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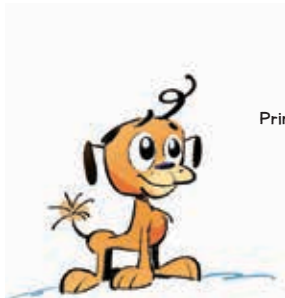
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# TWO



Mum and I used to talk about the type of dog we'd get. She liked fluffy ones, like poodles. Me? I didn't care. I **loved** them all!

My **heart** raced as we drove to the animal shelter and I dreamt about the kind of dog we might find.



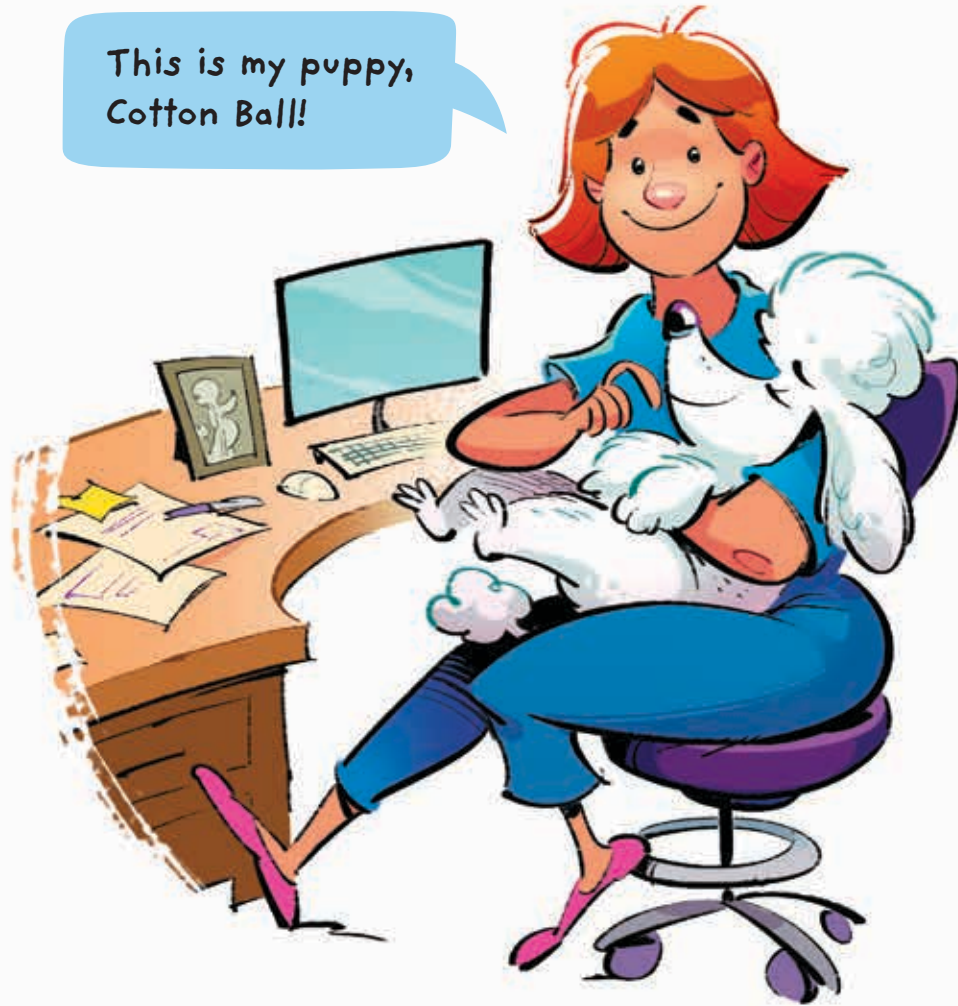
Maybe a clever poodle that could do loads of **tricks!**

When we arrived, the first thing I saw was a poodle that looked just like the one I had imagined! **THIS WAS MEANT TO BE!**



But it turned out the poodle wasn't looking for a new home. It **belonged** to the vet who was working at the shelter.

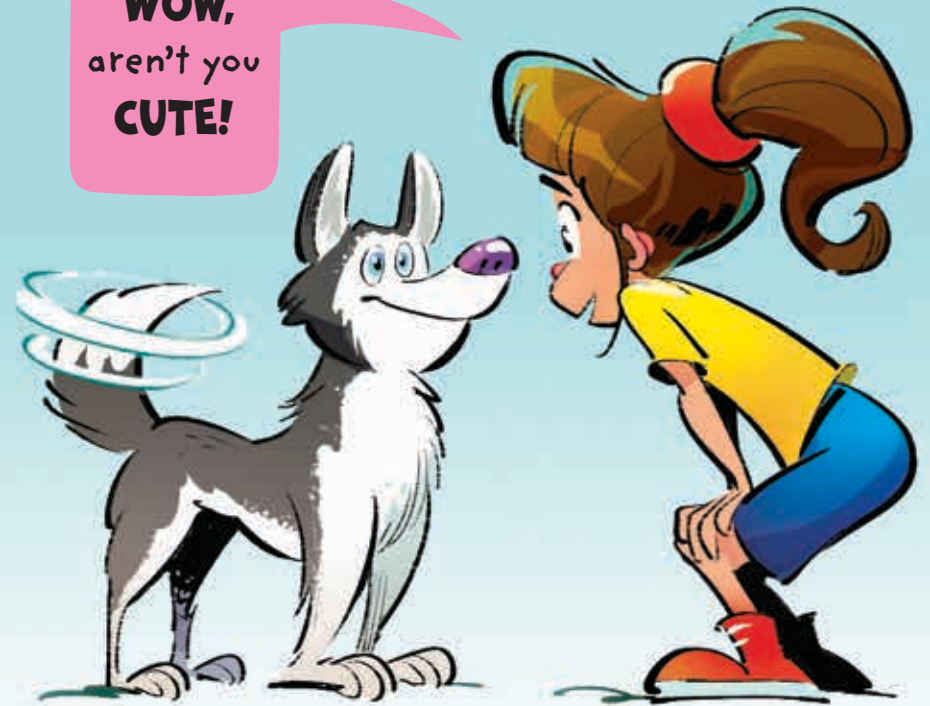
This is my puppy,  
Cotton Ball!



