

Tracy Wilhelm of Foley, AL, is an elementary school art teacher who has a relationship with a goose. Not a sexual relationship, just a strong friendship.

This goose's name is Lucas. Lucas is a very outgoing goose and isn't afraid of Wilhelm, "I sat down one day and he just started walking around me and crawled up into my lap," Wilhelm said.

They have had a relationship for eight years now. Wilhelm trusts that Lucas won't bite him. "He grounds me to what's real," Wilhelm said.

Wilhelm has always had a relationship with animals. He currently has betta fish, a dog, and five cats. He never planned to have them in his life, they just appeared.

Wilhelm has recently struggled with direction. He is almost 50-years-old and he wants to feel like he has had a big impact on the world. He wants to know what the next step of life is for him.

Lucas has a mate named Lucy. They are always together and whenever Wilhelm is there, she tries to get in between the two. He likes to see the relationship that the two have because of the connection they share.

His connection with Lucas has been very therapeutic. "That relationship that I have with Lucas, or just being outside, or just listening to wind blow is the closest that I've ever felt to God," said Wilhelm. He has learned a lot of lessons that transfer to his relationships with people.

Wilhelm doesn't consider Lucas as a pet, but as a friend. He never thought that he would be friends with a goose, but here he is. He cares for him whenever Lucas is hurt and he looks after him.