

My family and I were in the car driving home from church. It was a normal day, or so me and my family thought. My siblings were Graham, he was 9, Nelly, she was 5, and Jett, he was 3. Suddenly, Graham exclaimed "I'm so hungry! Can we get some doughnuts or something?" Suddenly, my mom started videotaping.

My dad started to talk "we can get doughnuts or, he hesitates in a good way...a dog!" We all get confused. Is this a mean joke? He likes to joke a lot, but he was serious! Then he starts talking again "Mom and I have decided it's time to have a dog." I was so happy I screamed with joy! I had been asking for a dog constantly! That day my dreams came true.

We were driving to the old owner's house. I had butterflies in my tummy. Hey! You would too, I mean you would be meeting the pet you wanted for, like, forever! Correction, forever.

Finally, we arrived at the house. I rushed out of the mini-van door, ran to the house, and rang the doorbell. Two people walked to the door and I could hear a dog barking from the back of the house. I could tell they were kind of old because their hair looked bleached or dyed. They slowly opened the door.

Suddenly a brown furball darted across the floor and stopped right at my feet! Then I realized it was a dog, maybe even ours! I excitedly asked, "Is this our dog?!"

The old lady smiled and said, "Well as a matter of fact, yes." I was speechless. It was okay I couldn't talk because my

siblings came up and filled me in. They all said "Aww the puppy is so cute! Dad is this ours?" However, my dad or mom didn't talk, they just smiled. I felt so happy because we were finally getting a dog.

The older people invited us in and we went in the house. It was a nice little house and smelled like cinnamon and nutmeg. The couple showed us the dog supplies and gave us some good tips on how to take care of her. I followed her around the house, she was very smart! She was a chocolate lab, and labs are the smartest kind of a dog there is! I'm not joking. After that we happily drove home with our new puppy, Gracie.

# When I Got Gracie



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