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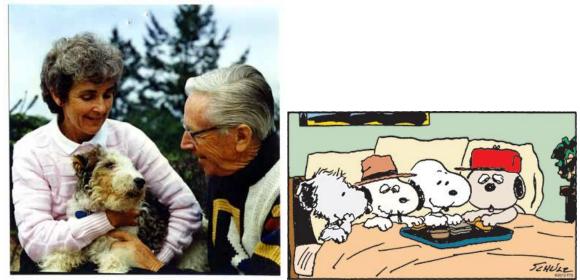
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Meet Snoopy's Siblings in Barking Up the Family Tree New Exhibition--June 5 - October 14, 2013



Snoopy's brother Spike is the most well known sibling in the Peanuts comic strip.

(Santa Rosa, CA) Meet Snoopy's "band of brothers" Spike, Marbles, Olaf, and Andy, and sister Belle in this exhibition of 70 original Peanuts strips at the Charles M. Schulz Museum and Research Center. The new exhibition **Barking Up the Family** *Tree* opens **June 5 and runs through October 14**. Spike and Belle debuted in the comic strip in the 1970s and are the most fully developed characters of all of Snoopy's siblings. Marbles and Olaf were introduced in the 1980s, while Andy, the namesake of Schulz's own beloved dog, didn't make an appearance until 1994.



(Left to right) Charles Schulz shown here with wife, Jean, and favorite dog, Andy. In a panel from February 22, 1994. Photograph by Giovanni Trimboli. Schulz's favorite dog, Andy, made it into the Peanuts comic strip as one of Snoopy's siblings. Andy is shown on the left with his brothers Spike, Snoopy and Olaf.

Charles Schulz had many dogs in his life, from his childhood dogs Snooky and Spike to the dogs his family had after he was married with children. Spike was cited as the biggest influence on the creation of Snoopy. Other dogs in the Schulz family included Major, Lucy, Carmel, Dropshot, and Andy. Schulz said that his favorite dog was Andy, a mixed-breed dog that was rescued by Jean Schulz from a fox terrier rescue group in 1988. "Andy brought some new truths into my life," said Schulz in *Around the World in 45 Years*. "He taught me the wonderful love that a person can have for a dog."

IMAGES

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ABOUT THE CHARLES M. SCHULZ MUSEUM & RESEARCH CENTER

The Charles M. Schulz Museum opened in August 2002 to fulfill its mission of preserving, displaying, and interpreting the art of Charles M. Schulz. The museum carries out this mission through changing exhibitions and programming that: build an understanding of cartoonists and cartoon art; illustrate the scope of Schulz's multi-faceted career; communicate the stories, inspirations and influences of Charles Schulz; and celebrate the life of Charles Schulz and the Peanuts characters.

LOCATION

The Charles M. Schulz Museum is located 50 minutes north of San Francisco by car on Highway 101. The Museum is located at 2301 Hardies Lane, Santa Rosa, California, 95403.

HOURS

Weekdays Monday thru Friday (except Tuesdays*) 11am - 5pm

Saturday & Sunday 10am – 5pm Closed Tuesdays* *Open every day throughout the summer (Memorial Day through Labor Day)

ADMISSION FEES

Free – Museum Members, Children 3 and under \$5.00 – Children 4-18, college students with valid I.D. card, and Seniors 62+ \$10.00 – Adults

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