Subject: Puppy
Posted by b_twin_1 on Sun, 09 Nov 2008 23:40:25 GMT
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Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by southdowner on Sun, 09 Nov 2008 23:45:57 GMT
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So glad you found Daisy her puppy - and the right colour... yes, just look through the kennel club breed standards to realise that dogs are very oddly coloured - blenheim, smut(that's a bullie variation), landseer, harlequin, belton...
and any time you want a mini, I know all the best breeders Mwahahaha!!!

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Posted by Vikkik on Sun, 09 Nov 2008 23:50:35 GMT
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(and I'm now on tenterhooks to read about Daisy's reaction...)

But how dreadful for poor Daisy to lose all three pets in one fell swoop like that. *sends hugs*

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Posted by southdowner on Sun, 09 Nov 2008 23:56:44 GMT
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(looks up, waving)
Hi Vikkik! It was lovely to see you at the signing :)

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by Vikkik on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 00:02:55 GMT
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southdowner wrote on Sun, 09 November 2008 23:56(looks up, waving)

Hi Vikkik! It was lovely to see you at the signing :)

It was lovely to meet you too, (and Hazel of course!) I wish I'd managed to talk to people a bit more, shyness is a curse! I either clam up completely or end up wittering like a fool...:(
(Maybe next time I'll get the better of it!)

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by southdowner on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 00:10:13 GMT
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I either over compensate or hide - I managed to hide "behind" Hazel quite nicely thank you :)
Maybe we might arrange to meet again sometime - Murder one? Book shopping sounds good - we could bring our Pollyanna lists *g*

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by Susan from Athens on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 00:15:06 GMT
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Poor Daisy, losing her pets like that. I hope whe was OK with the surprise. I detest surprises. Really, really hate them. I need to think myself to be ready for a certain situation. It is verry hard to get a "good" response from me when springing things on me.

Vicky I understand about shyness. I used to be cripplingly shy. Now I am tons better, especially one-on-one. But put me in a crowd and see me sink into myself and slowly collapse, my personality packing down under the weight of its own gravity, like a black hole... Shyness sucks.

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grin
Hazel was a great icebreaker!
And bookshopping is always good, sounds like a fine plan!

Subject: Re: Puppy

Posted by southdowner on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 00:16:57 GMT
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PM me and we'll sort something out :)

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by b_twin_1 on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 00:24:54 GMT
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Aaawwwww ... that was so sweet. :) And just think.... you got to play with puppies ... and hand them back. Cake and eat it too. ;) Hehe

re puppies throwing up in car: Neither of mine ever did ..... I never even considered it a possibility! LOL (I obviously need to have more puppies to get more experience.)

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by southdowner on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 00:29:44 GMT
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Puppies are great when you can have them for short burst (and I AM officially an old grump lol)

and looking forward to puppy photos! Yaay! (OK so not totally an O.G.!)

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by blondviolinist on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 00:32:03 GMT
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Subject: Um, sorry for the off-topic post
Posted by ancientharp on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 00:37:08 GMT
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But, I've been getting over the cold/flu/sinus infection from Hades and completely missed Robin's post of her song.

Yay, Robin. I'm a big fan of assonance and dissonance. It feels like questions and answers within the music... If that was your first effort, then we can expect great things in the future.

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by jmeadows on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 00:43:28 GMT
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Quote:This summer all three of them died within a few weeks of each other. How colossally unfair and awful is that.

Oh NO. Yes, that's horribly sad. I can't imagine. Tea and chocolates to her.

Glad she finally came around to admitting she needed an animal friend. Some of us just...do. *cough cough*

And a Cocker Spaniel! Fuzzy cuteness! I do hope you can get pictures up. I don't think I've ever seen a Cocker Spaniel puppy before. *bounce*

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by Laura on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 00:45:16 GMT
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Awww. I've been so wishing to do the same thing for my grandmother. The whole family wanted to get her a pet after my grandpa passed away, but she's a dog person and her apartment complex only allows cats. You don't want to foist a litter box on a person who isn't used to them... And she is even a Cocker Spaniel person, too. Her most cherished pet was a golden (or lemon, I guess?) cocker named Honey Alegretto.

