

Palm Beach Big Dog

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Former school teacher, Susan Beattie, knew she had a star in the making when her son adopted his mixed breed dog from [Big Dog Ranch Rescue](#) here in Palm Beach County. Luke, a Weimaraner-Lab mix, was a natural ham and a popular attraction at her son's jewelry store in Palm Beach. Rocking his necktie, shoppers and plain ole' curious kids and parents wanted to know the dog's story.

Susan realized that Luke's story could be used for a greater purpose: to educate people, especially children, on the importance of pet adoption as well as to nurture compassionate and responsible young pet owners. Whenever people asked about Luke, they received a notecard with his story. This soon expanded to include a series of books, "[Luke's Adventure Series](#)", which she describes as "inspiring stories of survival, spirit, and adventure with a rescued puppy and the young jeweler who adopted him."

The books, targeted for elementary school children, include full color illustrations by local artist, Sandra Thompson. You can purchase your books [here](#).

Susan also visits area schools to speak with the kids; there is always a surprise visitor at the end of the presentation, a quirky rescue dog named Luke. Schedule your school visit or a book signing [here](#).

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