

Wet trip through culvert a warning

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The story of Sammie's rescue is one with a happy ending and a moral, and the moral is the important part.

Sammie is a 100-pound Bernese Mountain dog who was off-leash and happily roaming about the Katherine Legge Memorial Park last week — a rainy Halloween morning as you may recall. Due to the rain, one of the streams was rushing and gurgling and all that wet motion attracted Sammie, who enjoys water and swimming according to Linda Lozier, Sammie's owner. A playful pounce into the water quickly overwhelmed the big strong dog. It engulfed her and dragged her to the culvert where she disappeared.

The housekeeper with Sammie rushed to the Hinsdale Humane Society where, extremely distraught and bordering on hysterical, she asked for help, according to Lori Halligan, executive director.

Privately, no one was ex-

pecting a very good outcome for Sammie, but ultimately, the culvert was tracked and Sammy was found by Laurie Lane in Burr Ridge.

"I would call it miraculous," Halligan said.

Sammie was home safe and sound after a visit to the vet. Her nail beds and paws were injured and should fully recover — this big dog didn't get dragged so far without a fight.

"It's amazing," Lozier said. "We're just so grateful."

Lozier does want to warn other families with dogs and even children about the park and the streams during rain. Sammie won't be there in the rain anymore.

She asked the horrifying question: "What if that was a person?"