

# Puppy Love

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## A Christmas Story

On a Christmas not that long ago a young man named Michael took his fiancé, Barbara, along with her dog, Maury, home for the Christmas holidays to meet his parents. He was eager for his mom to like Barbara and Barbara to like his mom. But, his mother was not thrilled that a dog was part of this week long holiday visit. However, Michael had confidence in Maury and assured his mother that she was an amazing dog who could do no wrong. It was true until that Christmas Eve. The cooking and baking were complete and the presents were wrapped and under the tree. They were ready for the big day. With the preparations complete the family decided to do some last minute shopping and left Maury home alone with free run of the house. Michael and Barbara were confident that all would be well when they returned. It wasn't. They were gone longer than they had intended, giving Maury ample time to get bored. Upon their return they entered the house to find small scrapes of paper on the floor, but when they walked into the room where the Christmas tree was they were surrounded by an array of wrapping paper... minus one missing dog. Michael and Barbara were sure that Christmas was ruined, Maury was a super good dog, but this was super, duper bad. The family gathered around the Christmas tree to assess the damage. Surprisingly none of the presents were harmed, but there were dog toys everywhere. Unknown to Michael and Barbara, Michael's mother had bought presents for Maury, wrapped them and put them under the tree. Maury found every wrapped dog toy, opened it and played with it. How Maury knew this remains a mystery, but she proved to be a super, duper dog as promised. Although, Maury has since passed, this has turned into a family favorite Christmas story, especially to Michael's mother.



Sacha was born around Christmas time last year. Our kids named all of the puppies in her litter reindeer names. Her family gave her the lovely name Sacha, which suits her perfectly, but she kept the antlers... She lives with her wonderful family in Washington.

