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## Hometown Hero--Otis

It's often said that dogs are man's best friend. You'll agree after you meet Otis, an eight-month-old red nose pit bull. A breed that gets a lot of bad press.

But this dog loves everybody he meets. Last Wednesday night, he proved just how much he loved his family.

Chuck Thompson and his wife Rebecca fell asleep watching television. Around 2:30am, Otis let them know something was wrong.



Chuck Thompson and Otis

"Otis come through the house barking and growling and raising all kinds of sand," said Thompson. "He wouldn't leave me alone in the living room."

Otis was relentless, running back and forth between the living room and the bedroom where two of the family's five children were asleep.

"Once I woke up, all of a sudden I could smell it," said Thompson. "It was a surge protector in our twin girls' bedroom and it just before catching on fire."

Thompson quickly pulled the plug.

For a breed of dog that seldom gets any good press, for this life-saving pooch, the media attention this time is good. Otis, you are this week's WTOC Hometown Hero.

*If you'd like to nominate a Hometown Hero, you can drop us a line at the station: PO Box 8086, Savannah, GA 31412, or email [rwallace@wtoc.com](mailto:rwallace@wtoc.com).*

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