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From the Mind of Oprah Springs...Spaniels

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Daniel Edwards/ Leo Kesting Gallery

The **Britney**-giving-birth-on-a-bearskin-rug guy has done it again.

Sculptor Daniel Edwards, also responsible for *Paris Hilton Autopsy*, has fashioned a new conversation piece, this time a bust of **Oprah Winfrey** with "puppy versions" of her beloved late cocker spaniel, **Sophie**, and golden Lab, **Gracie**, perched atop her head.

Memories of Sophie and Gracie: A Puppies Memorial is a tribute to Winfrey's feelings for her dogs and also a reminder to all pet lovers to do what they can to prevent premature canine fatalities, Edwards says. (Sophie died in March of kidney failure, but Gracie choked on a ball last year.)

Explains John Leo, codirector of New York's **Leo Kesting Gallery**, a regular Edwards exhibitor: "To represent Sophie and Gracie together, joined in Oprah's memory as they were in life and in Oprah's heart, the artist depicted them as conjoined at the hip and sharing a common tail."

Nope, nothing weird about that.

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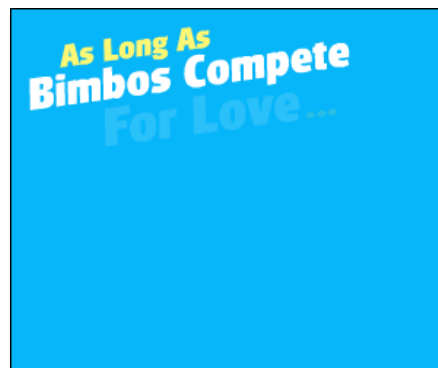
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