The dog handler, Sue, led us down a hallway to a room filled with dogs.

I spotted a big black-and-white dog with **amazing** blue eyes. It **wagged** its tail happily when it saw me.

**WOW,**  
aren't you  
**CUTE!**



'Sorry,' said Sue, 'Apollo's already taken.'

Then I noticed a **cute** little pug, rolling around and playing with a teddy bear.

**THIS ONE!**



'Nope, Buttons isn't available either,' said Sue.

Next, I pointed to a **clever** beagle.



Sue shook her head.

**NOPE! NOPE! NOPE!**

'Do you have any that **AREN'T** taken?'  
my dad asked her.

Sue rubbed her chin. She looked around the  
room, peering past the **husky**, the **pug**  
and the **beagle**...

'Ah yes, there's JJ over in the corner,'  
she said.

Dad and I stared into the **shadows**.



Slowly, a little pup with a **curl** on top of its  
head stepped towards us.



It looked up at me with **BIG**, brown eyes.



'This one's probably not the **smartest**,' said Sue. 'But at least he always seems to have a **smile** on his face.'

She leant down and gave the pup a **gentle scratch**.

He **WAS** a **smiley little** thing.

Mum used to say to me, 'You know one of the **best things about you, Lily? You've just about always got a smile on your face! And when you smile, I smile.**'



'Let's see what this **little** guy can do,' said Dad.



**'SIT!'**



He rolled over!

**'ROLL OVER!'**



He stood up!

**'COME HERE!'**



He walked away.



'Told ya, not the brightest fella,' said Sue.  
'Maybe you can come back next week.  
We might have some other options then.'

Sue started leading us away, but I couldn't help turning back...

The pup was following us.



'Um, Dad?' I said, reaching for his arm, when we heard a **HUGE CLANG** behind us!



I **ran** back to help the puppy.

'There you go, **little** buddy,' I *whispered* as I lifted the bucket off his head.

He looked up at me with the

**BIGGEST SMILE...**



Dad **crouched** down beside us.

'I **WANT** him,' I said to Dad.

'Are you sure?' he asked.

I rubbed the pup's ears and he **smiled** again.

I always try to look for the **good** in everything. This dog might not have been the **cleverest**, but there was something about his face that made me feel really **happy** inside.

Can we **PLEASE** take him home with us?



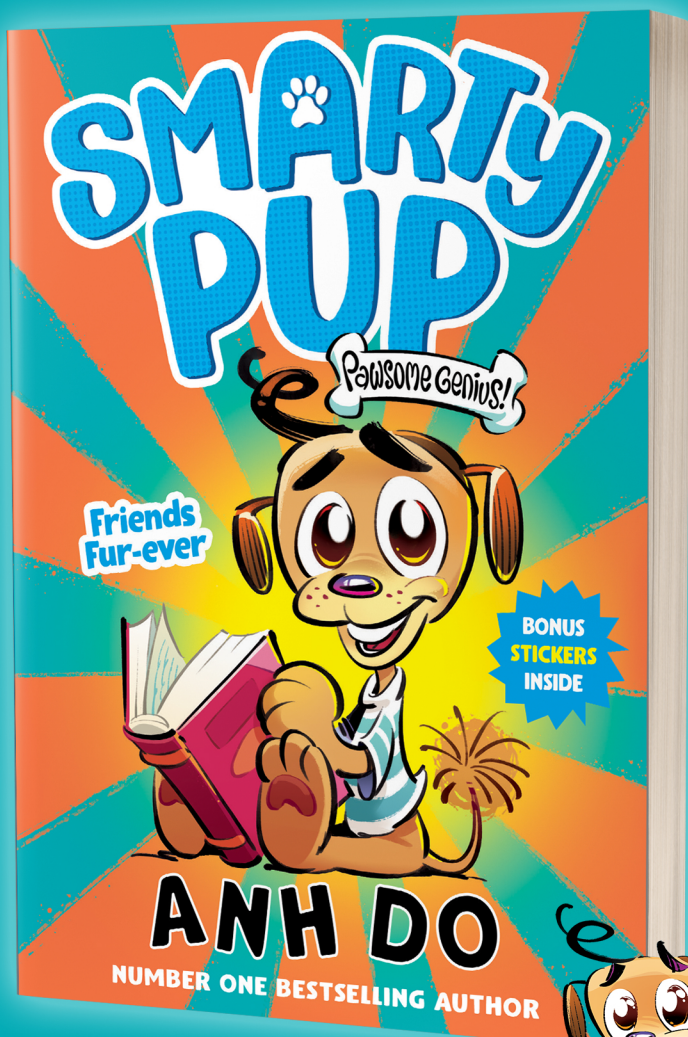
Dad **winked** at me. 'We'll take him!' he said.

'Oh, great, okay,' said Sue.

'Hello JJ!' I said. 'Your name is **perfect**, because my dad's name is Jerry and my mum's name was Jennifer. You're going to be part of our family now.' I looked into his **BIG gorgeous** eyes.



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