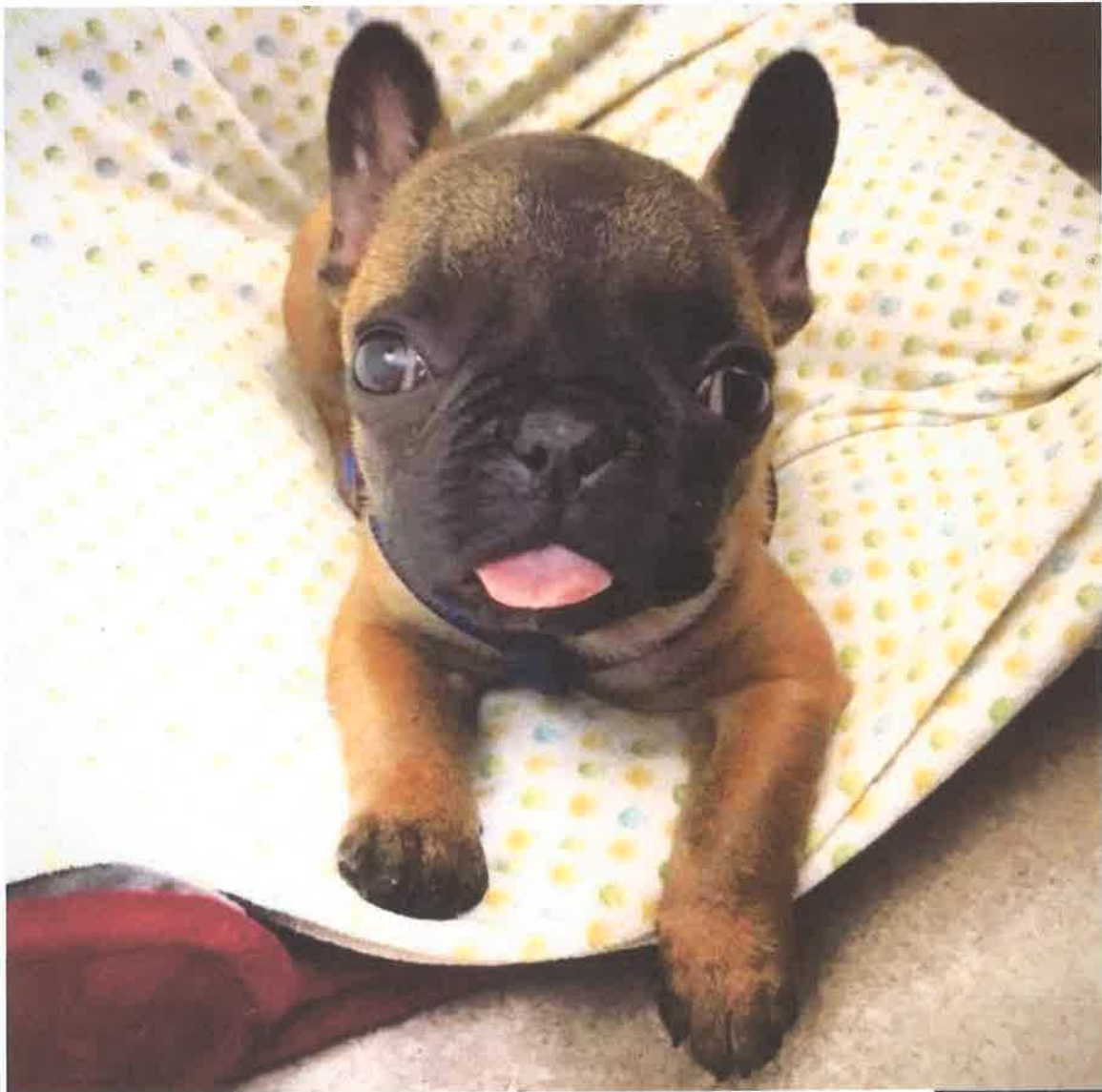


THE PERFECT PUPPY



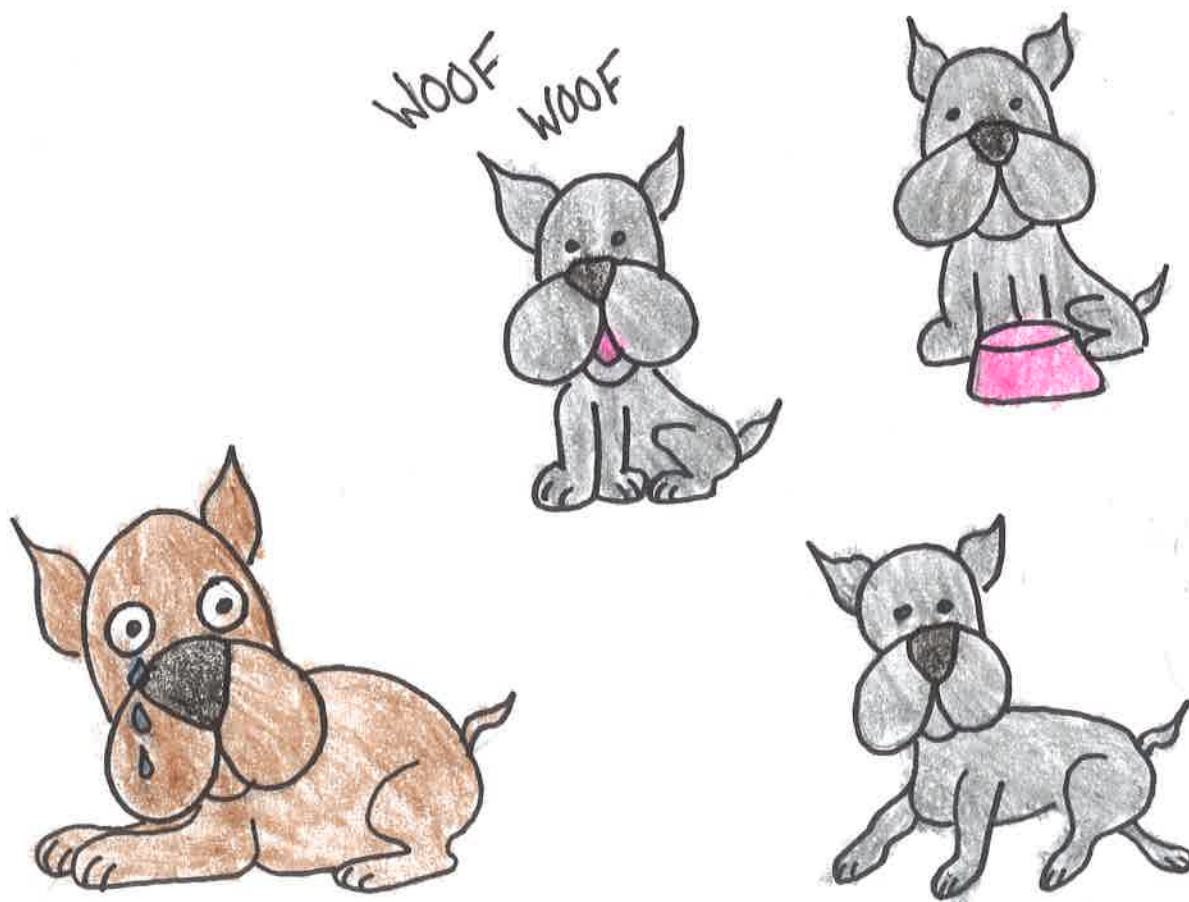
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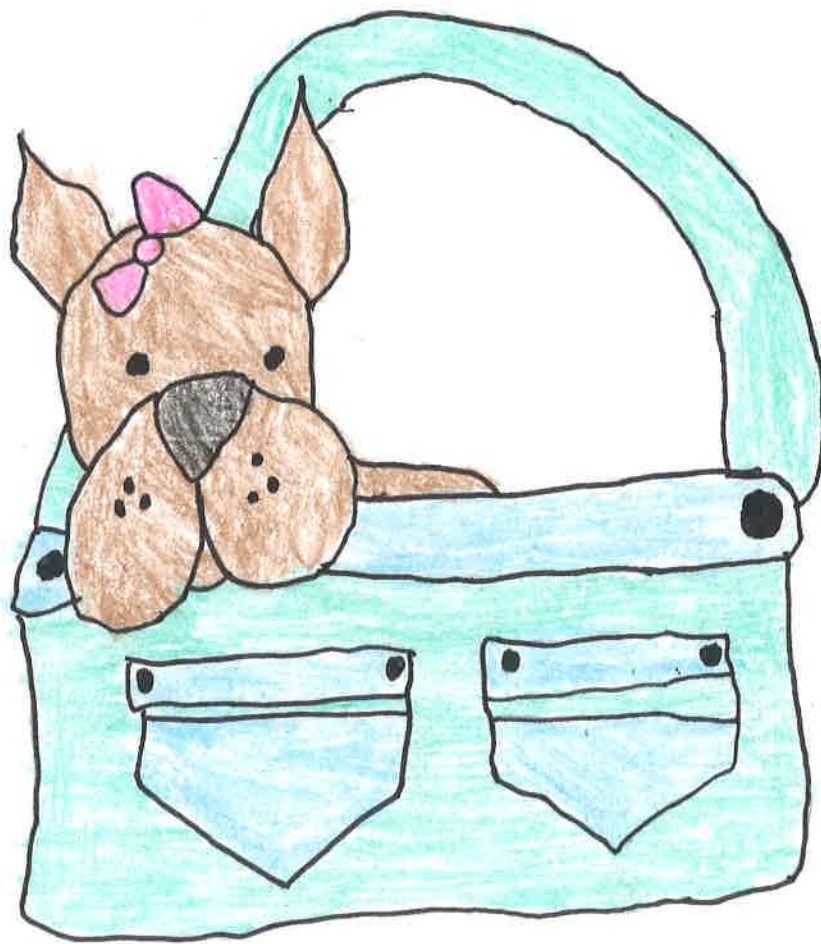
Once there was a special puppy named Teddy. He was born in a shelter. He was one of nine puppies. He had four brothers and four sisters. He wasn't like his brothers and sisters, because he had Hydrocephalus. Hydrocephalus is a condition when a puppy is born with fluid on the brain that could be fatal. This causes Teddy to have a bigger head, headaches, and difficulty learning. Teddy doesn't know he is different.