...But anyway, yay for puppies and providing them to people in need! I can't believe all three went around the same time. I can only imagine how horrible that must have been for her.

Post Edited because I realized it was way too much of a downer. Apologies, everyone!

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by ancientharp on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 00:50:19 GMT
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Puppies are dangerous, dangerous little beasties. They take hold of your heartstrings and never let go...

I'm looking forward to reading part two.

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Posted by southdowner on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 00:54:30 GMT
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Posted by Julia on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 00:55:35 GMT
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Agreed on all counts.
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Or SOMETHING. But only "non meat-eating fish" allowed. Sigh.
Maybe, once I graduate and have a place to live, someone will surprise me with a puppy... or a horse... or..... [drifting off into daydreams]

:)

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Posted by Julia on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 00:57:00 GMT
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Quote:Couldn't resist taking photos of these puppies this summer when I went to help a friend look for her labradoodle puppy.

AWWWWWW!
No fair.
But SO CUTE.
:)

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by Robin on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 00:58:22 GMT
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What blondviolinist said.

I can't imagine losing so many anumals so quickly. I reall hope Daisy bonds with the puppy. That was kind of you to do.

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by ancientharp on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 01:07:55 GMT
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Julia wrote on Sun, 09 November 2008 19:55
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:)

LOL! Don't we all wish...

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Posted by jmeadows on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 01:20:48 GMT
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faints

I'm in love!

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Posted by ssshunt on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 01:25:45 GMT
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I got a finch once...

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by Susan from Athens on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 01:25:53 GMT
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Posted by jmeadows on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 01:26:02 GMT
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Yes, to what you both have been saying. Same thing with ferrets, too. I like playing with tiny kits, but man, I *love* my business, and they love me back. I can read their individual moods by their body language, and they know just how to convince me to sit on the floor and play with them. (Tummies!!!) I don't have that with cute stranger ferrets.

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Posted by Vikkik on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 01:26:11 GMT
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Posted by ssshunt on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 01:30:41 GMT
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My sister got a puppy and her landlord told it was her (my sister) or the puppy, so she had to give it back and it broke her heart. Soon she will be in her own house and then, like you, Robin, I think it will be puppy surprise time. (Landlord said yes at first, then chenaged her mind...)

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by Julia on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 01:37:40 GMT
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b_twin_1 wrote on Sun, 09 November 2008 20:24
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REALLY?!?!?!?!?!
Oh WOW.

I remember one time, when I was maybe ten or twelve, and my sister [two years younger than I am] was going through a "made-you-look" phase. Well, I was sitting at the kitchen table with my back to the big window that looks out to our front yard, and she suddenly said "Oh, Julia, there's a horse behind you". What? There's a horse behind me? But I looked, and good thing I did... evidently this beautiful gorgeous oh I wanted to keep it so very very much horse cantering by had escaped from a farm somewhere and had been running down the road before [wisely] turning down my road and off the main one... My house is one of five off of a circle. Surrounded by forest. But the horse had been on the only large busy state road in town which is not really very large, though just then it was quite busy. So there was this woman who had noticed a horse running wildly down Route 53 and followed it. But that all happens later. So, ANYWAY I yelled for my mother and then rushed outside. It was in my neighbor's yard by then, but coming back around the circle to me. I think I was sort of in shock-- there was a horse! here! for me! it had to be!

But no. Actually, I don't know what happened. I presume someone caught it and took it back to whereever it belonged. But oh! That moment, when I turned around and saw a HORSE there in my front garden, like it was waiting for me...
sigh. happy sigh.

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Yes really :) They were very nice people. And the horse just loved people. I had her for about 10 years.

