

Murray

Forever Loved

A Celebration of a
Very Special Little Dog



Small
Dog
Big
Love



A Memory Book for Murray



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One Little Shih Tzu.
A Lifetime of Love.

A PET MEMORY BOOK

For Murray



This is the story of the little moments that became a
lifetime: firsts, funny habits, family celebrations,
adventures, and the unmistakable personality that made
Murray Murray.

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MEET MURRAY

Murray, the Shih Tzu



Murray came with all the charm of a Shih Tzu - a little companion dog with a very big presence. Shih Tzus are known for being affectionate, playful, people-loving and confident, with an independent streak that can make life interesting.

A Typical Shih Tzu

- Affectionate and devoted
- Playful and outgoing
- People-oriented companion
- Alert, confident and sometimes stubborn

And then there was Murray - completely his own little person.

A LITTLE BREED HISTORY

From Palace Dogs to Murray



The Shih Tzu has deep roots in Asia. Its ancestry is associated with small companion dogs from Tibet, while the breed as we know it was developed and treasured in China, including in imperial households.

The name Shih Tzu is commonly translated as “lion dog,” a reference to the little dogs bred to resemble the lions of Buddhist art. For generations they were prized not as working dogs, but as close companions - small enough for a lap and important enough for a palace.

Eventually Shih Tzus traveled beyond China and became beloved family dogs around the world. Their long history as companions still shows in the breed today: they tend to want to be wherever their people are.

*Thousands of years of history,
all leading to one little dog named Murray.*

THE VERY BEGINNING

Two Weeks Old



Before the toys, the training, and all those opinions,
Murray was this tiny. Sleepy, soft, and already completely
loved.

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Two Weeks Old



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LITTLE MURRAY

Finding His Feet



Soon the little face began to show the personality that would fill the house. Murray was curious, cuddly, and happiest surrounded by his things.

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Finding His Feet



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LEARNING TO EAT

A Delicious Mess



Dog food was new. Apparently, wearing half of dinner on his face was part of the learning process.

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A Delicious Mess



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THREE MONTHS OLD

Trying So Hard



Potty pads were serious business. Murray learned the house rules one tiny paw at a time, with plenty of praise for trying.

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Trying So Hard



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FAVORITE THINGS

Home Is Where the Toys Are



A cozy bed, a pile of toys, and his people nearby. Murray never needed much to make an ordinary day feel perfect.

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Home Is Where the Toys Are



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THE GOOD LIFE

A Very Good Chew



Some days called for adventure. Other days called for settling into bed with a really good chew stick.

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A Very Good Chew



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GROWING UP

What Kind of Haircut?



As Murray grew, so did his hair. Mom showed him the choices: neat and practical, or long and silky. Murray looked as though he expected a vote.

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What Kind of Haircut?



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GROOMING DAY

First Comes the Bath



Before the haircut came the bubbles. Murray got completely soaped up at the groomer - wet ears, sudsy paws, and plenty of personality.

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First Comes the Bath



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GROOMING DAY

Murray Has Opinions



The bath was one thing. Scissors were another. Murray made his feelings about grooming perfectly clear.

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Murray Has Opinions



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THE AFTERMATH

Wait... What Did They Do?



Then came the moment every freshly groomed dog knows: the inspection. Murray looked back at his newly trimmed backside as if someone would be hearing from his attorney.

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Wait... What Did They Do?



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SCHOOL DAYS

Training Class



Sit. Down. Dance. Roll over. Beg. Murray learned the basics and added his own flair to every assignment.

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Training Class



A BRAVE BOY

Through the Tunnel



One tunnel at a time, Murray learned that new things could be fun - especially when praise and treats were waiting on the other side.

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Through the Tunnel



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HIS PEOPLE

Mom & Papa



Murray had Mom and Papa exactly where he wanted them: completely wrapped around one little paw. His favorite place was wherever they were.

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Mom & Papa



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THE HOLIDAYS

Merry Christmas



The family Christmas card needed only one thing to be complete: Murray, right in the middle where he belonged.

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Merry Christmas



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THE HOLIDAYS

Happy New Year!



A new year, a living-room dance party, and Murray
joining the celebration. Of course he was in the middle of
it.

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Happy New Year!



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OF COURSE HE WON

Best in Show



Maybe every family thinks their dog deserves Best in Show. In Murray's family, there was never any question.

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Best in Show



LITTLE ADVENTURES

Shopping with Lamb Chop



Even a trip to the pet-food store became a Murray story -
especially when his favorite Lamb Chop came along for
the ride.

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Shopping with Lamb Chop



Things We Never Want to Forget



His nicknames:

The thing that always made him happy:

The funniest thing he ever did:

A habit that was completely Murray:

Something we always want to remember:

A Note to Murray



Dear Murray,

Love always, _____

Always in Our Hearts



You were never just our dog. You were part of the ordinary days that became extraordinary memories.

And somehow, the house will always have a Murray-shaped place in it.

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Some dogs leave paw prints
on the floor.
Murray left them on our hearts.



Murray was more than a dog—he was family. This book is a celebration of his life, the joy he brought to every day, and the countless ways he made the world a brighter, kinder, funnier place. From his silly expressions to his big adventures, his love for Lamb Chop, and his special bond with Mom and Papa, Murray's story is one that will always be loved and remembered.

*Dogs may be a chapter
in our lives, but to them,
we are their whole story.*

