



EXCLUSIVE FIRST FAMILY PHOTOS

# JAYCEE LEE DUGARD AND DAUGHTERS REUNITED WITH HER MOTHER



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'This is Jaycee's way of letting everyone know that she is doing well and there is hope for the future'





**'I'm just so happy to be back with my family. Nothing is more important than the love I have from them'**

Jaycee Lee Dugard, now 29, looks well and happy after her 18-year kidnap nightmare (top right). She is bonding again with her mother Terry Probyn (right). But Jaycee's daughters, Angel and Starlit (above, with Jaycee), born during her ordeal, are not thought to be ready to be identified. Phillip Garrido, who has been charged with Jaycee's abduction, is said to be their father. A poster from the time Jaycee went missing (left)





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Jaycee with her mum and half-sister Shayna, 19, and her horse Oreo (above). Animal-loving Jaycee and her daughters have been doing a lot of riding together, organised by a therapist who is treating them together and joined by Terry and Shayna. Mother and daughter are rediscovering their bond (above right)

The pretty young woman looking relaxed and happy as she holds hands with her mother on a ranch in Northern California could be any average American 29-year-old.

Yet this is Jaycee Lee Dugard, who went through the almost unimaginable ordeal of abduction at the age of 11, and 18 years of captivity in squalid conditions, being raped and bearing two children

when she was herself barely more than a child.

It was a story that astonished the world when Jaycee and her two girls were freed by police earlier this year. Now, making the most of her freedom as she strolls in the autumnal sunshine, the reluctant subject of the headlines is determined to lead as normal a life as she can.

"Meeting her, if you didn't know

what happened, you would never guess in a million years," a family friend told HELLO!. "She's friendly, she jokes, she's a sweet girl and very kind. She also has a real innocence in her eyes."

She has also overcome the pallor of her captivity and looks much younger than her years. The bright young woman and her mother, school secretary Terry Probyn, are

now working on recapturing the bond between them. Living at an undisclosed location, they spend their days talking, reading and cooking together. "There doesn't seem to be a moment of tension between the girls and mom – they were all very loving and respectful," said a friend.

Family spokeswoman Erika Price Schulte told US magazine *People*: "Terry feels as if, after 18 years, she doesn't want to let Jaycee out of her sight."

Jaycee, too, has expressed her joy at being reunited with Terry and her half-sister Shayna, 19, who was just a toddler when her sister went missing. "I'm so happy to be back with my family," she said.

Added family lawyer McGregor Scott: "She is very upbeat, giddy that she's with her family. She smiles a lot."

Jaycee's daughters Angel, 15, and Starlit, 11, are also adjusting to their new surroundings. They had been brought up to believe that Jaycee was their big sister. "The girls have accepted that Jaycee is their mother," a source told HELLO!. "Because of the unconditional, protective love she showed them when they thought she was their big sister, it's more a case of switching titles – the love is still there."

The girls are not being identified in these photographs – doctors do not believe they are ready for public attention. And there are reports that they may even change their names.

## A TRUE MIRACLE

Starlit and Angel had grown up calling Phillip Garrido "Dad" and believing that his wife Nancy was their mother. The girls lived in filthy tents and windowless sheds hidden by trees in the couple's backyard and had never seen a school or a doctor. The Garridos now face 29 charges including kidnap, false imprisonment and rape. Both plead not guilty.

Jaycee herself received no education after being kidnapped. "But clearly, Jaycee, self-taught, has done a remarkable job educating her daughters – a true miracle," a friend told HELLO!. Recent tests showed that the girls have high levels of intelligence, equivalent to those of school-educated children. They are now being home schooled.

"I can tell you they are adjusting amazingly well," added the source. "They are smart, playful, funny girls. But they are also very caring and protective of each other – maybe a reflection of how it was for them in captivity."

The family is receiving intensive therapy sessions and acknowledges that the road ahead won't be easy.

Part of their treatment has included horse riding sessions with Terry and Shayna, organised by a therapist and designed to encourage trust and familiarity. The freedom of riding a horse in the fresh air is a stark contrast to the life they led before. "Jaycee has a horse, Oreo, that she has bonded with – something important to her recovery," says a friend.

While Angel and Starlit are





## 'She wants to have a home with the girls and a happy, quiet, normal life'

learning how to cope with normal family relations, it was their unusual behaviour while with Phillip Garrido that led to his arrest. In August, Phillip took them to the campus of the University of California, Berkeley, where he was trying to arrange an event for a religious group called God's Desire.

Lisa Campbell, manager of the University of California Police Department special events unit, met the family and felt the girls "didn't look right". Phillip's behaviour seemed erratic, while Starlit and Angel seemed "sullen and submissive", she said.

Lisa arranged a meeting for the following day, accompanied this time by University Police Officer Ally Jacobs, who had done a check and

discovered Phillip's criminal background – he had been convicted of rape and imprisonment in 1976, but released on parole after 11 years. Ally shared her colleague's concerns. "I couldn't get over the intense stare of the younger girl, like she was looking into my soul," she said, adding that "police intuition" combined with "mother's intuition" spurred her on to find out more. She called Phillip's parole officer and arranged for the family to come into a local parole office.

Phillip arrived with his wife, Jaycee and the girls. "They took Jaycee in another room and she told them the whole story," said her stepgrandmother Wilma Probyn.

Soon afterwards, police called Terry with the incredible ▶







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news that her daughter had been found.

Detectives are now preparing a case against Phillip, 58, and Nancy, 54, with Jaycee's help. Next week, the couple will appear in court to face their accusers. They are currently being held in a Californian prison.

While Jaycee, Terry and the girls will have to relive the memories of her abduction and 18-year ordeal, their focus is on moving forward.

A foundation has been set up to assist the girls financially, while Terry wants to use her experiences to help others. "Terry wants to send out the message that parents should never give up hope," says a friend.

The twice-married mother of two is currently writing a book of her memories, for which Jaycee may provide the foreword.

She and her daughters and granddaughters agreed to take part in this photoshoot because they wanted to thank people for their best wishes, and show that they are doing well. "They are looking forward to their first Christmas together – they have forgotten what it was like and have never had one since the abduction," said a source.

"Jaycee is excited about what is ahead," added her spokeswoman. "She is never looking back, she is never looking in that direction." **H**

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Jaycee Dugard and her mother Terry Probyn share memories over a family photo album as they re-establish their mother-daughter bond (above). Jaycee was kidnapped from a bus-stop at her home in South Lake Tahoe, California, 18 years ago when she was just 11 years old. Phillip Garrido, 58, and his wife Nancy, 54 (both right), have been charged with the kidnap and 28 other charges related to Jaycee's abduction. He allegedly kept the little girl in a series of ramshackle homes and a shed in his garden in Antioch 170 miles away from her home (below), where she gave birth to her daughters Starlit and Angel. None of the three ever went to school or saw a doctor in the years they were imprisoned



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