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Becoming Friends

People who lived near Debby Cantlon in View Ridge, Washington, knew that she enjoyed taking care of animals. So it was no surprise when someone called to ask if she would take care of an **orphaned** baby squirrel. Debby quickly said yes—even though it was a busy time for her. Debby's little dog, **Mademoiselle** Giselle (jiz-EL), was getting ready to have a **litter** of papillon (*pa-pee-YAWN*) puppies.

Debby planned on releasing the squirrel back into the wild after he was fully grown.



The tiny squirrel's name was Finnegan. He was about one week old when he came to live with Debby and her little fluffy dog. Debby wasn't sure, however, how Giselle would react to the baby squirrel. So she placed Finnegan in a small cage far from the tiny dog. Giselle then did something totally unexpected. She tugged the cage until it was next to her dog bed. Would the two animals become friends?

Papillons are known for being outgoing and friendly toward other animals—even cats.



A Squirrel-Pup

Worried that the animals might not get along, Debby pushed Finnegan's cage back to its original spot. Once again, Giselle dragged the cage to her bedside. Debby knew then that Giselle wanted to care for the baby squirrel. So Debby let Finnegan out of his cage.



- ▲ Without a mother, Finnegan could not care for himself. Debby fed the little squirrel using a small bottle.

A few days later, Giselle gave birth to her babies. She was a great mother to her pups—and to one bushy-tailed squirrel! Giselle treated Finnegan as one of her own. She encouraged him to **nurse**. She even let the baby squirrel sleep with her puppies. Finnegan had found a new home, a new mom, and five new brothers and sisters.

Finnegan enjoyed snuggling with Giselle's puppies.



Puppies nurse, or drink their mother's milk, for up to eight weeks.



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Look inside to learn more about Giselle and other amazing papillons—as well as surprising facts about the little dog's history, its physical appearance, and its personality. You'll also discover what every papillon owner knows—that even though these dogs look small, in their own minds they're large and in charge!

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