

Cancer survivor's lost dog is home: Lucy, tortured three weeks, is safe!

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After a grueling three-week search, aided by hundreds of volunteers on the ground throughout southern California, as well as by supporters all over the world, Dr. Antje Hinz and her partner, Finn Egan, were overjoyed to share the wonderful news that Lucy Hinz-Egan, Dr. Hinz' service dog, who vanished on September 7, had been found alive. Lucy's popular [Facebook](#) page, created by Dr. Hinz, a breast cancer survivor, and Egan, which once was stated "Lucy Hinz-Egan Is Lost", and was where her extended family exchanged information and coordinated search efforts, now happily displays a new cover photo, stating **"LUCY IS HOME."**

Little Lucy is [now](#) snuggling once again in the arms of her family. This sweet, loving girl must have had an angel looking out for her, one who guided her back to her parents, late in the afternoon on [September 28](#). The search for Lucy, who slipped under a fence at the Pen Mar Golf Course, while her parents were out of town, was first reported [here](#).

Shortly after that report was released, [KNBC](#) picked up the story, and help started flooding in from friends, strangers, locals, people all across the country. Celebrities [joined](#) in the search for this sweet girl, including [Perez Hilton](#) and Maria Menounos, putting boots on the ground, posting flyers, going door to door, attending events to raise awareness, doing anything to bring Lucy home. That evening, at 8 p.m., this Examiner received an amazing Facebook message from a Team Lucy member, who had been working day and night to help find Lucy, that simply read, "OMG OMG.... Sighting."

If you watch the video and view the photographs of the reunion, provided by Finn Egan, the family's jubilation and relief is tangible, as is that of the search parties. Hinz and Egan are very private people, and want to focus most of their energies on all the good things that took place, and thank all the wonderful people who volunteered their time and energy to help lead them to Lucy.

However, though the search ended gloriously, it quickly became evident that soft-hearted Lucy had endured a terrible 21 days, suffering horrific abuse while she was missing. There are details provided exclusively to this Examiner, and, unless you have a heart of stone, what follows may make you weep.

On September 2, after much discussion, her family allowed [KNBC](#) to release an updated report about their girl's current physical condition. Dr. Hinz explained to her, that the disappearances of family [pets](#) from Venice, where she disappeared, all the way to Culver City, were being actively investigated.

Lucy's critical care specialist, somebody purposely fractured and partially removed at least 11 of Lucy's upper teeth. Dr. Hinz explained that Lucy "looks as if someone took a buzzsaw to it, and sliced her teeth down to her gumline." She's got a deep scar around her mouth where she would easily smash her teeth off, and then wired shut so that she wouldn't be able to defend herself.

Lucy wasn't eating rocks or chewing on wood to survive. As a veterinarian, Dr. Hinz has seen many [dogs](#) with broken teeth, but Lucy's was different. It was not from age or lack of care or proper nutrition. This was no accident. Lucy was mutilated, most probably by a dogfighting ring. She would have been thrown into a [dogfighting](#) ring, used as bait, and ripped to shreds in a matter of moments. She lost at least 15 pounds in the three weeks she was missing. Dr. Hinz explains that Lucy will have to eat soft food for the rest of her life. She does have one right lower canine, but walks around smacking her lips. Something awful happened to her. According to Dr. Son, she will need a series of root canals and must have the 11 fractured teeth removed from her disfigured mouth; she may need even more teeth removed after that. Dr. Son will make that determination.

Based on Lucy's current condition, and other reports, it is believed that dogfighting rings are operating in those areas. Examiner was provided the exclusive information that the Mayor of Culver City was on a plane when he received the horrifying details about the abuse Lucy suffered, and he, in turn, provided those details to the Culver City Chief of Police. It is expected that this information will be utilized by the authorities to investigate the



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many of the volunteers who helped bring her back!

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