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shakes head

I mean, people do sneak pets, occasionally... for a month or so we had a kitten visiting our house [aka the floor of the dorm that I live on/in], which was so wonderful. But then he had to go home. Other people have kept smaller things, but somehow it never works out.
Oh well. :)

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by southdowner on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 01:48:55 GMT
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Susan from Athens wrote on Mon, 10 November 2008 01:25LOL - it looks like a ferret!
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Posted by Vikkik on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 01:57:16 GMT
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Posted by Julia on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 02:01:32 GMT
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Heehee. Snork.
:)

"slightly hysterical stage"? All too familiar. Yep. But fun. Or at least amusing to others. Mhm.
Sleep well, then!
I'm off to rehearsal in twenty minutes, but I wish that I could go to sleep right now too. :)

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by Susan from Athens on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 02:08:05 GMT
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Posted by jmeadows on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 02:11:06 GMT
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Posted by Susan from Athens on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 02:12:10 GMT
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They know because you're keeping live feeder fish (goldfish, guppies, minnows) in your room, or--god forbid--pinky mice. I've had friends who keep piranhas and oscars. And it's what they eat, there's nothing wrong with it; but it's not pretty, and in dorm living there's a fair chance your roommate might be squicked out by the whole thing.

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by Black Bear on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 02:29:04 GMT
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Susan from Athens wrote on Sun, 09 November 2008 21:12

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Posted by b_twin_1 on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 03:18:54 GMT
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jmeadows wrote on Sun, 09 November 2008 22:10Black Bear wrote on Sun, 09 November 2008 21:29
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hangs head

The ferrets made you do it didn't they? ;)

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by L.R.K. on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 03:21:34 GMT
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Once - when we were children - we opened the door and a white cat came in and ran into our living-room. I and my brothers thought it was perfect, obviously we were meant to keep the cat, but my mother thought not and insisted we take it out. Unreasonable grown-ups!

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by GraceNotes on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 03:29:52 GMT
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Another charming, delightful, slightly wacky series of comments. What a joy to read. I'd post here more often if I had the quick verbal reflexes you all have. I do read new entries every evening. Thanks for the fantasy, and the facts.

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by cgbookcat1 on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 03:39:10 GMT
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When I was a sophomore in college, one of my roommates wanted to get poison dart frogs (named "fish," of course). If they are bred in captivity, the dietary changes make them much less poisonous. We ended up with cacti, jades, and a frog calendar instead.

Pictures of the new horse? Yay!

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by Lianne on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 03:40:53 GMT
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Oh wow. That's such a heart-wrenching and yet totally uplifting post today. I can't imagine losing all my critters at once. And I could not imagine life without at least one in my house. When I'm sad, I need an animal to turn to. I couldn't deal with the grief if I didn't have an animal, ANY animal, to be there with me. I was lucky that the nursing home where my grandmother suddenly died had two resident dogs. I shut myself in the office with them for half an hour, and I don't know what I would have done without that.

Quote:jmeadows said: Glad she finally came around to admitting she needed an animal friend.

Some of us just...do. *cough cough*
This.

Cocker spaniels are fun dogs. Frenetic, in my experience, and in that frenzy prone to peeing all over the place, but incredibly sweet. I've never known that about puppies and throwing up, though. I was pretty young, but I remember the day we went to get puppies, and we brought towels with us, but neither of them puked. It was such a wonderful thing for me to hold a wriggly little dog wrapped up in a towel in my lap all the way home. (That was our first Brittany spaniel.) My mom didn't mention that kind of problem when she brought the next set home, and that was driving them from Colorado to Maryland.

I've never been surprised with an animal, though. :> I've always been the one bringing them home!

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by Erika in Colorado on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 04:14:02 GMT
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When I was about 10, I went out to the front porch on Christmas morning and there was an adorable husky/German shepard mix sitting there. He wasn't a gift, just a stray. I ran in and asked my dad if we could keep him. My dad said he probably belonged to someone and that we should let him find his family again. I kept begging as he stayed on our porch. Finally, my dad said that if he was still there after we got back from visiting the aunts and uncles, that he would consider it. Four or five hours later, he was still waiting for us. My dad put a "found" ad in the paper, but no one ever claimed him. My dad named him Malachi and we had him for many happy years until he died of old age.

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That's a wonderful story. :) And what timing! I wouldn't have one of my cats if it hadn't been for him sticking around my front porch for two hours.