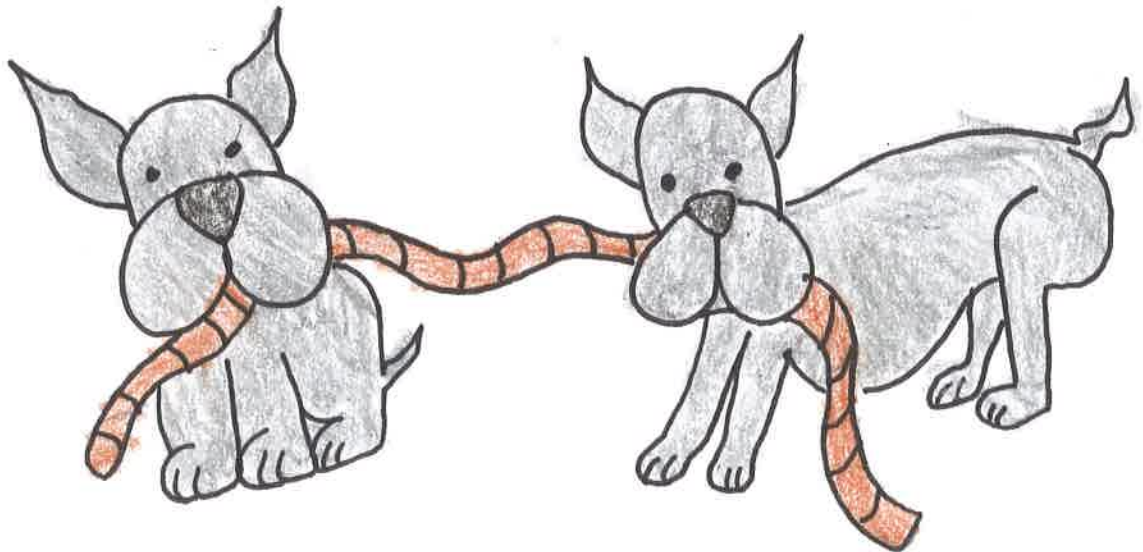
His brothers and sisters are rowdy and he isn't, he likes to cuddle with his mom. His brothers and sisters are also loud and the noise hurts his ears. The other puppies push him out at feeding time; they are fat and chubby and he isn't. Teddy is not smart like the other puppies; he doesn't understand when people say sit, shake, or lay down. Mostly Teddy cries a lot because his head hurts.



