in the Arcadia area this week, they left with more than just the computer and a TV in their arms. The crooks also stole an innocent and adorable puppy named **Charlie**.

After calling the police, the heartbroken **Skelly** family wisely took to social media - embracing as many vehicles as they could, including facebook sites and email groups. With five siblings in the Skelly family, that's a wide reach and the community rallied round them with support.

I received an email from **Michelle Moussa**, (son **Matt Skelly's** girlfriend) asking everyone to keep an eye out on Craig's List, in case someone tried to sell Charlie online. I immediately called her and asked for more pictures and any identifying features for the precious pooch.

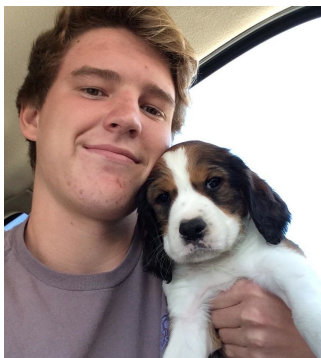
The response to the family's and friend's quest to find Charlie - was priceless. And the great news here is that with the pressure on, Charlie was returned and doing fine!



(Pictured above is Matt Skelly with Charlie who was born in July.)

Being a purebred Springer Spaniel, dogs like Charlie, unfortunately and **DISTURBINGLY** are often another means to quick cash for criminals.

"We don't care about the electronics, it was the puppy we cared about," said father **Chris Skelly**.



(Pictured above is **Joe Skelly** with the adored family dog Charlie.)

It was a tough and emotional 36 hours that Charlie was gone, but the Skelly family is grateful for everyone's help.

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"Our hearts were pounding when we first got him back and able to hold him in our arms," notes Matt. Michelle adds that "Everyone was so nervous and relieved that it was actually him."

A "tail" with a very happy ending!



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