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by ssshunt on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 04:22:43 GMT
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When I was a teenager my sister brought home a rat terrier puppy, and said that she found it in a bag in the middle of the street. Dad said we couldn't keep her, so we all said OK, but then left the puppy with dad while we went to our bedrooms for a moment. When we came back dad had the pup on his knees, and was jiggling her and singing to her.

We named her Shine. (And my dad always said she was a rare breed of Texas Bag Dog.)

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by holmes44 on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 04:24:58 GMT
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this is sad yet happy news as well. that was very thoughtful of you robin. i take care of dogs,26 to be pecise and you are right about the puppies. they don't care who picks them up and make over them, just that some one does. the 18 adults on the other hand all have very distinct personalities and often my boss would ask me if i was talking to myself or the dogs. my reply is always the dogs because of coarse they always talk back and boy do they ever. lol

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It works!

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Posted by Diane in MN on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 07:45:44 GMT
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Are yours minis or standards?

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Posted by jmeadows on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 08:03:24 GMT
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Diane in MN wrote on Mon, 10 November 2008 02:56
Oh, I like the demon ferret with the flashing eyes! But oh my gosh, what a clean toy! Obviously not used and slimed by great big mouths like the ones around here.

It was new then. ;)

(Also, a bit big for the ferrets. They don't play with it much.)

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by Diane in MN on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 08:43:40 GMT
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And then last week when I saw her she suddenly said, staring at me with these big haunted eyes, I don’t know how I can go on without an animal.

My parents went through the same process after my father retired and they lost their then dog; of course "no more dogs" didn't last more than a few months and then there was a new puppy. If you're a critter person, it's a necessary relationship.

WHY DON’T WE JUST GET HER A PUPPY? I said.

Good for you! :d

And he didn’t throw up. I don’t think I’ve ever brought a puppy home who didn’t throw up in the car on the way

You must have had bad luck. None of the puppies I've brought home have ever been carsick (:: knocks wood ::), for which I am heartily grateful.

But for a genuine dog person who is pining for lack of a dog, a dog for Christmas sounds really good.

For such a person, a dog ANY time would sound really good.

Although you’ve probably heard me say I’m not going to do puppies again either.

Puppies are cute and can be a lot of fun, but I really like it much better when they turn into dogs. Although there is nothing like a puppy to ground you in the here and now.

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by Diane in MN on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 08:54:49 GMT
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Robin wrote on Sun, 09 November 2008 18:58they're MINE! And THEY KNOW they're mine! --Which is completely the thing about puppies. They're just all about cuteness. You haven't had

TIME to create a bond yet.

Yes, you have to wait for the Stockholm syndrome to kick in before your new puppy starts to relate to you as YOU. And you have to start to learn the puppy's personality. It's ultimately rewarding, but it is a PROCESS.

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by Susan in Melbourne on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 12:01:35 GMT
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That's a lovely story, Robin, and I'm sure there'll be a happy ending tomorrow.
I was reminded of us 14 years ago - we'd been dogless for a few years, and Rob had been sick with depression, so I decided to buy him a puppy for Christmas.
A friend came out to the farm with me after work one day to choose the pup (female black labrador), then on Christmas Eve, I casually popped out to supposedly visit another friend, but two of us went back to the farm to pick up the puppy. She was then dropped off at a mate's place just around the corner, whose kids had agreed to puppy-sit for Christmas Eve.
Then on Christmas Day, my nephew and I popped out again (to Rob's puzzlement) but all was explained when I walked back in shortly after with an armful of black puppy with a big tartan bow around her neck.
I'll never forget the look on Rob's face. He was completely overcome, and as he reached out his arms for the puppy, there wasn't a dry eye in the house from the rest of the family.
She was the light of our lives for 13 years, and died last year. I'm coming around to the idea of another dog, but really don't want a puppy again - it makes me tired to think of it. We are on the list for a withdrawn Guide Dog, but Rob is getting really impatient and is putting the pressure on for a puppy. I think he's got his hopes up for this Christmas. He always said that Bonnie was the best Christmas present he ever had.

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by holmes44 on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 12:13:10 GMT
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my mom is looking for a rescue dog right now,some kind of a lab mix since sid has a preference for labs. they lost blackie who was a lab mix rescue dog 3months ago to cancer.i think she said that they are going to look at an epsc next weekend.

