

Do I Go Home Today?



By Sandi Thompson

My family brought me home cradled in their arms. They cuddled me and smiled at me, and said I was full of charm.

They played with me and laughed with me they showered me with toys. I sure do love my family especially the girls and boys.

The children loved to feed me, they gave me special treats. They even let me sleep with them all snuggled in the sheets.

I used to go for walks, often several times a day. They even fought to hold the leash, I'm very proud to say.

These are things I'll never forget - a cherished memory. I now live in the shelter without my family.

They used to laugh and praise me when I played with that old shoe. But I didn't know the difference between the old ones and the new.

The kids and I would grab a rag, for hours we would tug. So I thought I did the right thing when I chewed the bedroom rug.

They thought that I was out of control, and would have to live outside. This I did not understand, although I tried and tried.

The walks stopped, one by one; they said they hadn't time. I wish that I could change things, I wish I knew my crime.

My life became so lonely, in the backyard, on a chain. I barked and barked all day long to keep from going insane.

So they brought me to the shelter but were embarrassed to say why. They said I caused an allergy, and then kissed me goodbye.

If I'd only had some classes as a little pup. I wouldn't have been so hard to handle when I was all grown up.

"You only have one day left," I heard the worker say. Does this mean a second chance? Do I go home today?



**PLEASE DON'T LET
THIS HAPPEN TO
YOUR PUPPY**

There are lots of books and magazines to help you with dog behavior and training. Invest in obedience training, especially if you haven't trained a dog before. And if you have any problems or questions regarding training or behavior problems please give us a call! Most behavior problems can be cured if they are dealt with early.

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