One day a really pretty lady with a big purse came in and picked up one of his sisters. She said, "I'm looking for the **PERFECT PUPPY!** She is the prettiest puppy". A couple of minutes later she said "I am going to name her Lilly and take her with me everywhere in my purse".



Soon a man came in with two freckle faced sons and said, "We are here for the **PERFECT PUPPIES**". The boys were pushing and shoving each other. The taller boy said "I want this one because he is the toughest." The younger brother said "I want this one because he is the wildest". They quickly picked up two of Teddy's brothers and left the shelter.

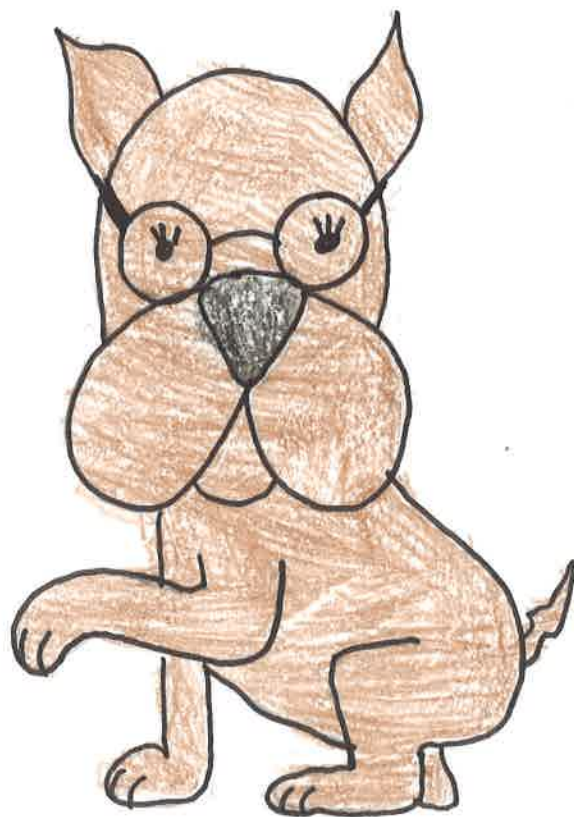


A little while later a tall skinny Doctor came in. He said "I am here for the **PERFECT PUPPY!**" I want this puppy because he looks big, fat, and healthy." He picked up one of Teddy's brothers and said "I will name him Tank". He put a bright blue collar on him and walked out.

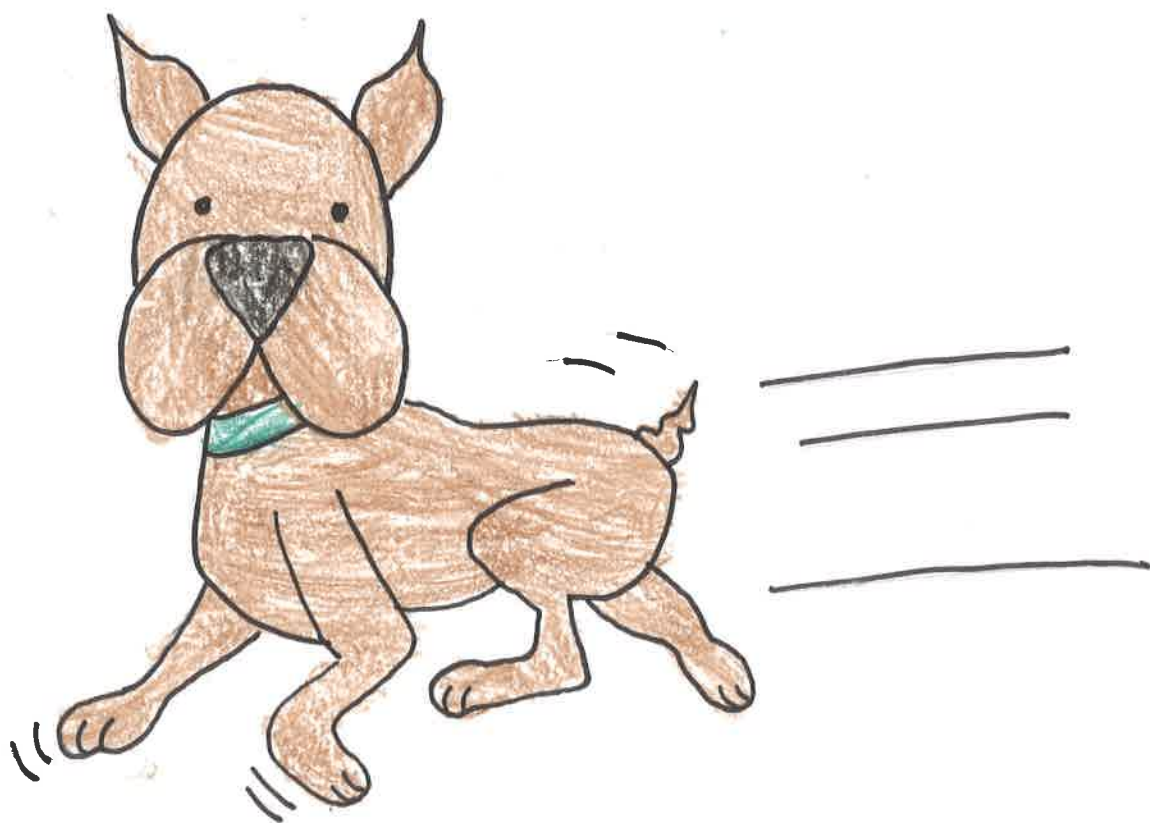
Teddy was starting to feel lonely and different.