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by AJLR on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 12:26:45 GMT
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Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by shalea on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 16:50:35 GMT
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The lab I grew up with arrived in a snow storm (running down the hill after a pickup truck). We kept him for the local humane society for a while with my father holding out against keeping him, but finally my father said "if that (expletive deleted) dog is going to stay around here, he needs a proper bed and dishes." And we knew we had a dog! :) I spent large portions of my later childhood running around in the woods with my lab, and he passed away at the grand age of 14 just a month or so after I graduated from college.

Robin blog postAnd then all three of them left her.

> I swear she’s spent the last two or three months in shock.

I surely would have. My husband and I had to make the decision to let our ten-year-old greyhound go over Thanksgiving weekend two years ago and I spent the holidays just numb (when I wasn't sobbing hysterically).

Awaiting pictures of the puppy eagerly! Cocker spaniel puppies have that serious "too-cute-for-words" thing going, and I suspect one from good working lines wouldn't have the same problems that are intrinsic to the American (airhead) cockers.

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by southdowner on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 16:58:20 GMT
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Diane in MN wrote on Mon, 10 November 2008 07:45southdowner wrote on Sun, 09 November 2008 17:45and any time you want a mini, I know all the best breeders Mwahahaha!!!
Are yours minis or standards?
Mine are mostly minis, though Yeti is a standard. Hazel is about half the weight of her mum - I always say it's solid muscle ;)
Quote:Yes, you have to wait for the Stockholm syndrome to kick in... Hahaha! Yes, very funny, but very true also :)

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by southdowner on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 17:00:40 GMT
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Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by Mrs Redboots on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 18:35:21 GMT
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southdowner wrote on Mon, 10 November 2008 00:29
Puppies are great when you can have them for short burst

Like grandchildren, you mean? Alas, I only have grand-kittens (why do my daughter and s-i-l have to be cat people? Still, you can't really have a dog in a London flat, even a maisonette like theirs).

My parents'Junior Dog (my father has working labradors), now, sadly, Only Dog, didn't come as a puppy, but as an already-highly-trained one-year-old. It took him a very long time to learn that he

was allowed to come indoors and relax in front of the television. And he ended up almost being more work, as Daddy felt he couldn't quite match up to the very grand training that Junior Dog had had, so they have been doing Obedience Classes every summer! To train Daddy, you see, not Junior Dog!

All the same, Kipling had it right:

"Brothers and sisters, I bid you beware
Of giving your heart to a dog to tear."

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by Akai on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 19:13:05 GMT
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This was an amazing post to read. I'm so glad you found your friend a new companion, and I look forward to hearing her reaction.

My boyfriend LOVES puppies. (And dogs, and he can't wait to have one again. he says he can, but then he sends me links to the Puppy Cam and I know he's lying.)

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by ChrisW on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 19:54:54 GMT
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Oh, poor Daisy. I can't imagine the heartbreak of losing 3 pets at almost the same time.

I'm so glad she got a surprise puppy. When will we see pictures of the little beast?

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by L.R.K. on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 20:07:11 GMT
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Oh, that's lovely - and I adored the pictures! :)

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Posted by L.R.K. on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 20:09:57 GMT
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southdowner wrote on Mon, 10 November 2008 18:00Thank you for sharing your lovely animal stories, although I admit I did get a bit sniffly reading some of them - you never replace those characters you've lost do you? Just add more memories with a new friend...

That's so true! No animal can replace another - but they can always create a new place for themselves! :)

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by ConverseRider on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 21:34:51 GMT
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Of course she took the puppy. Who can say "no" to a puppy?
eve the ugliest dogs are lovable puppies.

Take one of my dogs, Winston, for example.

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Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by ConverseRider on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 21:35:57 GMT
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These are my favourite puppies, however...

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Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by wlhunt on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 21:37:44 GMT
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As soon as we are moved into our new home; that is to say new to us, I will be getting a purebred toy rat terrier. I already have a name picked out for her..Andromeda..Andra, for short. I'm not sure if I'm going to get a black/white, tri-colored or lemon/white but I am getting excited as the time draws nearer for me to make a trip to the breeder.

