## The Homeless Puppy



Written and Illustrated by Andelyn Reimer There once was a girl named Grace. She really, really wanted a puppy. Her 10th birthday was in June. It was April. She was walking home from school one day, and was thinking about how much she wanted a puppy....

That night Grace had a dream. There was a homeless puppy in a BOX! At that, she immediately woke up. That day at school Grace kept thinking about her dream.

Grace was walking home from school and she saw a box in an alley. She heard little tiny whimpers from the box, so she went to see what was inside. Inside, she saw a LITTLE TINY PUPPY! He was the cutest puppy ever. Grace was so excited, but she was also sad. Who would ever put a puppy in a box?





She went home and got milk, blankets, and a heating light to keep it warm. Then Grace walked to the alley and fed the puppy. She warmed the puppy up and put the blankets down in the box.

The next day after school she wanted to check on the puppy. Grace found that he was still in the alley, all alone! She decided to take him home. Her parents didn't know that the puppy was in the house. Before Grace went to bed she decided to name the puppy Storm. The dog was a golden retriever.

The next day Grace took Storm on a walk. He loved it. That evening at the supper table she decided she had to tell her parents about Storm. Grace sheepishly said, "Mom and dad I have been secretly hiding a puppy in the house...."



Her mom and dad had their mouths open for a while to realize what had just happened. They knew Grace had wanted a puppy for a long time, so they weren't surprised. They knew that she was responsible and could care for a puppy, so they let her keep Storm. She was so excited!! Now she had the best birthday present ever! The two became inseparable best friends. Storm never had to be worried about being homeless again.

