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**Herbie's home!**

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Herbie is home nine days after the tiny Brussels griffon went missing from Jim and Kathleen Crawford's Benson home. At 6:15 p.m. MST Tuesday, Herbie made way into a trap set by Benson City Animal control, much to the surprise and delight of those who sought his return.

Carol Morgan, in Benson from the Phoenix suburb of Sun City West and helping look for the dog, is ecstatic.

"I'm just so happy," she said. "I was beginning to lose hope."

It happened rather non-chalantly.

"I was watching the ballgame and heard a noise in the trap and decided I'd go see what it was and there he was. I couldn't believe it," said Jim Crawford.

Kathleen Crawford concurred. "I'm very relieved. It was very nerve racking and stressful," she said. "It was hard to get any sleep and it was scary."

Herbie appeared relieved as well and settled in comfortably with Morgan, licking her face and cuddling.

Morgan, who was the dog's foster owner for eight months after Herbie had been removed with 26 other griffons from a bad West Phoenix home, has decided to bring Herbie back to Sun City West.

The Crawfords adopted the dog and Morgan drove Herbie to their home on July 22. The following morning Herbie escaped. He was seen Monday and had not been Tuesday.

Meanwhile, the News-Sun continues to get responses from throughout the U.S., Canada and Europe from people wanting to know Herbie's plight.

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Carol Morgan, left, and Kathleen Crawford tend to Herbie. (Chris Dabovich/photo.)

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"We are totally overwhelmed by the response from around the world," said Morgan.

They'll surely be glad to know this story had a happy ending.

A Brussels griffon is a breed of toy dog characterized by a short face, large eyes, and a short nose. The breed has a Belgian lineage and is named after a mythological animal called a griffin.

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