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by anef on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 21:47:14 GMT
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Perhaps next time we should go to a pub and have a few drinks. And maybe some crisps. Just saying.

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by AJLR on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 21:56:59 GMT
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anef wrote on Mon, 10 November 2008 21:47Perhaps next time we should go to a pub and have a few drinks. And maybe some crisps. Just saying.

Sounds good to me! :)

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by Julia on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 22:19:50 GMT
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Yaay for the happy ending of the puppy story. AND that posting pictures worked!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Huzzah indeed.
Er. Um. Gladness. And the puppy is ridiculously adorable. By the way.

:)

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by Katherine on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 22:21:42 GMT
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Lianne wrote on Sun, 09 November 2008 22:40Oh wow. That's such a heart-wrenching and yet totally uplifting post today. I can't imagine losing all my critters at once. And I could not imagine life without at least one in my house.

Precisely my reaction. *sniffle* Combined with mild panic at the thought of losing my cats. I seriously wish I could claim bereavement time at work in the unthinkable event that one dies. Especially my boy cat. He is admonished on a rather regular basis that he is never allowed to die. (It seems to be working, a little. When my best friend came to visit, she hadn't seen him in years. Her first comment about my 8-year-old baby was, "He still looks like a kitten! A 20-pound giant kitten. How does he do that?!" Because his mother told him so, that's why).

My sincere condolences to Daisy, but I'm also ever so glad she has a new (and completely ADORABLE) puppy to wriggle into her heart. This was really wonderful of you and Zara, Robin! Everyone needs a friend like you.

Lianne wrote on Sun, 09 November 2008 22:40 I've never been surprised with an animal, though. :>

My first long-term dog was a surprise. When I was in first grade I'd been pining to own a black cocker spaniel. Friends of the family found a black, fluffy dog of most sleddog origins running

loose in a rain storm and when no one had claimed him for three weeks, they sidled up to my mom and made a suggestion, and voila! My best friend growing up. He got cancer when I was a sophomore in college and I miss him to this day.

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by Robin on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 22:25:22 GMT
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Yes, he actually *looks* different. I have American friends with American cockers, and they're nice dogs but a little . . . attenuated. This boy is *already* a solid, square little beast, and his mum you have to look twice before you say, oh yes, a Cocker spaniel! A *working* Cocker spaniel!

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by Robin on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 22:28:58 GMT
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YOu force yourself to FORGET what puppyhood is like. :) I totally know what you're talking about but having *survived* puppyhood is the bond--you don't have to do anything else! :) (Well, food, water, shelter, training . . . but all of that pales in comparison to PUPPYHOOD.)

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by Robin on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 22:30:17 GMT
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How much WALKING does a mini bull need????

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by Robin on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 22:32:49 GMT
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Yes, you have to wait for the Stockholm syndrome to kick in...

. . . I've lost the original post, I was reading in a hurry, but this made tea come out of my nose. . . . *extended snork*

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by Robin on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 22:34:12 GMT
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you never replace those characters you've lost do you?

IT DOESN'T GET EASIER. YOU JUST HAVE MORE DEAD FRIENDS. I sometimes think I spend about half my LIFE in tears. Arrrrrgh.

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by southdowner on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 22:38:18 GMT
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Sounds good to me! :)
waves yes, me too! :)

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by Robin on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 22:38:54 GMT
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AWWWWWWWWWWW. Is he a bulldog? Bulldog cross? Something else with a bulldoggy face?

What I REALLY want to know, however, is about your tag/signature/what you call it line. . . .

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by shalea on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 22:41:41 GMT
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Robin wrote on Mon, 10 November 2008 17:34...
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Sniffle. Indeed.

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Posted by southdowner on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 22:43:08 GMT
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Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by southdowner on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 22:47:11 GMT
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Robin wrote on Mon, 10 November 2008 22:30How much WALKING does a mini bull need????
Hahaha! I'm a mini bull virus! I caught it from Jodi lol!
As much or as little as you want! They'll be couch potatoes or run up Snowdonia/across the South Downs. Basically they just want to be with people, hanging out together (cue Hazel :))

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by AJLR on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 22:48:32 GMT
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Yes, wrenches the world out of shape for a while, doesn't it, that sort of loss. *gives Southdowner a long distance hug*

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by Robin on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 22:51:19 GMT

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I didn't know Jodi had mini bulls too. . . . :)

Now tell me/us more about mini bulls as PUPPIES. . . .

