

Puppy Love

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First Christmas

Kirby was ten when he and his new mama became a family. Their first Christmas together was extra special because they were the only family either of them had. They had a wonderful day celebrating with holiday treats and food, and Kirby delighted unwrapping the toys Santa had left for him. Kirby loved playing with his new toys. Not long after all of the celebration Kirby was startled awake from a nap when firemen broke down the front door, charged in, and frantically beat down the outside wall of his apartment. Kirby didn't know it, but the apartment complex was on fire. The firemen concentrating on putting the fire out did not notice the little seven pound dog. The fighters evacuated the apartment complex and constructed a barricade around the building. The neighbors watched in amazement as Kirby rescued his Christmas toys from the fire, one by one he carried them from the burning building and placed them safely in the grass. With each exhausting rescue he became covered with more soot and smoke. Assured his toys were safe, Kirby returned to the apartment one last time. He lay down in the bed on his mama's pillow. He trusted she would come and get him, so he waited. The dire situation was a shock to Kirby's mama when she arrived home. She saw Kirby's toys sitting in the grass, but no Kirby! Neighbors told her about Kirby's determination and bravery to rescue his toys. She bolted around the barricade and rushed into her apartment expecting the worst. But, there he was; covered with dirt, soot and coughing from the smoke ~ but very much alive! She was amazed at his bravery for saving his Christmas toys. But, Kirby's courageous act of returning to the apartment to wait on his mama was an act of his trust and faith in the one he loved more than anything. Kirby did have medical issues following the fire but he and his mama shared several more Christmases together. They loved each other more every day and shared in the joy and blessing of unconditional love.



Lyla is home in North Carolina sharing her first Christmas with her amazing, wonderful family.

*It's not what we have in
life, but who we have in
our lives that matters.*