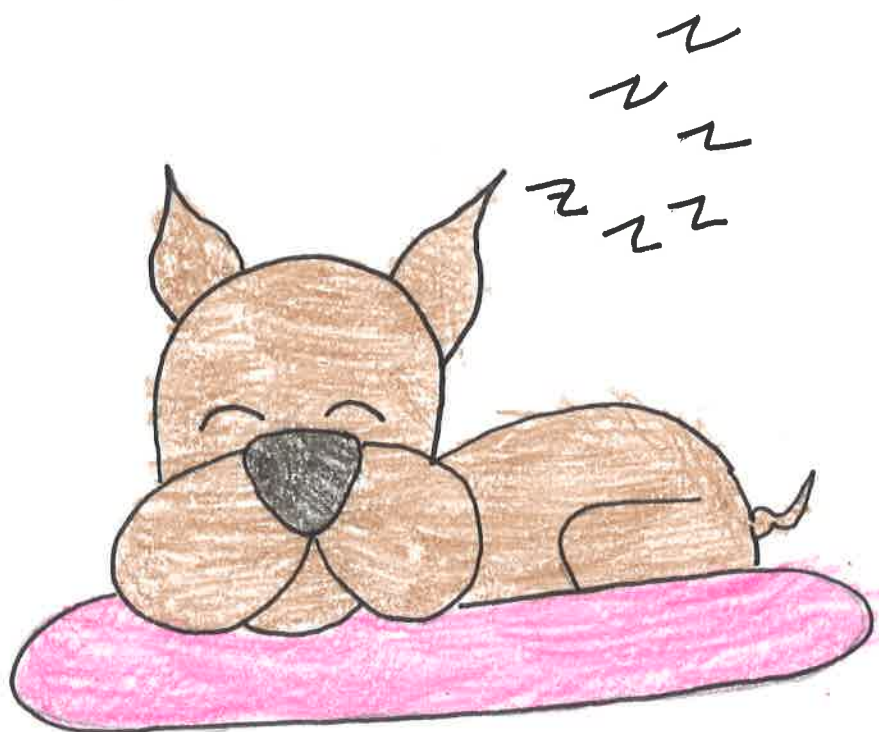
An hour later a Scientist came to the shelter. She said "I came for the **PERFECT PUPPY**. I want the puppy who knows the most tricks and can understand me. She came to their kennel and said "Sit". Teddy's brothers and sisters all sat. She said, "Shake." and only one of Teddy's sisters lifted up her paw. The scientist said "Then it is decided, I shall take this smart girl". She picked up Teddy's sister and left.



That night Teddy was missing his brothers and sisters. He wondered how they were doing. The next morning, a young and fit teenage girl came to the kennel and said, "I want the **PERFECT PUPPY!**" She asked the manager of the shelter, "Which one of these beautiful puppies is the fastest? I need a puppy that can run with me on the track team." The manager picked up Teddy's last brother and said, "He is the fastest of all." She put a leash on him and they ran out of the building.