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by southdowner on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 22:52:41 GMT
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I look at Hazel and her clan and know that it will (again) be heartbreak when it comes... but you also have more love, more good memories, more laughs, more life to have lived - how easy is it to go without a pet because losing the last one hurt? Living with pets - because it's worth it :)

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by Robin on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 22:59:51 GMT
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It's still an appalling system. You still miss your first horse, right? I think it's actually a pretty closely run thing: you have 'em because you can't live without 'em but you almost can't live with the grief when it comes. Arrrrgh, as I believe I just said.

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Posted by b_twin_1 on Mon, 10 Nov 2008 23:02:11 GMT
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(I guess animals don't worry so much .... a wombat is determined to dig his holes into her grave. grrrr)

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by southdowner on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 00:18:34 GMT
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Robin wrote on Mon, 10 November 2008 22:51I didn't know Jodi had mini bulls too. . . . :)
No, it's more a virus sort of thing - yarn virus, ferret virus, lovely friendly person virus ;)
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Dougal

and Sumo

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Posted by ssshunt on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 00:21:52 GMT
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Yes. I love my Mesquite, he's wonderful, but my dear Sadie--I will never stop missing her.

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by southdowner on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 00:23:39 GMT
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Interesting that their anniversary's are so close together. I'll never change vets - mine had to put my mare down on his birthday. His wife said he cried.... And I can always remember when his birthday is now :/

{Sniffly hug}

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by ssshunt on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 00:27:00 GMT
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(((southdowner)))

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by Julia on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 00:32:27 GMT
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Awwwww. Sniffle. Hugs to you all. All you wonderful people.
:)

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by jmeadows on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 00:35:51 GMT
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Oh oh, so cute! Love those little noses! And the splotch over Dougal's eye! Meep!

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Posted by jmeadows on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 00:40:00 GMT
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Right, let's get organised - who's bringing the "man"size box of tissues? Wellies everyone? It's going to be kinda damp round here. And definitely some mud cake please b_twin_1 - lets enjoy a good wallow in nostalgia and memories... I'll bring some Green & Blacks ice cream, anyone?

Subject: Re: Puppy

Posted by ssshunt on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 00:50:11 GMT
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Count me in.

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by holmes44 on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 01:01:11 GMT
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i had a papillion dog when i was 1o.she was my best friend and i still miss her a lot.my best friend just lost her horse, she was 36 years old and she would babysit fawns for the does.

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by ssshunt on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 01:06:52 GMT
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I don't think we ever stop missing them. It amazes me, though, how we go on to love other animals knowing we will have to say goodbye to them as well.

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by Black Bear on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 01:07:15 GMT
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Not like I wouldn't have taken him anyway. :) I tell him all the time that I'm glad he showed up and picked me...

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Oh yes! I got my second pony when my first was 24, because I knew I would be so devastated when I lost my pony that I would never get another because she was so irreplaceable, and because I can't bond with a new pet until I heal somewhat from losing the previous pet...
and some people think that having more than one pet makes you love them all less - no! it just means there is fur to bawl into when the time comes...

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I didn't think about it at the time Quinn showed up on my front porch, but now that I've had him a few years and my other two cats are both past the decade mark, I do think about it. I feel bad for him being so much younger than them, and so much more energetic and playful, but I'm glad he'll be with me for a long time. I'll need it.

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by Erika in Colorado on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 03:35:16 GMT
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My kitty Donovan is 10 now and I think about how hard it will be to lose him. He's been especially snuggly lately and that was starting to make me nervous, but yesterday he decided to act like a kitten again! He mewed at me until I came to be his "eating company" and then he even played chase* and did a little play batting at me. :)

*I say "chase, chase, chase" and he bolts off but slows down really quick so I can do it again, his tail happily up in the air the whole time.

