

The Yellow Dog Who Loved to Swim

FADE IN:

INT. CAR - DAY

ACTION: Miley the yellow dog sits in the back of the car. She is a one-year-old puppy. She is sniffing out the window. Her mom and sisters are in the car.

THE CAR DRIVES OVER A BRIDGE

Action: Miley sticks her nose out the window.

MILEY THE YELLOW DOG

Mom! I can see the water!

THE CAR PULLS INTO THE ROCKY DRIVEWAY OF THE SUMMER HOME

MOM

(Screeching and cheerful voice)

Miley do you want to go swimming?

EX. BEACH HOUSE - DAY

Action: Miley runs to her mom to get her leash on and walks to the bay.

MILEY THE YELLOW DOG

I am just a puppy, I love water. I wish I could tell my mom how much I love to go swimming. I wish I could stay in the water forever. I love it when mom splashes the water at me!

Action: An hour passes.

MILEY THE YELLOW DOG

I see my dad coming which means it is almost time for me to get out. Five more minutes! Maybe if I swim out far enough it will be hard for my dad to get me out of the water.

MOM

Alright Miley, time to get out of the water!

MOM AND MILEY WALK BACK TO THE HOUSE

Action: Miley lies on the ground of the living room and falls asleep for the rest of the night.

SEVEN YEARS LATER

Action: Miley still loves swimming. She is seven years old now and has spent seven summers at her family's vacation home. It is that time of year again to travel to her family's vacation home.

EX. BAY - OUTSIDE

MILEY THE YELLOW DOG

I am back in my favorite place. I hope my sisters come and swim with me in the bay when mom takes me.

Action: Miley, her mom, and sisters walk to the bay together. Miley runs in the water and her sisters follow her.

JULIA

(Miley's sister)

Come on Miley! Swim out!

Action: Miley's sisters splash her with water, she loves it.

END OF SUMMER

Action: Miley is in the back of the car with her family, and they drive back home to New York for the fall and winter.

MILEY THE YELLOW DOG

I hate leaving the beach. I can tell my family is sad to go. I hope I can spend many more summers here.

Action: Miley looks out the window and the car is silent. Feelings of sadness.

SEVEN YEARS LATER

Action: Miley is almost 14. She has slowed down but continues to swim. This summer heading to the family vacation home feels a little sadder than other times.

EX. BEACH HOUSE - DAY

MILEY THE YELLOW DOG

This summer feels different for me. Swimming gets harder and sometimes my mom tries to put me in a life vest which I hate. I can tell my mom feels sad watching me try to swim as I get older.

MOM

I wish Miley would stay young forever. I worry this will be her last summer here.

MADDY

(Miley's sister)

I know mom, it is sad. But it will be ok. We must enjoy the time we have now.

MILEY THE YELLOW DOG

My sister Maddy leaves for college in August. I hope she will not forget about me, and I hope I will be able to see her when she gets home.

INT. HOUSE - DAY

Action: The summer ended, and Miley and her family made their way back up North to New York. Maddy Left for school and arrived back home just in time for the holidays. Miley was very sick.

MILEY THE YELLOW DOG

I wish I could get up to greet my sister, but I just cannot anymore. I wish I were not getting so old. I want to be here forever!

Action: Miley's family would hover around her frequently. It was hard for them to accept that she was sick.

INT. HOUSE - NIGHT

Action: It was time for Maddy to head back to school. On December 14<sup>th</sup>, she said her last goodbye to Miley.

MILEY THE YELLOW DOG

I will miss my family so much. I hope they are reminded of me every time they see the ocean, or the bay, or the lake. I will visit them in spirit and give them signs of how much I miss them.

Action: Maddy was not there with her family while they put Miley down. She was on the phone while her family held her close and prayed that she was in doggy heaven, across the rainbow bridge, swimming the bay that she loved for all fourteen years of her life.

FADE OUT:

IMAGE OF MILEY AND HER FAMILY.

FOUR MONTHS LATER

Action: Maddy is on a walk by the water. A dolphin swims up right to the edge and plays around jumping in and out of the water.

MADDY

(With a smile on her face)

Hi, Miley.