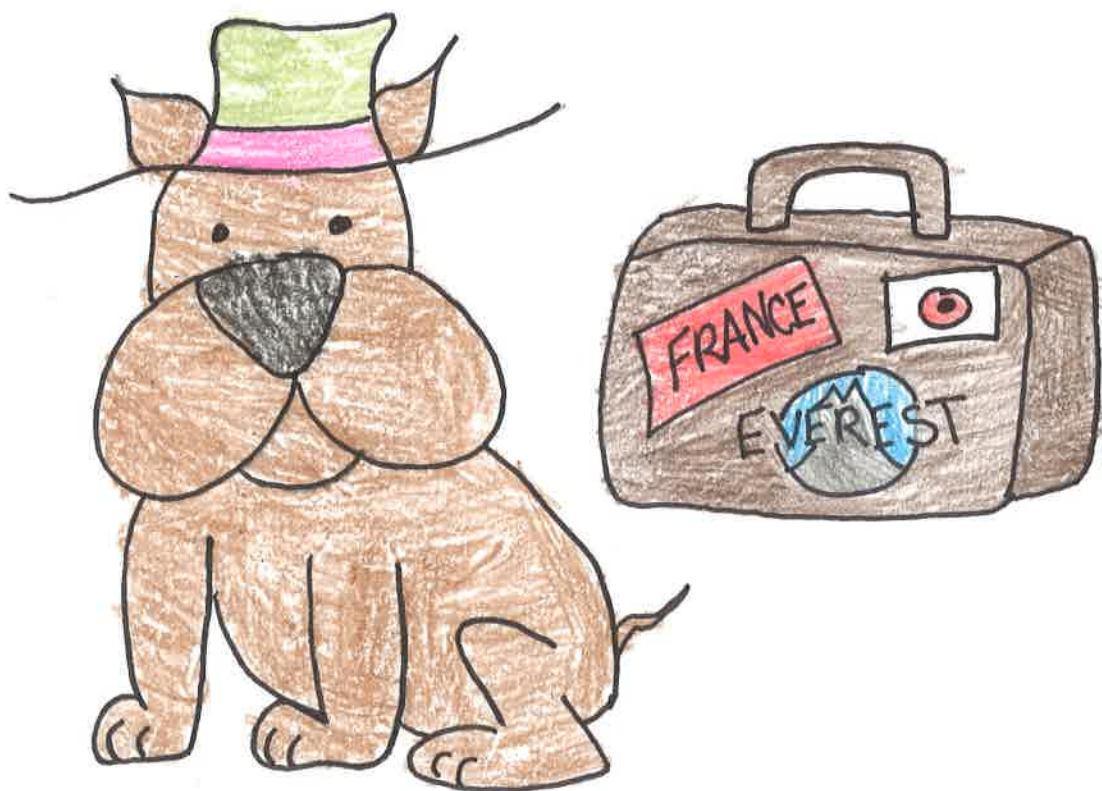


A couple of hours later, an old woman with grey hair and glasses came in and said "I am looking for a **PERFECT PUPPY**" and picked up one of Teddy's sisters who was fast asleep. "This little sweet baby is coming home with me. She is so quiet and tender. I am keeping you to sleep with me and keep me company."



Just before the end of the day a man in dirty clothes came in and said "I am an explorer, and I need the **PERFECT PUPPY** to join me on my journey. She must be house-trained and able to follow me around the world on my adventures." He picked up Teddy's last sister, and left the shelter.

Teddy was all alone. He was sad and whining and wondering why nobody wanted him.



Suddenly a beautiful brown-haired veterinarian with red lipstick came over to see who was crying and whining. She picked Teddy up and said "No wonder why you are crying, you poor baby. You must have pressure on your head from Hydrocephalus. Don't be sad, I am going to do some tests to see if I can help you by draining some of the fluid from your head. She took Teddy back to her veterinarian clinic and did surgery to remove some of the fluid. When Teddy woke up, his head wasn't so heavy and he felt much better.



The kind lady thought that maybe her daughter Bella would like to keep this puppy. She took Teddy home with her, and her daughter fell in love with him. He never had to go back to the shelter again because Bella thought that Teddy was the **PERFECT PUPPY**.