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by Reading Angel on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 05:35:11 GMT
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Yeah, it's something I think about, too. Our lady dog, Jasmine, died February of last year. I skipped classes that day and the next. She was 15... Bubba is 12 and he's an old-man-dog now, it seems like he has aged so much since Jazz died... We got them from the same family who were moving to an apartment and couldn't take their dogs with them, they had each other before we had them.

Toby is nearly 6, and I don't know what he's gonna do as the only dog in the house(whenever that happens), he's always had somedog to play with and run with and chew on the ears of...

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Posted by Akai on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 07:10:12 GMT
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Posted by L.R.K. on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 07:47:09 GMT
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Oh, I feel so sad reading all these stories - and I am not even thinking about - I can't even say it! No, but why we keep loving animals? Because we can't help it. People I can keep at a distance - but against animals I have no defence whatsoever.

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by Diane in MN on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 09:04:18 GMT
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Robin wrote on Mon, 10 November 2008 16:34
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Too true. But impossible to consider doing without those friendships.

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by Mrs Redboots on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 10:23:53 GMT
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Robin wrote on Mon, 10 November 2008 22:28YOu force yourself to FORGET what puppyhood is like. :) I totally know what you're talking about but having *survived* puppyhood is the bond--you don't have to do anything else! :) (Well, food, water, shelter, training . . . but all of that pales in comparison to PUPPYHOOD.)
Having a new puppy is like having a new baby - thankfully, though, the "must-be-aware-of-what-she's-doing-every-second" phase only lasts about six months, compared with about five years in humans!

Wish I could have a dog of my own, but I can't, so I have to be content with my parents' and siblings' dogs.

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by Lucy Coats on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 11:23:49 GMT
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southdowner wrote on Mon, 10 November 2008 22:38AJLR wrote on Mon, 10 November 2008 21:56anef wrote on Mon, 10 November 2008 21:47Perhaps next time we should go to a pub and have a few drinks. And maybe some crisps. Just saying.

Sounds good to me! :)
waves yes, me too! :)

Pub...book shopping with a Pollyanna list...nice people who like dogs, books, cake (and even ferrets <g>)--I'm so there too!

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Posted by Black Bear on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 12:20:32 GMT
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Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by wlhunt on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 13:08:51 GMT
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I lost a beloved dog, Midge, who was a cockapoo, to cancer years ago and I still think of her often. I also lost a cat, Merlin, to FIV and he will always be in my heart...they both will. I had to put them both to sleep..it was time..and I sobbed as I held them as they died.

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by ssshunt on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 22:30:32 GMT
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Hey sis--sorry. I know you still miss Merlin (and always will). My thoughts are with you.

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by Maureen E on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 22:51:13 GMT
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Two years later I still sometimes see a patch of white out of the corner of my eye and think it's my cat. We'd had him for 13 years when he died. It's worse because I can't have pets in the dorms and my parents haven't yet acquired any after moving cross-country. Sigh. And all the puppy pictures are NOT helping.

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Posted by southdowner on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 23:26:34 GMT
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Posted by southdowner on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 23:29:30 GMT
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Posted by b_twin_1 on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 23:34:08 GMT
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hehe. Good point. We have a 'mini-fox terrier' as they are known in Australia (I don't think they are an official breed?). And boy. Is he a little hunter or what. And cat hater. So.... make sure you get a puppy! LOL

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I don't think she's told the dogs yet. But Bayla used to have (maybe she still has it) a squeaky toy that she squeaked all the time with her nose, and when they got one of their kittens--might have been Kit--Bayla poked the kitten in the tummy to make it squeak. Every time I think about that I laugh.

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by Akai on Wed, 12 Nov 2008 02:33:27 GMT
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AWWW!!! I want one! =) Thanks!

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by holmes44 on Wed, 12 Nov 2008 03:23:47 GMT
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i love the pictures, we are looking for a young dog for us and we are waiting for the right one for us.

Subject: Re: Puppy
Posted by L.R.K. on Wed, 12 Nov 2008 07:31:22 GMT
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You do? Well, then share! (Can't have too many pictures of adorable pets, surely?)