

Astonishing survival tale. Leo, a golden retriever, overcomes the odds and is saved after a 300-foot fall from a cliff in an Oregon state park.

United States Coast Guard officers in Oregon executed the rescue of a sweet Golden Retriever who had plummeted more than 300 feet over a steep cliff and miraculously survived.

Leo, the three-year-old pup, had been out with his owners on New Year's Day when he made a fateful move that led to him toppling over the edge of the cliff in Ecola State Park and onto the rocky shore of Cannon beach.

By the time the Coast Guard helicopter arrived, the local fire department had already set up a pulley system, which would be used to bring Leo back up the side of the cliff.

The shoreline where he jumped dog was stranded is only accessible by rappelling down the side of the cliff.



Leo the three-year-old Golden Retriever miraculously survived a New Year's Day plummet off a 300-foot cliff

High-tech footage of the rescue shows Leo curled up against the side of the shore, his damaged body wedged against the rocks.

His rescuer, a Coast Guard officer who was lowered into the water from the chopper and then swam to shore, calmly approached the dog, who allowed him to pick him up and strap him into a basket.

Leo and the officer make it back to the helicopter, where the pilot can be heard asking the officer: 'This your first dog rescue, Jason?'

'First dog rescue,' he responded.

