

Wonder Dog

In 1923, the Brazier family took a trip from their home in Oregon to visit relatives in Indiana. They brought their two-year-old dog with them. His name was Bobbie.

One day, three other dogs attacked Bobbie. He was scared and ran away. The family searched and searched. But they could not find him. They had to leave Indiana without him.

The Braziers didn't know it, but Bobbie was trying to get home to them. He walked over 2,500 miles to get from Indiana back to Oregon. What an adventure!

Bobbie walked about 14 miles a day. He walked through mountains, plains, and desert. He swam through rivers and crossed the Continental Divide. Most of his journey was survived during winter.

Bobbie arrived home six months later. He was skinny and dirty. But he was healthy. And he was glad to be home.

The newspapers told Bobbie's story. They called him Bobbie the Wonder Dog. He became famous across the country. He even starred in a silent movie named *The Call of the West*.

People who had seen Bobbie during his adventure wrote letters to the Braziers. The Humane Society used their stories to figure out Bobbie's route



home. When the Braziers drove from to Indiana they had parked at a gas station every night. Bobbie visited each gas station on his journey home.

Bobbie died in 1927. He was buried in the Humane Society's pet cemetery. His grave is marked by a red and white doghouse. A famous movie star dog named Rin Tin Tin laid a wreath on his grave. People still celebrate Bobbie's loyalty today with an annual parade.



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Instructions for teachers:

These questions can be used to assess understanding of the reading passage.

The item in bold is the correct answer for each question.

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